

# Board of Health Meeting MINUTES

## March 24, 2021 at 5:00 pm

# Video/Teleconference | Algoma Community Room \* Meeting held during the provincially declared emergency

## PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS

Sally Hagman - Board Chair Ed Pearce - 1st Vice Chair

Deborah Graystone - 2nd Vice Chair

Louise Caicco Tett

Lee Mason

Micheline Hatfield Patricia Avery Musa Onyuna Brent Rankin

Matthew Scott

**GUESTS:** Kristy Harper and Lilianna Bressan (presenting)

#### **APH EXECUTIVE**

Dr. Jennifer Loo - Acting Medical Officer of Health / CEO Antoniette Tomie - Director of Corporate Services

Laurie Zeppa - Director of Programs

Joel Merrylees - Controller Tania Caputo - Board Secretary

# 1.0 Meeting Called to Order

a. Declaration of Conflict of Interest.

No conflicts were declared.

# 2.0 Adoption of Agenda

RESOLUTION Moved: P. Avery 2021-21 Seconded: L. Mason

THAT the Board of Health agenda dated March 24, 2021 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED** 

## 3.0 Delegations / Presentations

#### a. Impacts of Climate Change on Algoma

The presentation was delivered by Kristy Harper, Program Manager, Community Wellness & Chief Nursing Officer and Liliana Bressan, Public Health Specialist, Environment & Health. The full presentation is available in the meeting package.

# . Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLUTION Moved: M. Hatfield
2021-22 Seconded: B. Rankin

THAT the Board of Health meeting minutes dated February 24, 2021 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED** 

# 5.0 Business Arising from Minutes

No business arising.

<sup>\*</sup> Proceedings are being recorded via Webex and will be available for public viewing.

#### 6.0 Reports to the Board

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

i. MOH Report - March 2021

J.Loo reported on the COVID-19 response, managing cases in Algoma and implementing COVID vaccine immunization accross the district. She advised on the current yellow zone status in Algoma and the risks ahead with Easter and March break just around the corner. Our teams continue to emphasize vigiliance with key public health messaging to avoid non-essential travel and non-essential visitors as well. APH teams work closely with workplaces to make sure safety protocols are being adhered to.

The province has provided funding to shore up infection prevention and control (IPAC) to mainly support congregate living settings.

An update was provided on vaccines administered to date with a look at the coverage of the entire population and this will continue to be updated on the webpage. Questions about second doses and the number of people being vaccinated were answered.

**RESOLUTION Moved:** D. Graystone **2021-23 Seconded:** L. Caicco Tett

THAT the report of the Medical Officer of Health/CEO for March 2021 be accepted as presented.

#### **CARRIED**

#### b. Finance and Audit

#### ii. Financial Statements - in Addendum

J. Merrylees provided an overview of the Financial Statements and spoke about the submission to the province for extraordinary costs for APH.

RESOLUTION Moved: P. Avery 2021-24 Seconded: L. Mason

THAT the Board of Health approves the Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ending January 30, 2021, as presented.

#### **CARRIED**

# c. Governance

i. Governance Committee Chair Report

**RESOLUTION Moved:** P. Avery **2021-25 Seconded:** L. Caicco Tett

THAT the Governance Committee Chair Report for March 2021 be accepted as presented.

#### **CARRIED**

# ii. Policy #02-04-001 - Composition and Accountability of Board of Directors

RESOLUTION Moved: P. Avery
2021-26 Seconded: L. Caicco Tett

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed and approves **Policy #02-04-001 - Composition and Accountability of Board of Directors,** as presented.

#### **CARRIED**

# iii. Policy #02-05-030 - Board Member Code of Conduct

RESOLUTION Moved: E. Pearce
2021-27 Seconded: L. Mason

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed and approves **Policy #02-05-30 - Board Member Code of Conduct** as presented.

#### **CARRIED**

## iv. Policy #02-05-045 - Attendance at Meetings Using Electronic Means

RESOLUTION Moved: L. Caicco Tett
2021-28 Seconded: P. Avery

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed and approves **Policy #02-05-045 - Attendance at Meetings Using Electronic Means,** as presented.

**CARRIED** 

# v. Policy #02-05-075 - Election and Selection Process for Chair and Vice-Chairs

RESOLUTION Moved: B. Rankin
2021-29 Seconded: L. Mason

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed and approves **Policy #02-05-075 - Election and Selection Process for Chair and Vice-Chairs** as presented.

**CARRIED** 

# vi. Policy #02-05-087 - Terms of Office

RESOLUTION Moved: L. Caicco Tett
2021-30 Seconded: P. Avery

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed and approves Policy #02-05-087 - Terms of Office as presented.

**CARRIED** 

#### vii. Policy #02-05-089 - APH Chair Roles and Responsibilities

RESOLUTION Moved: E. Pearce
2021-31 Seconded: B. Rankin

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed and approves **Policy #02-05-089 - APH Chair Roles and Responsibilities** as presented.

**CARRIED** 

# viii. BOH Terms - for information only

#### 7.0 New Business/General Business

#### a. Chair of Boards of Health Meeting

S. Hagman sits on this board with 34 other BOH chairs and described cautious optimism among the group with regards to the COVID-19 response. There was concern about big box stores having priveleges that smaller businesses do not enjoy. There is great concern about variants and the effect they will have. It is felt that consistent messaging across the province is essential.

## b. Algoma Vaccination Council Update

L. Caicco Tett provided an overview of group that includes 30 different businesses with the goal of supporting COVID-19 vaccination in Algoma. A subcommittee has been formed to arrange and deliver meals to the vaccination locations. Please contact L. Caicco Tett if there are any vaccination centres in the district that are in need of meals for staff working at the clinics.

# 8.0 Correspondence

No correspondence received.

#### 9.0 Items for Information

a. Employee Appreciation Day - link

#### 10.0 Addendum

a. Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ending January 30, 2021 - reviewed in item 6.0 b. ii.

#### 11.0 In-Camera

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

RESOLUTION Moved: E. Pearce
2021-32 Seconded: M. Hatfield

THAT the Board of Health go in-camera.

**CARRIED** 

## 12.0 Open Meeting

There are no resolutions resulting from the in camera meeting.

## 13.0 Announcements / Next Committee Meetings:

# **Finance and Audit Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 @ 5:00 pm Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

# **Board of Health Meeting**

Wednesday, April 28, 2021 @ 5:00 pm Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

#### **Governance Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 @ 5:00 pm Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

## 14.0 Evaluation

S. Hagman reminded all board members to please complete the meeting evaluation.

Before adjourning, S. Hagman thanked P. Avery for her years of service on the APH Board of Health. This is her last meeting as a Provincial Appointee on this board.

D. Graystone provided feedback received regarding the great organization and management of the COVID-19 Vaccine clinics at GFL and other locations.

#### 15.0 Adjournment

RESOLUTION Moved: L. Caicco Tett
2021-35 Seconded: D. Graystone

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.

**CARRIED** 

agman, Chair Tania Caputo, Secretary

April 28, 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ April 28, 2021

Date