



Board of Health Meeting
MINUTES

April 28, 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
Lee Mason
Micheline Hatfield
Musa Onyuna
Brent Rankin
Matthew Scott

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

REGRETS : Louise Caicco Tett

** 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 were declared.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

**RESOLUTION
2021-38**

Moved: L. Mason

Seconded: D. Graystone

THAT the Board of Health agenda dated April 28, 2021 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3.0 Delegations / Presentations

No presentation this meeting.

4.0 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

**RESOLUTION
2021-39**

Moved: B. Rankin

Seconded: E. Pearce

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

CARRIED

5.0 Business Arising from Minutes

No business arising from the minutes.

6.0 Reports to the Board

- a. **Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer Reports**
i. MOH Report - April 2021

J. Loo reported on local COVID activity has crested, noting that weekly cases and percent positivity would put us in the yellow range if we were back in the provincial framework. We continue to see very high rates across the province accompanied by increased hospitalizations and ICU stays. Local health care is affected as we accommodate overflow from other regions. Background was provided on the partnership with local social services to access Federal government funding through a safe, voluntary isolation site program (SVISP). The funding allows accommodations to be provided for people who are vulnerably housed or live in conditions that are not conducive to safe quarantine or isolation. An update was given on future immunization priorities, community partnerships were highlighted, along with the work APH staff are engaged in related to immunization across the district. J. Loo answered questions about the Astra Zeneca vaccine and availability locally. Vaccine hesitancy among health care workers in long-term care homes was discussed, and techniques through health promotion to encourage vaccine acceptance. She responded to questions about dose intervals and allocations, and working with our partners to exploring strategies and technical components for maximum uptake.

L. Zeppa addressed questions about risk identified in the Healthy Growth and Development report - noting the data shown is from 2018/19 and flagged continued and increased risk in the same areas with COVID-19 as a contributing factor.

RESOLUTION

2021-40

Moved: L. Mason

Seconded: M. Hatfield

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

CARRIED

b. Finance and Audit

i. Finance and Audit Committee Chair Report

E. Pearce provided a summary of the Finance and Audit Committee meeting on April 14, 2021, including the draft Audit Findings report.

RESOLUTION

2021-41

Moved: E. Pearce

Seconded: D. Graystone

THAT the Finance and Audit Committee Chair Report for April 14, 2021 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

ii. Draft Audited Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2020.

E. Pearce provided the summary of the chair report. J. Merrylees addressed points in the report identifying receipt of funding and fluctuations in expenses related to COVID-19.

RESOLUTION

2021-42

Moved: E. Pearce

Seconded: D. Graystone

THAT the Board of Health approves the Draft Audited Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED

iii. Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ending February 28, 2021.

A summary of the February 28, 2021 unaudited Financial Statements was provided by E. Pearce with J. Merrylees providing detail and A. Tomie responding to questions about recruitment.

RESOLUTION

2021-43

Moved: E. Pearce

Seconded: L. Mason

THAT the Board of Health approves the Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ending February 28, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

7.0 New Business/General Business

a. Chair of Boards of Health Meeting

S. Hagman provided a summary of discussion among Board of Health Chairs, sharing concerns from areas where infection rates are high. Similar experiences all communities face are the demand for vaccine and challenges related to vaccine hesitancy.

b. Algoma Vaccination Council Update

S. Hagman provided a summary of L. Caicco Tett's report in her absence that can be found in the meeting package.

c. Evaluations Review

S. Hagman provided a commentary on the monthly evaluations to date, encouraging participation by all board members.

8.0 Correspondence

No correspondence to include.

9.0 Items for Information

a. alPHa Information Break - April 2021.

Provides information on the upcoming virtual conference - board members may express interest by contacting T. Caputo.

b. alPHa Fitness Challenge

Board members are asked to send physical activity photos to T.Caputo for this challenge before the May Board of Health Meeting.

10.0 Addendum

a. Finance and Audit Committee Chair report - discussed at Item 6 b. i.

Policy #02-05-065 Algoma Board of Health Reserve Fund was brought up to advise that staff will provide information to the Finance and Audit Committee once again and then this will move to the Board of Health rather than through Governance.

11.0 In-Camera

Board members are asked to send physical activity photos to T.Caputo for this challenge before the May Board of Health Meeting.

**RESOLUTION
2021-44**

Moved: M. Scott
Seconded: E. Pearce

THAT the Board of Health go in-camera.

CARRIED

12.0 Open Meeting

There are no resolutions resulting from in camera meeting.

13.0 Announcements / Next Committee Meetings:

Governance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 @ 5:00 pm

Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

Board of Health Meeting

Wednesday, May 26, 2021 @ 5:00 pm

Finance & Audit Committee

Wednesday, June 9, 2021 @ 5:00 pm

Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

14.0 Evaluation

T. Caputo will send the evaluation for this meeting.

15.0 Adjournment

**RESOLUTION
2021-47**

Moved: M. Scott

Seconded: D. Graystone

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.

CARRIED



S. Hagman, Chair

May 26, 2021

Date



Tania Caputo, Secretary

May 26, 2021

Date