



Algoma  
PUBLIC HEALTH  
Santé publique Algoma

## Board of Health Meeting

### MINUTES

February 27, 2019 at 5:00 pm

Sault Ste. Marie - Community Room A

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**PRESENT :** BOARD MEMBERS

Lee Mason - Chair  
Deborah Graystone - 2nd Vice Chair  
Louise Caicco Tett  
Randi Condie  
Adrienne Kappes  
Dr. Heather O'Brien  
Brent Rankin  
Matthew Scott

APH EXECUTIVE

Dr. Marlene Spruyt - MOH/CEO  
Dr. Jennifer Loo - AMOH & Director of Health Protection  
Justin Pino - CFO /Director of Operations  
Antoniette Tomie - Director of Human Resources  
Laurie Zeppa - Director of Health Promotion & Prevention  
Tania Caputo - Board Secretary

**T/C :** Ed Pearce - 1st Vice Chair

**REGRETS :** Sergio Saccucci, Dr Patricia Avery, Micheline Hatfield, Karen Raybould

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#### 1.0 Meeting Called to Order

L. Mason called the meeting to order at 5:08 pm.

##### a. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflict of interest was declared.

#### 2.0 Adoption of Agenda

**RESOLUTION**  
**2019-11**

**Moved:** D. Graystone

**Seconded:** H. O'Brien

THAT the Agenda dated February 27, 2019 was reviewed and approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### 3.0 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

##### a. January 23, 2019 Minutes

**RESOLUTION**  
**2019-12**

**Moved:** L. Caicco Tett

**Seconded:** R. Condie

THAT the Board of Health minutes for the month of January 2019 were reviewed and approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### 4.0 Delegations / Presentations

a. A Changing Landscape: Cannabis and Public Health presentation was delivered by Kristy Harper, Manager of Community Wellness and Chief Nursing Officer.

## 5.0 Business Arising from Minutes

This resolution is made to approve the officer positions as acclaimed at the January 23, 2019 Board of Health Meeting.

**RESOLUTION  
2019-13**

**Moved:** H. O'Brien  
**Seconded:** A. Kappes

Be it resolved that the following is the Board of Health slate of officers for the year 2019.

<b>Board of Health Chair:</b>	Lee Mason
<b>1st Vice Chair &amp; Finance and Audit Committee Chair</b>	Ed Pearce
<b>2nd Vice Chair &amp; Governance Committee Chair</b>	Deborah Graystone

**CARRIED**

L. Mason provided an update on the Governance and Finance and Audit Committee membership. The chairs of each committee discussed and agreed that all members who put forward their names are the membership of the committees. All members have been informed.

## 6.0 Reports to the Board

### a. Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer Reports

#### i. MOH Report - February 2019

**RESOLUTION  
2019-14**

**Moved:** D. Graystone  
**Seconded:** L. Caicco Tett

THAT the report of the Medical Officer of Health and CEO is adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### ii. Briefing Note - Level III Withdrawal Management Services Facility

Responding to the burden of illness of addiction in Sault Ste. Marie and in Algoma by putting adequate treatment in place: support for a regional level III residential withdrawal management services facility.

Edits were noted to dates in the briefing note.

**RESOLUTION  
2019-15**

**Moved:** E. Pearce  
**Seconded:** H. O'Brien

WHEREAS under the Ontario Public Health Standards, the Board of Health for Algoma Public Health has a general mandate to work with community partners to improve overall health and health equity for the population of Algoma, and a specific mandate to reduce the burden of substance use; and

WHEREAS in 2017, the City of Sault Ste. Marie had the 8th highest emergency department visit rate for opioid-poisoning, compared to other cities in Canada with a population of 50,000-99,999; and

WHEREAS in 2017, the death rate from opioid poisonings in Algoma was double the Ontario rate (19.1 versus 8.9 deaths per 100,000 people); and

WHEREAS in 2017, Algoma's hospitalization rate for drug toxicity was double the provincial rate (133.1 versus 62.5 hospitalizations per 100,00 people); and

WHEREAS in 2017, Algoma's hospitalization rate due to mental health or addictions issues was triple the provincial rate (553.9 versus 184.3 hospitalizations per 100,000 people); and

WHEREAS the North East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) also experiences a higher burden of deaths from opioid poisonings and hospitalizations for mental health and addictions compared to Ontario; and

WHEREAS treatment is one of the four pillars of an evidence-based approach to addressing substance-related harms; and

WHEREAS withdrawal from substances without medical monitoring can be ineffective, dangerous and fatal; and

WHEREAS a level III withdrawal management services facility provides proper medical monitoring; and

WHEREAS there is currently no access to treatment for those requiring level III withdrawal management services in northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS provision of this much needed service would be consistent with the Premier's commitment to ending hallway medicine by matching local needs to an appropriate mix of services and potentially alleviating the burden on hospitals; and

WHEREAS the Sault Area Hospital has worked with the North East LHIN to seek provincial approval and funding for a proposed level III facility that would serve the region of northeastern Ontario; and

WHEREAS in April of 2018, the Council of the City of Sault Ste. Marie endorsed the proposal and committed to working with community partners to collectively address substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS in December of 2018, the Mayor of the City of Sault Ste. Marie wrote to the provincial government to request notification of a funding decision regarding this facility; and

WHEREAS the Sault Ste. Marie & Area Drug Strategy is calling upon community partners to voice clear support for the provincial approval of a level III withdrawal management services facility;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for Algoma Public Health write to the Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and to local Members of Provincial Parliament in Algoma to request the approval of funding for a regional level III residential withdrawal management services facility, to be located in Sault Ste. Marie; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT correspondence of this resolution be copied to the Federal Minister of Health, Members of Parliament of northeastern Ontario, the Chief Medical Officer of Health of Ontario, the Boards of Health of northeastern Ontario, the councils of Algoma municipalities, the Sault Area Hospital CEO, and the North East LHIN CEO.

**CARRIED**

### iii. Briefing Note - Strategic Planning

<b>RESOLUTION</b> <b>2019-16</b>
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**Moved:** B. Rankin  
**Seconded:** E. Pearce

THAT the Board Chair or a designate commit to work with the Evaluation Team to review and approve the contract with the chosen consultant and;

THAT the BOH authorize the MOH to approve expenditure for this contract which may exceed the current allowable maximum of the MOH (\$55K) however, no more than \$100K.

**CARRIED**

### b. Finance and Audit Committee Report

#### i. Committee Chair Report for February 2019

<b>RESOLUTION</b> <b>2019-17</b>
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**Moved:** D. Graystone  
**Seconded:** H. O'Brien

THAT the Finance and Audit Committee Chair Report for February 2019 is adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### ii. 2019 Insurance Coverage

<b>RESOLUTION</b> <b>2019-18</b>
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**Moved:** A. Kappes  
**Seconded:** B. Rankin

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed and accepts the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee for the renewal of the 2019 Insurance coverage for APH and;

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed and accepts the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee and approves the purchase of Network Service Agreement coverage to be added to the Cyber insurance coverage at an incremental cost of \$2,000 and;

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed and accepts the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee and approves increasing the Cyber insurance liability limit at an incremental cost of \$2,000.

**CARRIED**

### iii. Financial Statements

J. Pino presented the Financial Statements

<b>RESOLUTION</b> <b>2019-19</b>
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**Moved:** M. Scott  
**Seconded:** A. Kappes

THAT the Financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2018 was reviewed and approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

## 7.0 New Business/General Business

Not Applicable

## 8.0 Correspondence

- a. Letter to the Executive Director Legalization of Cannabis Secretariat, Ministry of the Attorney General from Southwestern Public Health Unit regarding Regulatory Framework for Cannabis Storefronts in Ontario dated January 10, 2019.
- b. Letter to the Premier of Ontario from Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit regarding Support of a Provincial Oral Health Program for Seniors dated February 6, 2019.
- c. Letter to the Premier of Ontario from Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit regarding Support for Provincial Oral Health Program for Low-Income Adults and Seniors dated February 14, 2019.

## 9.0 Items for Information

Not Applicable

## 10.0 Addendum

Not Applicable

## 11.0 In Camera - 6:26 pm

For discussion of labour relations and employee negotiations, matters about identifiable individuals, **adoption of in camera minutes**, security of the property of the board, litigation or potential litigation.

**RESOLUTION**  
**2019-20**

**Moved:** L. Caicco Tett  
**Seconded:** H. O'Brien

THAT the Board of Health go in camera.

**CARRIED**

## 12.0 Open Meeting - 6:33 pm

The Board of Health returned to open meeting without report:

- a. Resolutions resulting from in-camera meeting.  
Not applicable

## 13.0 Announcements / Next Committee Meetings:

### Governance Committee

March 18, 2019 (time to be determined)

Prince Meeting Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

### Board of Health Meeting:

March 27, 2019 @ 5:00 pm

Sault Ste. Marie, Room A

## 14.0 Evaluation

L. Mason reminded all members to complete the monthly evaluation.

15.0 Adjournment - 6:45 pm

RESOLUTION  
2019-24

Moved: M. Scott

Seconded: A. Kappes

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.

CARRIED

Lee Mason  
Lee Mason, Chair  
March 27/19  
Date

Tania Caputo  
Tania Caputo, Secretary  
Mar 27-2019.  
Date