

Western New Brunswick

Service Commission

Board of Directors

**Minutes of the December 12, 2025, Board Meeting
WNBSC Office – 3143 Main Street, Centreville, NB**

Board Members In Attendance:

Chair, Tom Eagles, Mayor, District of Tobique Valley
Andrew Harvey, Mayor of Carleton North
Trina Jones, Mayor, Woodstock
Lynn Hambrook, Chair, Western Valley Rural
Tracey DeMerchant, Mayor, Hartland
Cindy McLaughlin, Mayor of Southern Victoria
Leonard Foster, Mayor of Lakeland Ridges

Regrets:

Absent:

Staff In Attendance:

Katelyn McGrath, CEO
Andrea Callahan, Director of Operations (Recording Secretary)
Emily Clark, Director of Economic Development and Healthcare Collaboration

Call to Order:

The Chair, Tom Eagles, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

No conflict of interest was proclaimed by those in attendance.

Motion at approve agenda

2025-0-49

Motion: Tracey DeMerchant

Seconded: Trina Jones

Motion Carried.

Motion to accept November 21, 2025, minutes as distributed

2025-0-50

Motion: Andrew Harvey

Seconded: Tracey DeMerchant

Motion Carried.

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It was decided to wait until the January meeting to discuss the Regional Trails Strategy as no one has had an opportunity to truly read the document in its entirety.

The Healthcare discussion began and all agreed that, in their opinion, the root of the problems that are affecting URVH stems from the Horizon Health Authority and the decisions that have been made, especially within the past two years.

Suggestions were gathered regarding who the Board should invite to be part of the conversation, noting that it is time to help create a solution that will better serve our region.

The Board is adamant that URVH needs to be treated as a regional hospital, with local leadership, or our entire region will continue to suffer the consequences that affect every aspect of life in Western New Brunswick. URVH cannot continue to be administered by people in Fredericton and should be its own distinct Healthcare Region.

Discussion led to a Media Statement from the Board of the Western NB Service Commission being created during the meeting. This document will be sent to Premier Holt, Minister of Health, Dr. Dornan and CEO of Horizon, Margaret Melanson, as well as to the local newspapers as soon as the Board meeting concludes. The release will also be shared on social media. (See Attached)

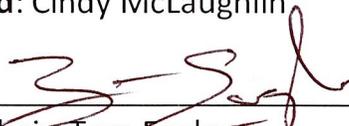
WNBSC staff will try and facilitate a meeting with local physicians, as soon as possible. It is important that the Board hears what problems they are facing.

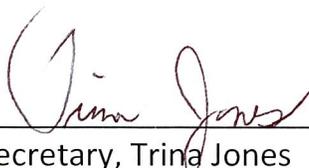
Motion to Adjourn at 11:02 a.m.

Moved: Trina Jones

Seconded: Cindy McLaughlin

Signed:


Chair, Tom Eagles


Secretary, Trina Jones