

January 13, 2026

Nanaimo Regional Hospital District Board Election

The Nanaimo Regional Hospital District (NRHD) acclaimed a Chair and Acting Chair at the January 13, 2026, meeting of the NRHD Board. Janice Perrino returns for a second one-year term as Chair of the NRHD, while Ian Thorpe continues in the role of Acting Chair, also for a one-year term.

“I’m honoured to remain Chair of the Nanaimo Regional Hospital District Board. I look forward to continuing the Board’s work to advance the remaining priority projects and working in partnership with the Government of British Columbia to see the new patient tower and cardiac catheterization lab built at the Nanaimo Regional General Hospital.” Janice Perrino, Chair, NRHD

“As Acting Chair, I support Chair Perrino and our board in advancing and improving healthcare for our communities. We are grateful to the Government of British Columbia for their ongoing investments in healthcare in the region and for the significant projects approved to date. We remain committed to advocating for the remaining priority projects.” Ian Thorpe, Acting Chair, NRHD

In 2022, the NRHD identified five priority capital projects. Progress has been made on all projects. The Government of British Columbia (Province) approved a new high-acuity unit (completed) and the Nanaimo Cancer Centre (now under construction) at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital (NRGH). The long-term care facility, to be located in Lantzville, is in the design phase. In the fall of 2024, Premier Eby committed to building a new patient tower and cardiac catheterization lab at NRGH. The NRHD has put in place a financial strategy to support its contribution to these critical projects and remains ready to work with the Province in partnership to move these projects forward. This includes the NRHD offering to fund 100 per cent of the cardiac catheterization lab as part of its total contribution to the new patient tower and the catheterization lab and to pay for the business plan for these priority projects.

About the Nanaimo Regional Hospital District

The NRHD provides annual capital funding to Island Health in support of local healthcare facilities under the *Hospital District Act*. It is an independent entity that has its own budget and is governed by a Board of Directors while sharing the same boundaries, directors and administrative staff as the Regional District of Nanaimo. Hospital Districts are required to approve a provisional budget on or before December 31 each year and adopt, by bylaw, an annual budget on or before March 31 each year. More information about the NRHD can be found online at: rdn.bc.ca/hospital-district.

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