

**PEACE RIVER REGIONAL
HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

FEBRUARY 28, 2008



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

FEBRUARY ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

for the February 28, 2008 Meeting

CORRESPONDENCE:

HC-1 Re: Northern Health Budget Discussions Delegation

- a) February 20, 2008 request from Cathy Ulrich, CEO Northern Health for time at the March 27, 2008 meeting to discuss the replacement of Fort St. John Hospital and North Peace Care Centre as well as Partnerships BC.
- b) February 22, 2008 response from Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer explaining that budget discussions need to take place at the March 13, 2008 meeting in order to meet legislative timelines.

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February 20, 2008

Karen Goodings, Chair
Peace River Regional Hospital District
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Re: Development of Fort St John Hospital and Northern Peace Care Centre Replacements

Dear Karen:

Northern Health is requesting time at your March 27th Board meeting to discuss the replacement of the Fort St John Hospital and North Peace Care Centre in further detail. As agreed when we discussed this project in October 2007, we have also arranged to have Partnerships BC come with us to discuss Public-Private-Partnerships. At present, March 27th seems to be the date that will work best for Northern Health and Partnerships BC.

I understand we are scheduled to come and discuss our draft capital plan and questions your board may have in finalizing your provisional budget for 2008 on March 13th. Alternatively, we could be available for discussions of both your 2008 budgets and the Fort St John Development at your March 27th meeting date. Mike Hoefer, Executive Director, Capital Planning and Support Services will work with your Chief Administrative Officer to finalize the arrangement that will be most convenient for your Board.

Northern Health has been discussing this major project with your Chief Administrative Officer over the last couple of months and we understand a letter is forthcoming from your Board describing your preliminary approvals based on the information we have been able to provide you to date. We look forward to receiving your letter shortly and appreciate your efforts to enable this project to move forward.

Thank you for your patience as the planning documents were completed and the government and Ministry of Health approvals have unfolded. This has taken considerably more time than we anticipated. We look forward to working closely with the Peace River Regional Hospital District on this very significant project and the other priorities important to communities in the Peace River area.

If you have any further questions or concerns please contact me at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Cathy Ulrich
CEO, Northern Health

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- CC: Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer, PRRHD
- Mike Hoefer, ED, Capital Planning and Support Services, NH
- Barry Cheal, VP, Corporate Support and CFO, NH
- Rick Steele, Assistant VP, Partnerships BC

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Office of Administration

February 22, 2008

Ms. Cathy Ulrich, CEO
Northern Health
700-299 Victoria Street
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Via Email: cathy.ulrich@northernhealth.ca

Dear Ms. Ulrich:

Thank you for arranging a meeting with the Regional Hospital District to meet with Partnership BC to learn how it is anticipated their policies would be incorporated into the Fort St. John Hospital Project.

Time can be scheduled for this discussion at the March 27th Regional Hospital Meeting; however, this date is too late for a Northern Health budget presentation. March 13th is the latest date for Northern Health to meet the Regional Hospital District's budget process.

The Hospital District needs to give the first reading of its 2008 budget at the March 13th meeting. The budget is then presented to the public at a number of public meetings and the final budget must be adopted at the March 27th Hospital District Meeting. From there, legislation requires the Hospital District to have its approved budget presented to the Province no later than March 31st. That said, we must stay with Mike Hofer's Northern Health budget presentation on March 13th. Any date later than that does not allow us to meet our legislated timelines.

Our draft 2008 budget is being prepared anticipating a Fort St. John hospital facility based upon the 2008 Provincial Budget Presentation. Regional Hospital District funds will be collected this year for the Fort St. John project and according to the Hospital District letter of commitment there will only be \$1.5 million available for other Northern Health projects. In addition, the Hospital District no longer has tax room to continue to make payments on debt associated with the current Fort St. John hospital facilities. Therefore, we look to Northern Health to provide funding to the Hospital District in order to make those payments.

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We look forward to meeting with Northern Health to discuss budget at the March 13th Hospital District Meeting and we will schedule a Northern Health/Partnership BC delegation for March 27th.

Thank you for your consideration and cooperation in assisting us to meet our obligations.

Yours truly,



Fred Banham,
Chief Administrative Officer

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