



Board of Health Meeting
MINUTES
November 24, 2021 at 5:00 pm
Video/Teleconference

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
Matthew Scott
Louise Caicco Tett

APH MEMBERS

Dr. Jennifer Loo - Medical Officer of Health & CEO
Dr. John Tuinema - Associate Medical Officer of Health &
Director of Health Protection
Antionette Tomie - Director of Corporate Services
Laurie Zeppa - Director of Health Promotion & Prevention
Leo Vecchio - Manager of Communications
Liliana Bressan - Research Policy Advisor
Leslie Dunseath - Financial Analyst
Tania Caputo - Board Secretary

REGRETS : Matthew Scott

Tanya Storozuk - Executive Assistant

** Recorded proceedings are available upon request*

1.0 Meeting Called to Order

- a. **Land Acknowledgement** - read by S. Hagman
- b. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest** - No conflicts were declared

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

RESOLUTION
2021-103

Moved: L. Caicco Tett
Seconded: L. Mason

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

CARRIED

3.0 Delegations / Presentations

Not applicable

4.0 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLUTION
2021-104

Moved: D. Graystone
Seconded: M. Onyuna

THAT the Board of Health meeting minutes dated October 27, 2021 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5.0 Business Arising from Minutes

Not applicable

6.0 Reports to the Board

a. Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer Reports

i. MOH Report - November 24, 2021

J. Loo provided an update on the key statement issued to all Algoma communities as a result of the surge in cases to take three key actions; get vaccinated, stay home if sick even if fully immunized, and cut down on unmasked close contact activities which has been driving ongoing community transmission. Additional mandatory measures, reinstating capacity limits that were recently lifted by the province and strengthened masking and physical distancing requirements.

A class order was issued under section 22 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act requiring any confirmed or suspected individuals with COVID and close contacts to isolate and follow public health direction. Non-compliance is an offence and can be enforced on conviction liable to fines. J. Loo acknowledged the tremendous work and long hours taken on by all members of the APH team as they continue to respond to a very high number of cases.

We are receiving assistance for case contact management from the Provincial Workforce as well as a partner health unit so that we can continue to notify cases in a timely way. We have continued to progress well with immunization with over 90% of eligible residents receiving one dose and 86% with two doses. This brings us to 77% or approximately 88,000 of the total population of Algoma are fully immunized. Health Canada has now approved for 5-11 year olds to receive the Pfizer pediatric vaccine and are now recommended by the national advisory committee on immunization. We anticipate midweek arrival of the vaccine and our earliest clinic at the end of this week is already booked up in Sault Ste. Marie. We also have district clinics that are rapidly being booked up. There will also be additional appointments and walk in opportunities at participating pharmacies as well as primary care providers. In regards to the ongoing surge - our rates have remained very high and even with vaccination rates being high we will be proceeding with additional measures targeting high risk activities in the community where unmasked close contact takes place.

We have been working with school partners to implement additional measures in those settings. Everything is being done in consultation with local stakeholders as well as the provincial office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health. With the arrival of vaccines everyone is that much more protected given our high coverage rates, however there are still those vulnerable and we must preserve health care capacity. We are balancing the commitment to keep schools and businesses safely open with the need to temper some activities. Additional measures will be a targeted approach rather than widespread implementation across municipalities and there is a liaison working with municipalities at the local level for additional measures where warranted.

**RESOLUTION
2021-100**

Moved: L. Mason
Seconded: E. Pearce

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

CARRIED

ii. 2022 Budget Presentation (in Addendum)

J. Loo provided an overview of the Budget presentation that is available in the meeting package.

b. Finance and Audit

i. Finance & Audit Committee Chair Report - November 10, 2021

E. Pearce presented the report that is available in the meeting package.

**RESOLUTION
2021-105**

Moved: L. Mason
Seconded: D. Graystone

THAT the Board of Health approves the Finance & Audit Committee Chair Report for November 10, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

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

E. Pearce, and L. Dunseath presented

**RESOLUTION
2021-106**

Moved: L. Mason
Seconded: E. Pearce

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

CARRIED

iii. **2022 Public Health Operating and Capital Budget.**

RESOLUTION
2021-107

Moved: D. Graystone
Seconded: L. Caicco Tett

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed and accepts the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee to approve the **2022 Public Health Operating and Capital Budget.**

On roll call vote

E. Pearce-1st Vice-Chair	In favour
D. Graystone - 2nd Vice-Chair	In favour
L. Mason	In favour
M. Hatfield	In favour
M. Onyuna	Not in favour
B. Rankin	In favour
M. Scott	Absent
L. Caicco Tett	In favour
S. Hagman - Board Chair	In favour

CARRIED

c. **Governance**

i. **Governance Committee Chair Report - November 16, 2021**

RESOLUTION
2021-108

Moved: S. Hagman
Seconded: M. Onyuna

THAT the Board of Health approves the Governance Committee Chair Report for November 16, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

7.0 New Business/General Business

Algoma Vaccination Council Update - presented by L. Caicco Tett. The conversation has been about vaccination policies and also regarding funding meals for staff working at immunization clinics.

8.0 Correspondence

- a. Letter to the Ministry of Health, from Algoma Public Health regarding **Annualized IPAC Hub Funding and Increase Provincial Base Funding** dated November 16, 2021.
- b. Letter to the Ministry of Health, from Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit regarding **Vision services for patients under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP)**. dated November 18, 2021.

9.0 Items for Information

Not applicable

10.0 Addendum

- a. **2022 Budget Presentation - presented in item 6.c. iii.**
- b. **alPHa Fall Symposium Minutes** - Overview provided by L. Caicco Tett is available in the meeting package.

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
2021-109

Moved: M. Hatfield
Seconded: L. Caicco Tett

THAT the Board of Health go in-camera.

CARRIED

12.0 Open Meeting

No resolutions resulting from in camera meeting.

13.0 Announcements / Next Committee Meetings:

Board of Health Meeting

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 @ 5:00 pm

Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

Finance & Audit Committee

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 @ 5:00 pm

Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

Governance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 @ 5:00 pm

Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

14.0 Evaluation

S. Hagman reminded all members to complete the evaluation

15.0 Adjournment

**RESOLUTION
2021-112**

Moved: B. Rankin
Seconded: D. Graystone

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.

CARRIED



Sally Hagman, Chair

January 26, 2022

Date



Tania Caputo, Secretary

January 26, 2022

Date