

**Board of Health Meeting  
MINUTES**

**September 23, 2020 at 5:00 pm**

**Video/Teleconference | Algoma Community Room**

*\* Meeting held during the provincially declared emergency*

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESENT :** Lee Mason - BOH Chair  
Deborah Graystone - Gov. Chair  
Dr. Patricia Avery  
Sally Hagman

**APH EXECUTIVE**

Tania Caputo - Board Secretary

**GUEST :** Deborah Antonello - Presentation

**VC/TC :** Ed Pearce - F&AC Chair  
Louise Caicco Tett  
Micheline Hatfield  
Dr. Heather O'Brien  
Brent Rankin  
Matthew Scott

Dr. Marlene Spruyt - Medical Officer of Health/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

**GUEST :** Lisa O'Brien - Presentation

*\* Proceedings are being recorded via WebEx and will be available for public viewing.*

**1.0 Meeting Called to Order**

**a. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

No conflicts declared.

**2.0 Adoption of Agenda**

**RESOLUTION  
2020-70**

**Moved:** B. Rankin

**Seconded:** P. Avery

THAT the **Board of Health agenda dated September 23, 2020** be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3.0 Delegations / Presentations**

**a. Health Equity - Basic Income Guarantee**

Deborah Antonello and Lisa O'Brien delivered the Basic Income presentation explaining the relationship between low income and poor health outcomes. Basic Income is a policy opportunity for improving population health. There was an interest in seeing data from the Basic Income pilots and staff will bring that forward at a future Board of Health Meeting.

**b. Basic Income resolution**

**RESOLUTION  
2020-71**

**Moved:** H. O'Brien

**Seconded:** S. Hagman

Whereas addressing the 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 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 insecurity, housing and basic necessities of life; and

Whereas currently, 14.2% of Canadians, 13.7 % of Ontarians and 16.1% 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 are not sufficient to ensure adequate, secure income for all; and

Whereas the current economic disruption of COVID-19 has exacerbated income inequality to unprecedented levels, with certain priority populations (e.g. immigrants, refugees, low-income workers, having been disproportionately impacted: and

Whereas the Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) was created as a temporary measure to respond to the immediate economic crisis associated with COVID-19; and

Whereas this is an opportunity to build healthy public policy by restructuring CERB into a basic income program for all Canadians; and

Whereas a basic income program will reduce persistent poverty and improve Canadians' health, and their ability to manage future and existing income challenges; and

Whereas the concept of a basic income has been endorsed by many, including, Association of Local Public Health Agencies (Ontario), Canadian Medical Association, Canadian Public Health Association, Ontario Public Health Association, and the Ontario Dietitians in Public Health, as part of multipronged approach to reducing poverty; and

Whereas there is growing public and political sector support for a national basic income.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Board of Health of Algoma Public Health write to the Prime Minister of Canada recommending the revision of the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) into a basic income for all Canadians, during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

And furthermore That the Premier of Ontario, Algoma District MPs and MPPs and municipal councils, the Sault Ste. Marie Poverty Round Table, the North Shore Poverty Network, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, the Ontario Public Health Association, and the Boards of Health in Ontario receive a copy of the Board's letter to the Prime Minister.

**CARRIED**

#### 4.0 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

**RESOLUTION  
2020-72**

**Moved:** H. O'Brien

**Seconded:** D. Graystone

THAT the **June 24, 2020 Board of Health Minutes, August 18, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes and September 2, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes** be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### 5.0 Business Arising from Minutes

#### 6.0 Reports to the Board

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

- i. MOH Report, September 2020
- ii. Public Health System Evaluation - *for information only*
- iii. There is an opportunity for interested Board members to attend the virtual Advance Program Leadership Sessions for collaborative governance.

**RESOLUTION  
2020-73**

**Moved:** B. Rankin

**Seconded:** E. Pearce

THAT the **report of the Medical Officer of Health and CEO for September 2020** be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

##### b. Finance and Audit

- i. Financial Statements
- ii. COVID Costs

J.Pino provided an overview of the Financial Statements, highlighting the funding approved and where it is allocated.

**RESOLUTION  
2020-74**

**Moved:** E. Pearce

**Seconded:** P. Avery

THAT the **unaudited Financial Statements for the period ending July 31, 2020** be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

##### ii. Infant Development Annual Reconciliation

**RESOLUTION  
2020-75**

**Moved:** E. Pearce

**Seconded:** M. Hatfield

THAT the Board of Health receives and approves the **Transfer Payment Annual Reconciliation for the Infant Development program** as presented.

**CARRIED**

### iii Levy Reimbursement Briefing Note

#### RESOLUTION 2020-76

**Moved:** E. Pearce

**Seconded:** P. Avery

THAT, as a result of the 2020 levy increase being a direct result of the previously announced cost-sharing changes, the Board of Health for the District of Algoma reimburse contributing municipalities a total \$229,265 to be apportioned based on 2016 Census data.

**CARRIED**

### c. Governance

#### i. Governance Committee Chair Report

#### ii. 02-05-015 Conflict of Interest - Policy

#### iv. 02-05-035 Continuing Education for Board Members

#### iii. 02-05-080 Performance Evaluation for MOH CEO - Policy

#### v. 02-05-086 Sponsorship of Charitable Organizations

#### RESOLUTION 2020-77

**Moved:** S. Hagman

**Seconded:** H. O'Brien

THAT the **Governance Committee Chair report** for September 2020 be accepted as presented.

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed and approves **Policy 02-05-015 Conflict of Interest** as presented, and;

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed and approves **Policy 02-05-035 Continuing Education for Board Members** as presented, and;

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed and approves **Policy 02-05-080 Performance Evaluation for MOH CEO** as presented, and;

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed and approves **Policy 02-05-086 Sponsorship of Charitable Organizations** as presented.

**CARRIED**

## 7.0 New Business/General Business

## 8.0 Correspondence

- a. Emails addressed to the Board of Health regarding the direction to mask in indoor public places. Lee advised that there have been many communications received from community members strongly opposed to or in favour of mask wearing.
- b. Letter to the Prime Minister of Canada, The Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance from Peterborough Public Health regarding **Basic Income for Income Security during Covid-19 Pandemic and Beyond** dated June 25, 2020.
- c. Letter to the Prime Minister of Canada, The Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance from Porcupine Health Unit regarding **Basic Income for Income Security during Covid-19 Pandemic and Beyond** dated June 29, 2020.
- d. Letter to the Prime Minister of Canada, The Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance from Renfrew County and District Health Unit regarding **Basic Income for Income Security during Covid-19 Pandemic and Beyond** dated July 16, 2020.

- e. Letter to the Prime Minister of Canada, The Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance from Chatham-Kent Public Health regarding **Basic Income for Income Security during Covid-19 Pandemic and Beyond** dated July 27, 2020.
- f. Letter to the Minister of Health and Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada from Chatham-Kent Public Health regarding **The Decriminalization of Personal Possession of Illicit Drugs** dated July 30, 2020.
- g. Letter to the Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care from Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit regarding **Health Unit Funding During COVID-19**, dated August 19, 2020.

## 9.0 Items for Information

- a. Letter to the Minister of Health from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies regarding **Protecting Children and Youth from Dangers of Vaping** dated July 9 2020.

## 10.0 Addendum

## 11.0 In-Camera 6:27 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 2020-78

**Moved:** P. Avery

**Seconded:** D. Graystone

THAT the Board of Health go in-camera.

**CARRIED**

## 12.0 Open Meeting - 6:56 pm

There were no resolutions resulting from the in-camera meeting.

## 13.0 Announcements / Next Committee Meetings:

### Finance & Audit Committee Meeting

October 14, 2020 @ 5:00 pm

Webex Audio / Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

### Board of Health Meeting

October 28, 2020 @ 5:00 pm

WebEx Audio / Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

### Governance Committee Meeting

November 18, 2020 @ 5:00 pm

WebEx Audio / Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

## 14.0 Evaluation

Reminder to Board members to complete the meeting evaluation.

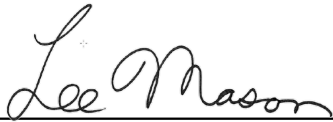
15.0 Adjournment

**RESOLUTION  
2020-81**

**Moved:** S. Hagman  
**Seconded:** M. Hatfield

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.

**CARRIED**



Lee Mason, Chair

October 28, 2020

Date



Tania Caputo, Secretary

October 28, 2020

Date