

**ALGOMA PUBLIC HEALTH - BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
MINUTES**

APRIL 27, 2016 @ 5:00 pm

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ian Frazier Candace Martin Lee Mason Dennis Thompson

TELECONFERENCE: Sue Jensen
Dr. Alex Hukowich Associate Medical Officer of Health

APH EXECUTIVE PRESENT: Tony Hanlon, Ph.D. Chief Executive Officer
Justin Pino Chief Financial Officer
Antoniette Tomie Director of Human Resources and Corporate Services
Sherri Cleaves Director of Clinical Services
Christina Luukkonen Board Secretary

REGRETS Laurie Zeppa Director of Community Services

1.0 Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Mason called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

- a) Declaration of Conflict of Interest
Mr. Mason called for conflicts of interest; none were declared.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda Items

Item 11) In-committee deferred until the May 25, 2016 meeting.

2016-34 Moved: C. Martin
 Seconded: I. Frazier
 THAT the Agenda items dated April 27, 2016, be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

3.0 Adoption of Minutes

2016-35 Moved: D. Thompson
 Seconded: I. Frazier
 THAT the Board of Health minutes for the meetings dated March 30, 2016 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4.0 Delegations/Presentations

a. Health and Safety: Reporting on Hazards and Incidents

Mrs. Irwin, Manager of Corporate Services and Facilities presented to the Board on Health and Safety at Algoma Public Health. Copies of the presentation were included in the Board package. Mrs. Irwin summarized various training that all staff must complete as required under the Occupational Health and Safety Act. The statistics reported for hazards include all district offices and incidents that happen in the community while staff members are carrying out work related tasks. Questions were asked and answered to the satisfaction of the Board

5.0 Business Arising from Minutes

No business arising from previous minutes.

6.0 Reports to the Board

a. Associate Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer Report

Dr. Hanlon spoke to the report included in the Board package. In addition, Dr. Hanlon highlighted a recent press release from Mr. Orazzetti on the expansion of free dental care for eligible children and youth under the newly integrated dental program Health Smiles.

The Board members requested a letter be sent to Minister Hoskins in regard to the announcement that the Shingles vaccine will be publicly funded for seniors aged 65-70. Dr. Hanlon to draft a letter on behalf of the Board and forward to the Board chair for approval.

2016-36 Moved: C. Martin

Seconded: S. Jensen

THAT the report of the Associate Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer for the month of April 2016 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

b. Finance and Audit Committee Report

i. Chair's Report for April 2016

Mr. Frazier spoke to his report from the Finance and Audit Committee meeting on April 19, 2016 that was provided in the Board package. The Finance and Audit Committee recommends the 2015 Audited Financial Statements and the draft financial statements for the period ending February 29, 2016 and puts forth to the Board for approval.

ii. Draft Financial Statements for the period ending February 29, 2016

Mr. Pino spoke to the draft financial statements for the period ending February 29, 2016. The statements were reviewed in-depth by the Finance and Audited Committee on April 19, 2016.

2016-37 Moved: D. Thompson

Seconded: I. Frazier

THAT the Finance and Audit Committee report for the month of April 2016 be adopted as presented; and

THAT the draft Financial Statements for the Period Ending February 29, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

iii. 2015 Audited Financial Statements

Mr. Pino highlighted the 2015 Audited Financial Statements that were provided in the Board package. The Finance and Audit Committee reviewed the statements in depth at its April 19, 2016 meeting.

APH has received a clean audit.

2016-38 Moved: I. Frazier

Seconded: C. Martin

THAT the 2015 Audited Financial Statements for Algoma Public Health be approved as presented.

CARRIED

iv. Approved minutes – for information only

The approved minutes from the Finance and Audit Committee meeting dated March 9, 2016 was provided to the Board members for information.

c. Governance Standing Committee Report

i. Chair's Report for April 2016

Mr. Frazier spoke to his report from the April 13, 2016 Governance Standing Committee meeting that was included in the Board package. Mr. Mason thanked Mrs. Luukkonen for resending the link to the Board of Health E-Learning developed by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

2016-39 Moved: S. Jensen

Seconded: D. Thompson

THAT the Governance Standing Committee report for the month of April 2016 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ii. Marketing to Children

2016-40 Moved: C. Martin

Seconded: S. Jensen

WHEREAS Algoma Public Health is committed to prevent disease and promote the health of individuals and communities in the Algoma District; and

WHEREAS children today are exposed to a greater intensity and frequency of marketing than any previous generation; and

WHEREAS there is strong evidence that younger children lack the cognitive abilities to understand marketing messages; and

WHEREAS there is strong evidence that food advertising has a direct influence on what children choose to eat and indirectly exerts pressure on parents to choose those things; and

WHEREAS the dominant focus of commercial advertising targeted to children is for products that undermine parents' and public health professionals' efforts to promote healthy diets and physical activity; and

WHEREAS recent industry initiatives promising to change advertising to children have proven to be ineffective; and

WHEREAS the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, the Ontario Public Health Association and numerous other organizations have called for a ban on all commercial

advertising targeted to children; and

WHEREAS The Ottawa Principles provide a set of definitions, scope and principles to guide policy-making decisions on commercial food and beverage marketing to children;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Health of Algoma:

1. Supports the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, the Ontario Public Health Association, the Ontario Society of Nutrition Professionals in Public Health and other organizations in advocating for a comprehensive ban on all advertising to children under 16 years.
2. Endorses The Ottawa Principles.

CARRIED

iii. Basic Income Guarantee

The Board engaged in debate on the presented motion. Approved with a friendly amendment.

2016-41 Moved: I. Frazier

Seconded: D. Thompson

WHEREAS addressing determinants of health and reducing health inequities are fundamental to the work of public health; and

WHEREAS effective public health programs and services consider the impact of the determinants of health on the achievement of intended health outcomes; and

WHEREAS income is the single largest determinant of health and low income has a well-established link to adverse health outcomes and is associated with shorter life expectancy; and

WHEREAS income or lack thereof determines the quality of other social determinants of health, such as food security, housing and basic necessities of life; and

WHEREAS currently, 13.9 % of Ontarians and 14.4 % of Algoma residents live in low income circumstances; and

WHEREAS income inequality continues to increase in Ontario and Canada while current income security programs by provincial and federal governments have not proven sufficient to ensure adequate, secure income for all; and

WHEREAS a basic income guarantee is an identified example of a policy option that may reduce poverty and income security, and enable people to pursue educational, occupational, social and health opportunities relevant to them and their families; and

WHEREAS there has also been growing public and political sector backing for basic income guarantee including the announcement of an Ontario pilot.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health of Algoma supports Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Units request for a joint federal-provincial consideration and investigation into a Basic Income Guarantee as a policy option for reducing poverty and improving income security as a basis to improve the health and wellbeing of the residents of the District of Algoma, Ontario and Canada as a whole.

FURTHER THAT this resolution be shared with Federal and Provincial elected representatives for the Algoma ridings, all Ontario Boards of Health, Association of Local Public Health Agencies, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development and Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy.

CARRIED

- iv. Approved minutes – for information only
The approved minutes from the Governance Standing Committee meeting dated March 9, 2016 was provided Board members information.

7.0 New Business/General Business

a. 2016 alPHa Annual Conference

Please let Christina or Tony know if you are interested or not in attending this year conference as soon as possible.

8.0 Correspondence Items

All correspondence items were previously emailed to Board members. Copies were also included in their Board packages.

- a. **Enactment of Legislation to Enforce Infection Prevention and Control Practices within Invasive Personal Service Settings**
 - i. Letter to Premier Wynne from Grey Bruce Health Unit dated March 24, 2016
- b. **Environmental Health Program Funding**
 - i. Letter to Minister Hoskins from Grey Bruce Health Unit dated March 24, 2016
- c. **Herpes Zoster Vaccine**
 - i. Letter to Minister Hoskins from Grey Bruce Health Unit dated March 24, 2016
- d. **Ontario HPV Vaccination Program Expansion**
 - i. Letter to Boards of Health from Minister Hoskins dated April 21, 2016
 - ii. Letter to Minister Hoskins from alPHa dated April 21, 2016
- e. **Patients First: A Proposal to Strengthen Patient-Centred Health Care**
 - i. Letter to Premier Wynne and Minister Hoskins from Peterborough County-City Health Unit dated March 31, 2016
 - ii. Letter to Minister Hoskins from Perth District Health Unit dated March 24, 2016
 - iii. Memo to Boards of Health and Medical Officers of Health from Minister Hoskins dated April 20, 2016
- f. **Smoke-Free Schools Act Bill 139**
 - i. Letter to Minister Hoskins from Grey Bruce Health Unit dated March 24, 2016
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9.0 Items for Information

Not applicable

10.0 Addendum

Not applicable.

11.0 That the Board Go Into Committee - Deferred

12.0 That the Board Go Into Open Meeting - Deferred

13.0 Resolution(s) Resulting from In-Committee Session

No resolutions.

14.0 Announcements

Elliot Lake Office Grand Opening Celebration
May 25, 2016 at 2:30pm

Next Board Meeting:

May 25, 2016 at 4:00pm

Algoma Public Health Elliot Lake Office

Invitations have gone out to local politicians and community partner invitations will be sent out shortly. Board members were directed to forward any other names they felt should be included in the invite to Dr. Hanlon and Mrs. Luukkonen.

The Board meeting on May 25, 2016 will be held in the new Elliot Lake office space.

15.0 THAT the Meeting Adjourn

2016-42 Moved: S. Jensen

Seconded: D. Thompson

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns at 6:16pm.

CARRIED

Lee Mason, Chair

Christina Luukkonen, Secretary

Date

Date