

## Regional Hospital District Board Meeting Agenda

## July 17, 2025, Immediately following the Regional Board Meeting 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC

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## REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## May 22, 2025, 11:00 a.m. 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC

Directors Present:	Chair Hiebert, Electoral Area D Vice-Chair Dober, City of Dawson Creek Alternate Director Deck, District of Chetwynd Director Hansen, City of Fort St. John Director Graham, Electoral Area B Director Krakowka, District of Tumbler Ridge Director Quibell, District of Hudson's Hope (via Zoom) Director Rose, Electoral Area E Director Sperling, Electoral Area C Director Taillefer, District of Taylor Director Zabinsky, City of Fort St. John
Directors Absent:	Director Veach, Village of Pouce Coupe
Staff Present:	Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer Roxanne Shepherd, Chief Financial Officer Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer Joanne Caldecott, Deputy Corporate Officer Kari Bondaroff, General Manager of Environmental Services Gerritt Lacey, Solid Waste Services Manager Daris Gillis, Environmental Services Manager Bryna Casey, Community Services Manager Ryan Kirkham, Protective Services Manager Cody Roberts, Development Services Manager Trevor Ouellette, IT Manager Olivia Lundahl, Electoral Area Officer Carmen Willms, Legislative Services Clerk/Recorder

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:56 a.m.

## 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RHD/25/05/01 (22)MOVEDDirector GrahamSECONDEDDirector DoberThat the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board adopt the May 22, 2025 meeting agenda:



2.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (Cont'd)

# CALL TO ORDER ADOPTION OF AGENDA GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ADOPTION OF MINUTES Regional Hospital District Draft Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2025 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES DELEGATIONS

- 7. CORRESPONDENCE
- 8. REPORTS

9. BYLAWS

- 9.1 PRRHD Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 216, 2025, FN-RHD-039
- **10. NEW BUSINESS**
- **11. CONSENT CALENDAR**
- **12. NOTICE OF MOTION**
- **13. MEDIA QUESTIONS**

## 14. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

- 14.1 Notice of Closed Regional Hospital District Meeting May 22, 2025, ADM-RHD-031
- **15. ADJOURNMENT**

CARRIED

## 3. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

## 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

## 4.1 Regional Hospital District Draft Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2025

RHD/25/05/02 (22) MOVED

SECONDED

Director Dober

Director Taillefer

That the Regional Hospital District Board adopt the Regional Hospital District Board Meeting minutes of May 1, 2025.

CARRIED

## 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

## 6. DELEGATIONS

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

## 8. **REPORTS**

Director Rose, Electoral Area E left the meeting at 11:59 am.

## Vary Agenda

RHD/25/05/03 (22)

That the Regional Hospital District Board vary the agenda to consider Item 14.1 – Notice of Closed Regional Hospital District Meeting, ADM-RHD-031.

CARRIED



## 14. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

14.1 Notice of Closed Regional Hospital District Meeting – May 22, 2025, ADM-RHD-031 RHD/25/05/04 (22)

MOVEDDirector SperlingSECONDEDDirector Taillefer

That the Regional Hospital Board recess to a Closed Regional Hospital District Meeting at 12:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the following items:

Agenda Item 3.1	<b>Description</b> Minutes	Authority CC Section 97(1)(b) Closed Minutes, access to records.
5.1, 8.1 & 8.2	Negotiation with Provincial Government	CC Section 90(2)(k) and CC Section 90 (1) (j) Information Prohibited from Disclosure under Section 21 of <i>FOIPPA</i> .
		CARRIED

Reconvene

The Chair reconvened the Open Regional Hospital District Meeting at 2:07 p.m. and varied the Agenda to return to Item 9.1 – PRRHD Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 216, 2025, FN-RHD-039.

Director Rose, Electoral Area E, joined the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

## 9. BYLAWS

## 9.1 PRRHD Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 216, 2025, FN-RHD-039

RHD/25/05/05 (22)MOVEDDirector DoberSECONDEDDirector SperlingThat the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board give "Peace River Regional HospitalDistrict Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 216, 2025" first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

RHD/25/05/06 (22)MOVEDDirector DoberSECONDEDDirector SperlingThat the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board adopt "Peace River Regional HospitalDistrict Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 216, 2025".

#### CARRIED

Directors confirmed that the Fort St. John Computed Tomography imager replacement was a second-hand unit.

- 10. NEW BUSINESS
- 11. CONSENT CALENDAR
- 12. NOTICE OF MOTION



## 12.1 Notice of Motion – Senior's Care Facilities in the Regional District

Director Sperling gave notice of a motion he planned to propose at the next Regional Hospital District meeting regarding senior's care facilities in the Regional District and explained that he would submit the motion and supporting information in a Director's Report.

## 13. MEDIA QUESTIONS

### 15. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board meeting held on May 22, 2025 in the Regional District Office Board Room, 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC.

Leonard Hiebert, Chair

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer



# **DIRECTOR REPORT**

To: Chair and Directors

From: Director Sperling

Report Number: DR-RHD-001

Date: July 17, 2025

Subject: Seniors Housing in the Regional Hospital District

## **PURPOSE/ISSUE:**

To discuss seniors care facilities in the Regional Hospital District.

## **RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:** [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Hospital District Board request that Northern Health provide the Regional Hospital District Board with the population data and projections used to determine the bed count for the recently announced expansion project to add additional seniors housing beds to Peace Villa in Fort St. John and any other information relative to seniors care housing demands that is being relied upon to inform future seniors care housing capital project investment decisions for the Northern Health region, so that the Regional Hospital District Board can understand the long term plan and targets currently in place to provide adequate health/seniors care in the region.

## **BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

Now that the Peace Villa has been announced, the Peace River Regional Hospital District is unaware of any additional senior care facilities that may be needed in the region. Attached is a press release regarding the Peace Villa expansion project and a press release from September 2024 regarding a long term care (LTC) residence expansion project in Penticton BC. The facility announcement for the project in Penticton (Interior Health) includes additional information about overall expansion targets to meet projected needs, including:

- Interior Health has benefited from an increase in publicly funded LTC beds from 495 to 605 since 2018.
- Ministry of Health plans include adding a total of 495 new LTC beds to Interior Health (no deadline associated with this statement).
- Increasing demands witnessed over the past five years are proposed to be met with a government investment of approximately \$3.5 billion to expand and improve the quality of care of seniors in British Columbia (entire province).

Members of the Regional Hospital District Board have expressed concern that the 84 long term care beds being built to expand Peace Villa is not enough to meet current or future needs and receiving the population data and projections would help the Regional Hospital District Board understand the situation.

## STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

Senior's Housing (Advocacy)

Advocacy for investment in Seniors Housing to ensure seniors are able to age in their communities is identified in the PRRD Strategic Plan. If the data relied upon by the Ministry of Health/Northern Health supports additional investment, the Regional Board will be able to advocate for such investment.

Attachments:

- 1. Northern Health Press Release (June 24, 2025) re: Peace Villa Seniors Housing Expansion
- 2. Ministry of Health Press Release (September 13, 2024) re: Penticton Long Term Care Residence

External Link:

1. <u>Letter from Save Our Northern Seniors to BC Ministers re: Seniors Issues in 2025</u> (February 20, 2025 Regional Board Meeting, Agenda Item 12.22)



# **NEWS RELEASE**

For Immediate Release June 24, 2025

## New long-term care beds coming to Fort St. John

Residents in the Northeast will soon have access to additional long-term care beds as the business plan has been approved for an expansion to Peace Villa in Fort St. John.

"As Fort St. John continues to grow, so does the need for strong, modern long-term care infrastructure," said Bowinn Ma, Minister of Infrastructure. "This newly approved long-term care home is a generational investment—expanding access to quality care for seniors, strengthening health services in the region, and creating meaningful jobs for the community."

This addition is being funded jointly between the Ministry of Infrastructure, through Northern Health, and the Peace River Regional Hospital District and will bring 84 new single bedroom long-term care beds to the region. In addition, the project will include a 30-space adult day program as well as social and recreational spaces.

"On behalf of the PRRHD, I am thrilled that this new long-term care facility project is advancing," said Leonard Hiebert, PRRHD Chair. "The expansion means that our seniors can receive the care they need while staying within their communities. Together with all the local community advocacy that has been done, I also want to recognize our partnerships with the Ministry of Infrastructure and Northern Health for their support in reaching this essential regional milestone."

This project is part of an overall investment of over 600 additional long-term care beds in the North with new long-term care facilities being developed in Prince George, Smithers, Quesnel, and Fort St. John.

The project is taking place in Treaty 8 territory and is expected to begin construction in Spring 2027 with the facility being open for residents in late 2030.



## Josie Osborne, Minister of Health

"Ensuring seniors have access to high quality healthcare services, including longterm care, is fundamental to our public healthcare system. This expansion will enable more seniors to access compassionate and dignified care in the community they love, surrounded by the support they need"

## Colleen Nyce, Northern Health Board Chair

"This new expansion to Peace Villa will bring much needed additional support for our seniors in the Northeast and reflects our commitment to ensure that our Northern seniors can age with dignity close to home. We are grateful to the support of the Peace River Regional Hospital District, the City of Fort St. John, and all our partners who helped make this happen."

# Susie Chant, Parliamentary Secretary for Senior's Services and Long-Term Care

"As our population ages and grows rapidly, we're dedicate to expanding high-quality, easily accessible long-term care in communities across the province. This new addition will ensure more seniors in the region are cared for and supported as they age, in environments that are safe, modern, and close to their loved ones".

Media Contact: NH media line – 250-961-7724

## September 13, 2024 News Release re: Long Term Care Residence in Penticton



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#### Health

## More long-term care beds coming to Penticton

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#### People in Penticton soon will have more care options with the approval of a new long-term care (LTC) residence with 200 beds.

#### News Release

Penticton Friday, September 13, 2024 2:00 PM

#### Media Contacts

Ministry of Health Communications 250 952-1887 (media line)

Interior Health Communications 1 844 469-7077 (media line)

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"Our government is expanding new long-term care homes around B.C., building on our commitment to ensure people receive the highest-quality care in modern, safe facilities," said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. "Kaigo Senior Living has a track record on delivering quality long-term care services and the capability to build a 200-bed care home in Penticton. This partnership with them will significantly increase people's access to more LTC beds to support their needs as they age and increase the overall number of publicly funded LTC beds in the Interior Health from 495 to 605 since 2018."

Interior Health has awarded the project to Kaigo Senior Living. Experienced as a developer and operator of long-term care services, Kaigo Senior Living will design, build and operate the facility.

"This new long-term care home will be a place for people to live in a comfortable, home-like environment with all the amenities they need, close to their families and loved ones," said Harwinder Sandhu, Parliamentary Secretary for Senior Services and Long-Term Care. "This is big news for people in Penticton and throughout the area and I'm thrilled our government is moving forward with this project."

Detailed design is underway, with construction expected to begin in spring 2025 and complete in 2028.

"Caring for our seniors is a responsibility we hold close to our hearts," said Susan Brown, president and CEO, Interior Health. "Increasing the number of long-term care beds in Penticton is about more than just addressing a need, it's also about providing our elders with the respect and comfort they deserve. We are excited and grateful to partner with Kaigo Senior Living to bring 200 new long-term care beds to the community."

The 200 new long-term care beds in Penticton are part of the government's investment plan to add a total of 495 new long-term care beds within the Interior Health region to meet the needs of the growing seniors' population. The remaining beds are planned for facilities in Kamloops, Kelowna and Nelson, as well as the 90 beds opened in Vernon in February 2024.

Long-term care homes provide care to individuals with complex-care needs who can no longer live safely and independently at home. Long-term care homes provide 24-hour nursing care delivered by a team of well-trained, compassionate and caring staff, including allied health staff.

To meet the increasing demand witnessed over the past five years, the government has invested approximately \$3.5 billion to expand and improve the quality of care for seniors in British Columbia. This funding includes improvements in primary care, home health, long-term care and assisted living.

#### Quotes:

#### Roly Russell, MLA for Boundary-Similkameen -

"As our communities grow, it is becoming more and more important that we be able to provide quality care to our seniors and anyone else with complex health needs. The addition of this longterm care residence to Penticton ensures that people are cared for and supported as they age by compassionate health-care providers, and I know that it will serve our community well for many vears to come."

#### Kevin Svoboda, president and CEO, Kaigo Senior Living -

"We're looking forward to bringing a new long-term care home to Penticton. Our goal is to create a warm, loving environment where seniors feel valued and at home. We're excited to become part of this community, to build lasting connections, and to provide compassionate care that truly makes a difference in the lives of our residents and their families."



REPORT

To: Peace River Regional Hospital District Board

From: Financial Administration

Report Number: FN-RHD-040

Date: July 17, 2025

## Subject: Peace River Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 217, 2025

## **RECOMMENDATION #1:** [Corporate Weighted]

That the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board give "Peace River Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 217, 2025" first, second and third readings.

## **RECOMMENDATION #2:** [Corporate Weighted – 2/3 Majority]

That the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board adopt "Peace River Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 217, 2025".

## BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The Peace River Regional Hospital District (PRRHD) adopted Peace River Regional Hospital District 2025 Annual Budget Bylaw No. 215, 2025, on February 20, 2025. The annual budget is based on a draft budget submitted in the fall by Northern Health. As individual projects are approved at Northern Health, bylaw requests are sent to the Hospital District.

Section 32 of the Hospital District Act states that "A Board that proposes to borrow or spend money to meet capital expenditures, must prepare, in consultation with the minister, and enact, a capital bylaw permitting the borrowing or spending of that money." Therefore, adoption of a capital expenditure bylaw is necessary in order to release funds for Northern Health's budgeted capital expenditures.

## **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

1. That the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board provide further direction.

## STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

Not Applicable to Strategic Plan

## FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

The Hospital District 2025 Annual Budget includes \$5,192,920 for Annual Equipment and Major Projects. Peace River Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 217, 2025, authorizes \$782,920 of that total to be paid to Northern Health.

The following table summarizes this bylaw request from Northern Health and compares it to Peace River Regional Hospital District 2025 Annual Budget Bylaw No. 215, adopted on February 20, 2025:

Dept. Head Initials: RS

CAO: Shawn Dahlen

	2025 BUDGET	CAPEXP	CAPEXP	REQUEST
	Bylaw 215	Bylaw 216	Bylaw 217	Under/(Over)
Building Integrity <\$100,000	46,400		46,400	-
Equipment & Projects <\$100,000	606,800		606,800	-
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Information Tech	129,720		129,720	-
Major For immonts \$100,000	129,720			
Major Equipment >\$100,000	000.000	200,000		470.000
FSH CT Replacement	800,000	329,200		470,800
FSH Large Piece Folder	320,400	320,400		-
THC Automated Medication Dispensing Cabinet	85,200	85,200		-
FSH X-Ray Room Replacement	400,000	770,000		(370,000)
Other Major Equipment Projects	40,000			
	1,645,600	1,504,800	-	100,800
Proposed Major Projects < \$5m				
Other Major Projects	764,400			
	764,400			
Major Projects > \$5m				
Other Major Projects	2,000,000			
TOTAL ANNUAL EQUIP & MAJOR PROJECTS	5,192,920	1,504,800	-	100,800
Carried Forward Projects (Bylaw approved)				
Equipment > \$100,000				
CGH Nurse Call Replacement	32,260			
DCH Patient Monitoring System	281,318			
FSH Phone System	101,901			
FSH Network Replacement	584,400			
DCH DI X-Ray N0010114 Replacement	136,787			
DCH LAB Chemistry Analyze Replacement	154,172			
FSH/MMH Lab Telepathology (NHR Lab Pathol				
	1,527,261			
Major Projects < \$5,000,000				
PEA Peace Villa Air Conditioning	28,237			
TOTAL CARRY FORWARD PROJECTS	1,555,498	-		
TOTAL BYLAW REQUEST		1,504,800	782,920	

The total request for these three projects is exactly what was budgeted in 2025. Total payments for projects in 2025 will not exceed the total amount authorized in the 2025 budget.

## COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

"Peace River Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 217, 2025" will be sent to the Ministry of Health.

## **OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

None at this time.

Attachments:

- 1. PRRHD Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 217, 2025
- 2. Northern Health Letter Bylaw Request Capital Grant dated June 17, 2025

## PEACE RIVER REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT Bylaw No. 217, 2025

Capital Expenditure Bylaw

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Peace River Regional Hospital District proposes to expend money for the capital expenditures described in Schedule 'A', attached hereto and forming an integral part of this bylaw;

AND WHEREAS those capital expenditures have received approval required under Section 23 of the *Hospital District Act*;

NOW THEREFORE, the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board of Directors, in open meeting assembled, enacts the following capital expenditure bylaw as required under section 32 of the *Hospital District Act*:

- 1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "Peace River Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 217, 2025."
- 2. The Board hereby authorizes and approves the expenditure of money necessary to complete the capital expenditures as described in Schedule 'A' attached hereto, totaling Seven Hundred and Eighty Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$782,920).
- 3. The payment of the portion that the Regional Hospital District is responsible for shall be funded through monies budgeted in the current year of operation.
- 4. The Board hereby delegates the necessary authority to the Chief Financial Officer to settle the terms and conditions of the expenditure.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS	day of	, 2025.
READ A SECOND TIME THIS	day of	, 2025.
READ A THIRD TIME THIS	day of	, 2025.
ADOPTED THIS	day of	, 2025.

Leonard Hiebert, Chair

(Corporate Seal has been affixed to the original bylaw)

Schedule A attached

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of "Peace River Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 217, 2025", as adopted by the Peace River Regional District Hospital Board on \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer

Project or Equipment Description	PRRHD Share (40%)	Province Share (60%)	Total Project
	-	-	
Equipment < \$100,000	606,800	910,200	1,517,000
Building Integrity	46,400	69,600	116,000
Information Technology	129,720	-	
	-	-	
Total	782,920	979,800	1,633,000

## SCHEDULE A – CAPITAL EXPENDITURES



June 17, 2025

Roxanne Shepherd, BBA, CPA, CGA Chief Financial Officer Peace River Regional Hospital District PO Box 810, 1981 Alaska Avenue Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4H8 Email: Roxanne.Shepherd@prrd.bc.ca

## **RE: 2025 Capital Grant Application Form**

Dear Ms. Shepherd:

Please find enclosed a Capital Grant Application Form on behalf of Northern Health requesting a total of \$782,920 from the Peace River Regional Hospital District for 2025.

The items included in this grant request are:

- Equipment < \$100,000 \$606,800
- Building Integrity \$46,400
- NHR IT Cybersecurity Initiatives \$48,300
- AGFA EI PACS Upgrade \$81,420

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

Rob Saro, B.Comm, CPA, CGA Regional Manager, Capital Accounting

Cc: Kendra Kiss, Senior Operations Officer Mike Hoefer, ED Capital Planning, Facilities Operations and Logistics



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ADM-RHD-032

From: Corporate Administration

Date: July 17, 2025

Subject: Items Previously Released from Closed Regional Hospital District Meeting on September 12, 2024

For information only - the following resolution has been authorized for release to the public from a prior Closed Peace River Regional Hospital District meeting:

## September 12, 2024

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED,

That the Peace River Regional Hospital Board approve funding for the expansion of Peace Villa (3<sup>rd</sup> home) Project, to a maximum amount of \$46,626,977 inclusive of the \$463,257 already paid for the development of the business case; further, that the Peace River Regional Hospital District contribution be paid upon the depletion/expenditure of Provincial funding for the project and not before August 1, 2027.

## **BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

The above resolution was authorized for release and is provided in this report as the official disclosure of the item to the regular Peace River Regional Hospital District agenda as per the 'Closed Meetings and Proactive Disclosure Policy.'

## **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

Not applicable.

## STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

Not Applicable to Strategic Plan

## FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

Not applicable.

## COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

Not applicable.

## **OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

Not applicable.









PEACE RIVER REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT



May 20, 2025

The Honourable Bowinn Ma, MLA Minister of Infrastructure PO Box 9021 Stn Prov Govt Victoria, BC V8W 9E2 Via email: <u>INF.Minister@gov.bc.ca</u>

Dear Minister Ma:

On behalf of the Northern Regional Hospital Districts, we would like to thank you and your team for meeting with us on May 8. We appreciated the opportunity to voice our concerns on the current state of affordability and equity under the current *Hospital District Act* and the need to work together towards legislative reform of the *Act*.

As noted in the meeting, when compared to other areas in BC, the six northern regional hospital districts pay some of the highest requisition rates per average household. As a result, fairness for taxpayers across the province is in question. Northern communities are also dealing with industrial closures and cutbacks impacting the tax base and challenges to hospital service level provision due to smaller populations and large geographic areas.

The negotiation of regional hospital district contribution levels for priority capital investment projects is inconsistent across the province. Capital funding requests also continue to increase significantly each year, in addition to priority investment projects. Regional hospital districts feel they cannot say no to the provincial funding requests on capital projects that continue to significantly increase in cost, for fear of jeopardizing their region's healthcare services.

The Regional Hospital District model is outdated and increasingly unsustainable. The original legislation dates to 1967, and it does not reflect the reality of delivering healthcare in 2025. Technology is advancing faster, reinvestment is needed, and both equipment and facilities are far more complex and costly than ever before. Healthcare costs have escalated significantly, and they will continue to do so. The Province is in a spending wave and regional hospital districts and their taxpayers are being asked to pay for more, more often.

We look forward to upcoming discussions and appreciate the opportunity to work with the Ministry of Infrastructure staff to examine our funding and affordability concerns, and work towards the legislative reform of the *Hospital District Act.* As you indicated during the meeting, please have Deputy Minister Bobbi Plecas coordinate a staff meeting at your earliest convenience through:

Curtis Helgesen, CAO Stuart-Nechako Regional hospital District curtis.helgesen@rdbn.bc.ca and

Chris Calder, CAO Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District <u>chris.calder@rdffg.bc.ca</u>.

Sincerely,



Barry Pages, Chair North West Regional Hospital District

Al Richmond, Chair

**Regional Hospital District** 

Cariboo-Chilcotin



Judy Greenaway, Chair Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District



Leonard Hiebert, Chair Peace River Regional Hospital District



Joan Atkinson, Chair Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District



Rob Fraser, Chair Northern Rockies Regional Hospital District

cc: Alisa Thompson, Executive Director, North West Regional Hospital District Curtis Helgesen, CAO, Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Chris Calder, CAO, Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Murray Daly, CAO, Cariboo-Chilcotin Regional Hospital District Shawn Dahlen, CAO, Peace River Regional Hospital District Scott Barry, CAO, Northern Rockies Regional Hospital District



# REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

From: Corporate Administration

Report Number: ADM-RHD-033

Date: July 17, 2025

Subject: Notice of Closed Regional Hospital District Meeting – July 17, 2025

## **RECOMMENDATION:** [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Peace River Regional Hospital Board recess to a Closed Regional Hospital District Meeting for the purpose of discussing the following items:

<b>Agenda Item</b> 3.1, 6.1 & 6.2	-	Authority CC Section 97(1)(b) Closed Minutes, access to records.
5.1	Negotiation with Provincial Government	CC Section 90(2)(b) Negotiations w Province and CC Section 90(1)(j) Information Prohibited from Disclosure under Section 21 of <i>FOIPPA</i> .

## **BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

As per the Closed Meeting Process and Proactive Disclosure Policy.

## **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

The Board may recess to a Closed Meeting to discuss whether or not the items proposed properly belong in a Closed Session as per *Community Charter* Section 90(1)(n).

## **STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:**

Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

## FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

Not applicable.

## COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

Not applicable.

## **OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

Not applicable.