



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ADM-BRD-583

From: Health Care Scholarship Committee

Date: February 20, 2025

Subject: Health Care Scholarship Committee Recommendation from February 11, 2025

The following recommendation from the Special Health Care Scholarship meeting held on February 11, 2025 is presented to the Regional Board for consideration:

RECOMMENDATION: *[Corporate Weighted]*

That the Regional Board allow the Memorandum of Understanding with the Northern Health Authority for the administration of Peace River Regional District Health Care Scholarships offered in cooperation with the Regional Board and the Northern Health Authority to expire; further, that funding in an amount sufficient to meet the remaining obligations of the Regional Board under the Memorandum be included in Function 180 – Health Related Services Draft 2025 -2029 Financial Plan.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The Health Care Scholarship Committee held a Special Meeting on February 11, 2025 to hear from representatives of education institutions (Northern Lights College and University of Northern British Columbia) and Northern Health regarding their suggestions for improvements to the scholarship program structure to maximize the positive impact of the program on the recruitment and retention of health care professionals in the region. This information was requested to inform the Committee’s decision as to whether to renew the Memorandum Of Understanding with Northern Health or to continue exploration of alternative mechanisms, partnerships, and scholarships to provide funding to aspiring health care professionals.

Recommendation

Please click [here](#) to access the Committee Agenda, please see Item 5.1 to review the report.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- Not Applicable to Strategic Plan

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S): None at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S): None at this time.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S): None at this time.