

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

OCTOBER 25, 2017 @ 5:00 pm

SAULT STE MARIE ROOM A&B 1ST FLOOR, APH SSM

PRESENT:

Board Members

Dr. Patricia Avery
Dr. Lucas Castellani
Ian Frazier
Debra Graystone
Adrienne Kappes
Lee Mason
Connie Nykyforak
Dr. Heather O'Brien
Karen Raybould
Sergio Saccucci
Dennis Thompson

APH Executives

Dr. Marlene Spruyt Medical Officer of Health/CEO
Dr. Jennifer Loo Associate Medical Officer of Health
Justin Pino Chief Financial Officer
Antionette Tomie Director of HR and Corporate Services
Laurie Zeppa Director of Community Services
Christina Luukkonen Board Secretary

REGRETS:

Sue Jensen Sherri Cleaves Director of Clinical Services

1.0 Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Mason called the meeting to order at 5:03pm

a. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Mr. Mason called for conflicts of interest; none were declared.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda Items

2017-80 Moved: H. O'Brien

Seconded: P. Avery

THAT the Agenda items dated October 25, 2017 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3.0 Adoption of Minutes

2017-81 Moved: K. Raybould

Seconded: H. O'Brien

THAT the Board of Health minutes for the meetings dated September 27, 2017 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4.0 Delegations/Presentations

a. **Public Health Emergency Preparedness**

Mr. Chris Spooner, District Program Manager presented to the Board on Public Health Emergency Preparedness. A copy of his presentation was provided in the Board agenda.

Board members discussed provincial and federal emergency preparedness plans for exposure to

radiation.

5.0 Business Arising from Minutes

a. Response to the Expert Panel Report

A draft copy of a response to the Expert Panel Report was provided to the Board members through email prior to the Board meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the expert panel report and APH's response. Board members provided feedback on content and language of the letter. Further feedback can be submitted by Friday, October 27, 2017 by emailing Dr. Spruyt or Mrs. Luukkonen.

Response letter to be shared with Algoma's provincial representatives, local municipalities and the Ontario Health Units and alpha.

6.0 Reports to the Board

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

i. October 2017 Report

Dr. Spruyt spoke to her report that was provided in the agenda package

2017-82 Moved: A. Kappes

Seconded: D. Thompson

THAT the report of the Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer for the month of October 2017 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ii. Modernization of Alcohol Sales in Ontario

Board members discussed strategy concepts and the delay in creating a province-wide alcohol policy that was announced in December 2015.

2017-83 Moved: P. Avery

Seconded: C. Nykyforak

WHEREAS alcohol use is a leading preventable cause of morbidity and mortality in Ontario; and

WHEREAS four-in-five adults in Ontario have used alcohol in the past year and more than 1-in-6 of all drinkers are exceeding Canada's Low-Risk Alcohol Drinking Guidelines; and

WHEREAS in Ontario, nearly 1-in-10 alcohol users report weekly sessions of binge drinking, alarmingly in Algoma, 1-in-5 users report weekly binge drinking sessions; and

WHEREAS since early 2014, the Ontario government, led by the Ministry of Finance, has taken steps to rapidly and fundamentally transform the retail sale and distribution of alcohol; and

WHEREAS it is well established that increased alcohol availability leads to increased consumption and alcohol-related harms; and

WHEREAS it is reasonable to be concerned that actions by the Ontario government to increase access to alcohol may directly contribute to increases in alcohol-related morbidity and mortality in Ontario; and

WHEREAS a comprehensive, provincially led alcohol policy can help mitigate the harms of alcohol.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health of Algoma would join the Ontario Public Health Association in calling on the government to both fulfill its promise and prioritize the health and wellbeing of Ontarians by enacting a comprehensive, evidence-based alcohol policy as soon as possible;

AND FURTHER that the Board of Health of Algoma endorse a letter of support to the Government of Ontario encouraging it to fulfill its commitment (as announced in December 2015) to develop a comprehensive, province wide policy to minimize harm and support the safe consumption of alcohol.

CARRIED

b. Financial Reports

Mr. Pino spoke to the draft financial statements for the period ending August 31, 2017. A copy of the draft statements was provided in the agenda packages. The draft 2018 Capital and Operating Budget will come forward to the Board in November.

Financial statements are presented on a one month delay. Discussed professional development and IT variances. Questions were answered to the satisfaction of the Board.

2017-84 Moved: S. Saccucci
Seconded: I. Frazier

THAT the Draft Financial Statements for the Period Ending be accepted as presented; and
CARRIED

7.0 New Business/General Business

8.0 Correspondence Items

All correspondence items were emailed to Board members previously, as well as, copies were included in their Board packages.

a. Expert Panel

- i Letter to Minister Hoskins from the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) dated October 12, 2017
- ii Letter to Minister Hoskins from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA) dated October 17, 2017
- iii Letter to Minister Hoskins from Peel Public Health dated October 5, 2017
- iv Peterborough Public Health Board of Health Response to the Report of the Minister's Expert Panel on Public Health

- v Letter to Minister Hoskins from Chatham-Kent Public Health dated October 18, 2017
- b. Fluoride Varnish Programs**
 - i. Letter to Minister Hoskins from Middlesex-London Health Unit dated September 26, 2017
- c. Vaccine Recommendations for Child Care Workers**
 - i Letter to Premier Wynne from Durham Region dated October 12, 2017
- d. Expert Panel**
 - vi Letter to Minister Hoskins from the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) dated October 12, 2017
 - vii Letter to Minister Hoskins from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA) dated October 17, 2017
 - viii Letter to Minister Hoskins from Peel Public Health dated October 5, 2017
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9.0 Items for Information

- a. alPHA Information Break – September 2017
- b. alPHA Fall Meeting – November 3, 2017
- c. Report on access to public dental programs in Ontario: An analysis based on interviews with Public Health Units – Ontario Oral Health Alliance

10.0 Addendum

11.0 That the Board Go Into Committee @ 6:08pm

2017-85 Moved: I. Frazier
Seconded: D. Graystone
THAT the Board of Health goes into committee.
Agenda Items:

- a. Adoption of previous in-committee minutes dated September 27 , 2017
- b. Litigation or Potential Litigation
- c. Labour Relations and Employee Negotiations

CARRIED

12.0 That the Board Go Into Open Meeting @ 6:21pm

2017-87 Moved: K. Raybould
Seconded: P. Avery
THAT the Board of Health goes into open meeting.
CARRIED

13.0 Resolution(s) Resulting from In-Committee Session - None

14.0 Announcements

Upcoming meetings:

Governance Standing Committee Meeting
October 30, 2017 at 5:00pm
Prince Meeting Room, SSM

Finance & Audit Committee Meeting
November 8, 2017 at 4:00pm
Prince Meeting Room , SSM
Board of Health Meeting
November 22, 2017 at 5:00pm
Sault Ste. Marie, Room A, SSM

Discussed possible orientation session in the new year. Would like some education on Board roles and responsibilities possibly built into the agenda as on-going training.

15.0 THAT the Meeting Adjourn 6:28 pm

2017-88 Moved: D. Thompson
Seconded:
THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.
CARRIED

Lee Mason, Chair

Christina Luukkonen, Secretary

Date

Date