

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FRASER-FORT GEORGE REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025 IN THE BOARDROOM, 155 GEORGE STREET, PRINCE GEORGE, BC.

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Directors Present: Director K. Sampson, Vice-Chairperson  
Director D. Alan  
Director L. Beckett  
Director K. Dunphy  
Director B. Empey  
Director A. Kaehn  
Director J. Kirk  
Director V. Mobley  
Director C. Ramsay (out at 10:43 a.m.)  
Director G. Runtz (remote)  
Director B. Skakun  
Director S. Yu

Directors Absent: Director J. Atkinson  
Director O. Torgerson

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  
A. Singh, Manager of Legislative Services

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**1. Call to Order**

The Vice-Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

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

The Vice-Chairperson proceeded to do a roll call of Directors to confirm those attending remotely and those attending in person in the Boardroom.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by Ramsay  
Seconded by Beckett

*THAT the Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Board agenda for May 22, 2025 be adopted as circulated.*

CARRIED

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

**3.1 April 17, 2025 Regional Hospital District Board Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Kaehn  
Seconded by Empey

*THAT the Minutes of the Regional Hospital District Board meeting held on April 17, 2025 be adopted as circulated.*

CARRIED

**4. Chairperson's Report**

The Vice-Chairperson provided an overview of the annual spring meeting between the Regional Hospital Districts in the Northern Health region and Northern Health, where there were discussions regarding capital projects throughout the region, the Hospital Districts' relationship with Northern Health, and the current legislation.

The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson recently met with the MLAs from the B.C. Conservatives caucus and discussed the Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District's position and funding capacity with the University Hospital of Northern British Columbia (UHNBC) Acute Care Tower project and the current legislation.

The Vice-Chair participated in an advocacy meeting with Minister Osborne, Ministry of Health, Minister Ma, Ministry of Infrastructure, and Premier Eby to discuss the UHNBC Acute Care Tower and Parkade projects.

The Regional Hospital Districts in the Northern Health Region participated in an advocacy meeting with Minister Ma, Ministry of Infrastructure, to discuss the concerns and challenges the Regional Hospital Districts face, most notably the current funding model.

The Vice-Chair responded to queries from Directors regarding localized workforce, the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, the procurement process, and how to support people moving to the community for health care employment.

Discussion ensued regarding concerns for issues with the design and structure of the UHNBC Acute Care Tower, and the need for a medical professional to be consulted during the design phase.

Moved by Kaehn  
Seconded by Kirk

*THAT the Board direct Administration to prepare and facilitate the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Northern Regional Hospital District partners that outlines joint advocacy priorities that will be led by the Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District as the largest Regional Hospital District in the north.*

CARRIED

**5. Reports**

**5.1 Proposed Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 361, 2025 – UHNBC Echo-Cardiac Services Department Upgrade**

Discussion ensued regarding the Board's desire for more extensive breakdowns of project costs, and what portion of each project is the Regional Hospital District expected to fund.

Moved by Kaehn  
Seconded by Beckett

*THAT Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 361, 2025 be now introduced and given first, second and third reading.*

CARRIED

Moved by Kaehn  
Seconded by Alan

*THAT Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 361, 2025 be adopted.*

CARRIED

**6. New Business**

Director S. Yu asked Administration to follow up with the Ministry of Infrastructure to confirm if the UHNBC Acute Care Tower is considered a category 1 project or a category 2 project under the *Bill 15 - 2025 Infrastructure Projects Act*.

**7. Adjournment**

Moved by Kaehn  
Seconded by Yu

*THAT the meeting be adjourned - 10:48 a.m.*

*CARRIED*

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Chair

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General Manager of Legislative and  
Corporate Services