

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FRASER-FORT GEORGE REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025 IN THE BOARDROOM, 155 GEORGE STREET, PRINCE GEORGE, BC.

Directors Present: Director J. Atkinson, Chairperson
Director D. Alan
Director L. Beckett
Director K. Dunphy (remote)
Director B. Empey
Director A. Kaehn (remote)
Director V. Mobley (remote)
Alternate Director T. Klassen (9:02 a.m. – 10:03 a.m.)
Director G. Runtz (9:04 a.m. – 10:43 a.m.)
Director K. Sampson
Alternate Director S. Scott
Director O. Torgerson
Director S. Yu (remote)

Directors Absent: Director J. Kirk

Staff Present: C. Calder, Chief Administrative Officer
M. Connelly, General Manager of Legislative and Corporate Services
K. Jonkman, General Manager of Community and Development Services
S. White, General Manager of Financial Services
L. Zapotichny, General Manager of Environmental Services
S. Rich, Supervisor of Information Technology

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1. Call to Order

The General Manager of Legislative and Corporate Services called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

The Regional District acknowledged the unceded ancestral lands of the Lheidli T'enneh, on whose land we live, work and play.

The General Manager of Legislative and Corporate Services proceeded to do a roll call of Directors to confirm those attending remotely and those attending in person.

2. Election of Chair and Acting Chair

M. Connelly, General Manager of Legislative and Corporate Services called three times for nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Board for 2025.

Director Yu nominated Director Atkinson. Director Atkinson accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

M. Connelly, General Manager of Legislative and Corporate Services declared Director Atkinson elected by acclamation as Chairperson of the Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Board for 2025.

M. Connelly, General Manager of Legislative and Corporate Services called three times for nominations for the position of Acting-Chairperson of the Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Board for 2025.

Director Atkinson nominated Director Sampson. Director Sampson accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

Director Runtz entered the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

M. Connelly, General Manager of Legislative and Corporate Services declared Director Sampson elected by acclamation as Acting-Chairperson of the Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Board for 2025.

Director Atkinson assumed the Chair - 9:05 a.m. and expressed appreciation for the nomination and continued support.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Torgerson
Seconded by Klassen

THAT the Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Board agenda for February 20, 2025 be amended by adding to Item No. 6.1, a PowerPoint Presentation from Northern Health Authority regarding 2025 Capital Plan, and that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 December 19, 2024 Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Board Meeting Minutes

Moved by Sampson
Seconded by Beckett

THAT the Minutes of the Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Board meeting held on December 19, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Chairperson's Report

Chair Atkinson spoke regarding the role of the Acting Chair on the Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Board and noted that other hospital districts across the province refer to the Acting Chairperson as Vice Chairperson.

Moved by Atkinson
Seconded by Beckett

THAT the Board of the Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District refer to the position of "Acting-Chairperson" as "Vice-Chairperson" to align with other Regional Hospital Districts in the province.

CARRIED

6. Reports

6.1 Northern Health - Draft Plan

Michael Hoefer, Executive Director, Capital Planning, Facility Operations and Logistics from the Northern Health Authority, and Sherri Tillotson, Senior Operations Officer, Northern Health Authority, provided a status update on the Acute Care Tower Project at the University Hospital of Northern British Columbia including project scope, schedule, and construction impacts.

M. Hoefer responded to queries from Directors regarding the alliance model, liability, cost overruns, procurement, Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District (FFGRHD) involvement in the project steering committee, reporting schedule for updates from Northern Health to the Board, plan for public updates on the Acute Care Tower project, and the parkade construction timeline.

Michael Hoefer and Sherri Tillotson provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Northern Health Authority's Capital Plan for 2025 including major projects for 2025-2026, and the 2025 FFGRHD Funding Request.

Alternate Director Klassen left the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

M. Hoefer responded to queries from Directors regarding internal and external audits of the cybersecurity systems, equipment replacement timelines, project priorities, capital challenges, technology changes, system failures, provincial funding commitments for capital projects, additional funding options, project priorities, budget constraints, funding request consistency, grant funding, and lumpsum funding.

C. Calder, Chief Administrative Officer and S. White, General Manager of Financial Services, responded to queries from Directors regarding project funding consistencies, the five-year financial plan, and assessment changes and growth.

Moved by Sampson
Seconded by Beckett

THAT the report and letter dated February 5, 2025 from the Northern Health Authority be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Torgerson
Seconded by Runtz

THAT the Northern Health Authority's 2025 Capital Plan be received for information.

CARRIED

6.2 Budget Update – February 2025

C. Calder, Chief Administrative Officer, responded to a query from a Director regarding the Board's authorized funding amount.

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Empey

THAT the report dated February 7, 2025 regarding "Budget Update – February 2025" be received for information.

CARRIED

6.3 Proposed Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 357, 2024 – UHNBC Lab Hematology Renovations Phase 2A

Moved by Scott
Seconded by Beckett

THAT the report dated February 7, 2025 regarding "Proposed Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 357, 2024 – UHNBC Lab Haematology Renovations Phase 2A" be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Runtz
Seconded by Torgerson

THAT Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 357, 2024 be now introduced and given first, second and third reading.

CARRIED

Moved by Sampson
Seconded by Empey

THAT Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 357, 2024 be adopted.

CARRIED

6.4 General Disbursement Schedules for October to December 2024

S. White, General Manager of Financial Services, responded to a query from a Director regarding the surplus from the 2024 fiscal budget.

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Empey

THAT the report dated February 7, 2025, regarding "General Disbursement Schedules for October to December 2024" be received for information.

CARRIED

7. Adjournment

Moved by Torgerson
Seconded by Runtz

THAT the meeting be adjourned - 10:43 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair

General Manager of Legislative and
Corporate Services