



Board of Health Meeting
MINUTES

June 23, 2021 at 5:00 pm

Video/Teleconference | Algoma Community Room

** Meeting held during the provincially declared emergency*

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT : Sally Hagman - Board Chair
Ed Pearce - 1st Vice-Chair
Deborah Graystone - 2nd Vice-Chair
Lee Mason
Micheline Hatfield
Musa Onyuna
Brent Rankin
Louise Caicco Tett

APH EXECUTIVE

Dr. Jennifer Loo - Acting Medical Officer of Health / CEO
Antionette Tomie - Director of Corporate Services
Laurie Zeppa - Director of Programs
Joel Merrylees - Controller
Tania Caputo - Board Secretary

GUESTS : Corina Artuso - Youth Advisor, Public Health Programs, currently serving as Indigenous Liaison - Presenting
REGRETS : Matthew Scott

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

1.0 Meeting Called to Order

a. Land Acknowledgment

Welcome to board members and guests

b. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

**RESOLUTION
2021-59**

Moved: B. Rankin
Seconded: D. Graystone

THAT the Board of Health agenda dated June 23, 2021, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3.0 Delegations / Presentations

No presentation at this meeting.

4.0 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

**RESOLUTION
2021-60**

Moved: M. Hatfield
Seconded: L. Mason

THAT the Board of Health meeting minutes dated May 26, 2021, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5.0 Business Arising from Minutes

a. BOH Skills Matrix Evaluation

Review of the evaluation completed by the current Board members to assess capabilities and areas to develop with future board appointments.

6.0 Reports to the Board

a. Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer Reports

i. MOH Report - June 2021

J. Loo provided an update on the COVID-19 Response and immunization. Algoma is now at .9 cases per 100,000, well within acceptable limits. At this time, 77% of adult residents have received at least one dose of the vaccine, and we have exceeded the 20% threshold of adults fully immunized with two doses. We expect to receive shipments in the weeks to come of the interchangeable Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. Currently, anyone who received a first dose on or before May 9 may book their second dose. Beginning next week, the Province will accelerate further by offering second dose to anyone 18 plus within the 21-28 day interval. APH continues to work with partners at Mass Immunization clinics, Primary Care providers are giving vaccines to patients, and 25 pharmacies in the district are immunizing.

L. Zeppa provided an update on the programs APH have provided through our Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP). The program itself is built with the Health Equity goal in mind, ensuring it is at the forefront of planning for the COVID response, mass immunizations, and delivery of our programs. COOP created the framework for setting priorities; however, we kept the programs that met the needs of those who are more marginalized and vulnerable even while staff were deployed to the COVID response. The Health Equity approach will also guide us as we plan for restoration and recovery over the summer. Human resources will be at the forefront of our planning as we bring resources back to programs and lessons learned during COVID.

J. Loo responded to questions about the opioid crisis in Algoma, where we are among the top 4 public health units in the Province for opioid-related mortality during the pandemic. We increased harm reduction services during the pandemic, such as giving out naloxone kits and partners brought on board providing clean needle services. The mental health and addiction treatment and preventive services required are challenging on their own with limited resources but a much more significant challenge during COVID. The northern Medical Officers of Health routinely collaborate on several topics and are reviewing mortality reports to see the unique drivers in the north. This will allow us to define root causes and work with partners to advocate for further resources. Given our current twin crisis, we cannot fully respond to both in a meaningful way. A fall Board of Health presentation has been set aside for this topic. In response to a question about Naloxone usage, the data will be compiled for the Board of Health meeting in September.

C. Artuso provided a background summary on the original APH land acknowledgement and shared proposed changes to the next steps in our evolving learning process as we move towards reconciliation. The briefing note is included in the board package outlining the recommended changes, including the adoption of a comprehensive district-wide acknowledgement to be inclusive of all areas of Algoma District where we are living and working. Treaty 9 for Missanabie-Cree will be included and a more fulsome acknowledgment of Metis communities in Algoma.

Discussion continued with input from Board Members and a decision to bring this forward to the September Board meeting to ensure that any additional language changes are included. In the future, the Land Acknowledgement will be read at the beginning of each meeting.

RESOLUTION 2021-61

Moved: M. Hatfield
Seconded: L. Mason

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

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b. Finance and Audit

i. Finance and Audit Committee Chair Report

**RESOLUTION
2021-62**

Moved: L. Mason
Seconded: D. Graystone

THAT the Finance and Audit Committee Chair Report for June 2021 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

ii. Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ending April 30, 2021.

**RESOLUTION
2021-63**

Moved: B. Rankin
Seconded: L. Mason

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

CARRIED

c. Briefing Note - Options for Surplus

**RESOLUTION
2021-64**

Moved: E. Pearce
Seconded: L. Mason

That the Board of Health accepts the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee and directs staff to transfer \$250,000 from APH's operating account into the Reserve Fund due to the 2020 surplus.

CARRIED

d. Briefing Note - Capital Reserve Fund

**RESOLUTION
2021-65**

Moved: E. Pearce
Seconded: L. Caicco Tett

That the Board of Health accepts the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee and will not establish a separate capital reserve fund.

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7.0 New Business/General Business

a. Algoma Vaccination Council Update: Moving to every two weeks with - as a committee

L. Caicco Tett provided an update on the council's activities, including supporting GFL, Richards Landing, Blind River, Thessalon and First Nation Communities of Batchewana, Garden River and Thessalon by providing lunches that, in turn, helps local eateries and local business. Vaccination and testing support for business places and providing information and advocating for vaccination in Algoma.

b. alPHA Conference Meeting Report

D. Graystone, M. Onyuna and S. Hagman provided reports and feedback on the virtual conference.

8.0 Correspondence

Not Applicable

9.0 Items for Information

- a.** MOH Minister's OPHS Memo - for information only
- b.** Report for Council on Algoma Public Health - for information only

10.0 Addendum

Not Applicable

11.0 In-Camera

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

2021-66

Moved: L. Mason

Seconded: E. Pearce

THAT the Board of Health go in-camera.

CARRIED

12.0 Open Meeting

No resolutions resulting from the in-camera meeting.

13.0 Announcements / Next Committee Meetings:

Governance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 8, 2021 @ 5:00 pm

Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

Board of Health

Meeting

Wednesday, September 22, 2021 @ 5:0

Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

Finance & Audit Committee

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 @ 5:00 pm

Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

14.0 Evaluation

The monthly and yearly evaluations will be sent to Board members.

15.0 Adjournment

RESOLUTION

2021-69

Moved: D. Graystone

Seconded: L. Caicco Tett

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.

CARRIED



Sally Hagman, Chair

September 22, 2021

Date



Tania Caputo, Secretary

September 22, 2021

Date