



REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**December 6, 2024, Immediately following the Regional Board Meeting
1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC**

Directors Present: Chair Hiebert, Electoral Area D
Vice-Chair Dober, City of Dawson Creek
Director Courtoreille, District of Chetwynd
Director Hansen, City of Fort St. John
Alternate Director Graham, Electoral Area B (via Zoom)
Director Krakowka, District of Tumbler Ridge
Director Quibell, District of Hudson's Hope
Director Rose, Electoral Area E
Director Sperling, Electoral Area C
Director Taillefer, District of Taylor (via Zoom)
Director Veach, Village of Pouce Coupe
Director Zabinsky, City of Fort St. John

Staff Present: Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer
Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer
Roxanne Shepherd, Chief Financial Officer
Kari Bondaroff, General Manager of Environmental Services
Kevin Clarkson, General Manager of Community Services
Ashley Murphey, General Manager of Development Services
Daris Gillis, Environmental Services Manager
Gerritt Lacey, Solid Waste Services Manager
Joanne Caldecott, Deputy Corporate Officer
Trevor Ouellette, IT Manager
Annette Andrews, Communications Manager
Cody Roberts, Planning Services Manager
Olivia Lundahl, Electoral Area Officer
Carmen Willms, Legislative Services Clerk/Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RHD/24/12/01

MOVED

Director Quibell

SECONDED

Director Hansen

That the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board adopt the Regional Hospital meeting agenda:



2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA (Cont'd)

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Regional Hospital District Board Draft Meeting Minutes for November 21, 2024

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6. DELEGATIONS

7. CORRESPONDENCE

8. REPORTS

8.1 2025 Regional Hospital District Provisional Budget, FN-RHD-036

9. BYLAWS

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 – December 6, 2024, ADM-RHD-028

15. ADJOURNMENT

CARRIED

Vice-Chair Dober, City of Dawson Creek, left the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

3. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Regional Hospital District Board Draft Meeting Minutes for November 21, 2024

RHD/24/12/02

MOVED

Director Veach

SECONDED

Director Krakowka

That the Regional Hospital District Board adopt the Regional Hospital District Meeting minutes of November 21, 2024.

CARRIED

Vice-Chair Dober, City of Dawson Creek joined the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6. DELEGATIONS

7. CORRESPONDENCE

8. REPORTS

8.1 2025 Regional Hospital District Provisional Budget, FN-RHD-036

RHD/24/12/03

MOVED

Director Veach

SECONDED

Director Krakowka

That the Regional Hospital District Board defer the Report titled '2025 Regional Hospital District Provisional Budget, FN-RHD-036' until after the Closed Peace River Regional Hospital District meeting.

CARRIED



Vary Agenda

The Chair varied the agenda to consider Item 14.1 – Notice of Closed Regional Hospital District Meeting – December 6, 2024, ADM-RHD-028.

14. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

14.1 Notice of Closed Regional Hospital District Meeting – December 6, 2024, ADM-RHD-028
RHD/24/12/04

MOVED Director Sperling
SECONDED Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board recess to a Closed Regional Hospital District Meeting at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the following items:

Agenda Item	Description	Authority
3.1 & 3.2	Minutes	CC Section 97(1)(b) Closed Minutes, access to records.
5.1, 7.1, 8.1, 8.2 & 8.3	Negotiation with Provincial Government	CC Section 90(2)(b) and CC Section 90 (1) (j) Information Prohibited from Disclosure under Section 21 of FOIPPA.

CARRIED

Recess

The Chair recessed the meeting to luncheon at 12:02 p.m.

Reconvene and Vary Agenda

The Chair reconvened the Open Regional Hospital District Meeting at 1:47 p.m. and varied the agenda to return to Item 8.1 – Report re: 2025 Regional Hospital District Provisional Budget, FN-RHD-036

Director Taillefer, District of Taylor, left the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

8. REPORTS

8.1 2025 Regional Hospital District Provisional Budget, FN-RHD-036
RHD/24/12/05

MOVED Director Rose
SECONDED Director Veach

That the Regional Hospital District Board receive the report titled "2025 Regional Hospital District Provisional Budget, FN-RHD-036" for discussion.

CARRIED

Directors discussed the possibility of adjusting any new capital spending below 40%. Directors confirmed that Northern Health had viewed the Regional Hospital District’s books last fall. They noted that the Regional Hospital District advocated for health care staff with Northern Health, whereas Northern Health advocated for more funding from the Regional Hospital District. Directors discussed the preference of holding conversations with Northern Health during open meetings to provide transparency with taxpayers about funds being spent.



8.1 2025 Regional Hospital District Provisional Budget, FN-RHD-036 (Cont'd)

Directors noted the strengths of the Regional Hospital District budget, particularly the efficiency in how funds are collected and managed. They spoke of upcoming projects and the prudence in how money was allocated. Directors discussed renegotiating the funding model with Northern Health from 40% to 30%, noting the pending fiscal constraints and that industry was beginning to ebb meaning the tax burden would start to shift to residential and property owners as a result. They also noted that the current funding model had been discussed at the 2024 North Central Local Government Association Conference and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention. The Directors also discussed advocating directly with the Health Minister.

Directors noted that the 2025 Provisional Regional Hospital District Budget (Budget) had increased by 9% over 2024. Directors confirmed that the Budget contained funding already committed to by the Regional Hospital District, and that a maximum increase of 5% would be preferable in the future.

RHD/24/12/06

MOVED

Director Veach

SECONDED

Director Hansen

That the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board approve the 2025 Provisional Regional Hospital District Budget in the amount of \$194,452,029, as presented.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Director Krakowka

Directors clarified that the Budget did not include the Peace Villa Residential Care expansion as it had not yet been approved. They also clarified that the Hospital District Board was required to pass a provisional budget prior to December 31, 2024.

RHD/24/12/07

MOVED

Director Rose

SECONDED

Director Sperling

That the Regional Board request staff to bring forward a report that recognizes new capital versus what has already been committed to capital with potential options for savings.

CARRIED

Directors discussed the negotiation process and clarified that it should begin with the Health Minister. They noted concerns regarding the lack of transparency in the Budget process and that Northern Health should be included in the negotiations.

9. BYLAWS

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. CONSENT CALENDAR

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

13. MEDIA QUESTIONS



15. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board meeting held on December 6, 2024 in the Regional District Office Board Room, 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC.

Leonard Hiebert, Chair

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer

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