

Board of Health Special Meeting

MINUTES

June 3, 2020 at 5:00 pm

Webex Audio and Videoconference | Algoma Community Room

** Meeting held during the provincially declared emergency*

PRESENT : **BOARD MEMBERS**

APH EXECUTIVE

Dr. Marlene Spruyt - Medical Officer of Health/CEO

Tania Caputo - Board Secretary

Audio and Video Conference: Lee Mason - BOH Chair
Ed Pearce - F&AC Chair
Deborah Graystone - Gov. Chair
Dr. Patricia Avery
Louise Caicco Tett
Sally Hagman
Micheline Hatfield
Dr. Heather O'Brien
Brent Rankin
Matthew Scott

1.0 Meeting Called to Order 5:02 pm

a. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None declared

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

RESOLUTION

2020-49

Moved: D. Graystone

Seconded: B. Rankin

THAT the Board of Health Special Meeting agenda dated June 3, 2020 be approved as presented.

3.0 Reporting Concerns

L. Mason read the resolution for the Special Meeting:

THAT a special meeting be held to address and identify the reporting concerns between APH leadership and a number of municipalities in the Algoma region and create a process to move forward.

There was discussion to recap the events leading up to this meeting and agreement about the concerns that would be addressed. Board members expressed opinions to improve the communication process that goes beyond the Stakeholder Communication Policy that was approved in the May 27, 2020 Board of Health meeting. There is recognition and support from the Board that APH should follow best practice guidelines while also having a clear process and route of communication when information is requested by APH stakeholders. It is important to note that APH staff continue to support municipalities and other community stakeholders on all Public Health issues and communication plays a vital role in that process.

There were letters sent to the Chief Medical Officer of Health regarding Transparency of Algoma Public Health by the Town of Blind River, St. Joseph Municipality, Tarbutt Township, Johnson Township, the City of Elliot Lake, The Corporation of the Township of Prince, The Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Add'l, Plummer Additional, The Corporation of the Town of Bruce Mines, and Laird Township. Four of the ten letters were received by the chair of the Board of Health and the MOH by carbon copy. The requests for information process was discussed with suggestions to clarify and improve visibility of these steps on the website and to communicate the process to the municipalities.

The grouping of the 4 areas in Algoma that were developed to report positive cases were discussed by M. Spruyt. Through consultation with the municipalities, the defined areas for data reporting will be reviewed. Also, the number of tests taken and results where available would be included in the reporting.

Three directives were decided to move forward with:

- 1) The APH Website will contain a post outlining the process for communicating with the Board of Health. A specific communication to the municipalities acknowledging there have been concerns and inviting them to reach the Board of Health by this means.
- 2) APH will review how the reporting areas are defined in consultation with the municipalities.
- 3) Include in the reporting data the tests that are done and results where available.

4.0 Announcements / Next Committee Meetings:

Finance & Audit Committee Meeting

June 10, 2020 @ 5:00 pm

Webex Video / Teleconference | SSM Algoma Community Room

Governance Committee Meeting

June 17, 2020 @ 5:00 pm

Webex Video / Teleconference | SSM Algoma Community Room

Board of Health Meeting

June 24, 2020 @ 5:00 pm

Webex Video / Teleconference | SSM Algoma Community Room

5.0 Adjournment 6:14 pm

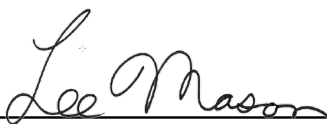
RESOLUTION

2020-50

Moved: E. Pearce

Seconded: D. Graystone

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.



Lee Mason, Chair

September 23, 2020

Date



Tania Caputo, Secretary

September 23, 2020

Date