



**Board of Health Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**October 26, 2022 at 5:00 pm**

**SSM Algoma Community Room & Videoconference**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

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

**APH MEMBERS**

Dr. John Tuinema - Acting Medical Officer of Health & CEO  
Antoniette Tomie - Director of Corporate Services  
Laurie Zeppa - Director of Programs  
Leo Vecchio - Manager of Communications  
Leslie Dunseath - Manager of Accounting Services  
Liliana Bressan - Manager of Effective Public Health Practice  
Kimberly Aslett - Research Policy Advisor  
Tania Caputo - Board Secretary

**GUESTS**

Hilary Cutler, Manager of Community Wellness & Oral Health, Lisa O'Brien - Health Promotion Specialist, Kelly Godson - Public Health Nurse, Amanda Perri - Epidemiologist, Mackenzie Wood-Salomon - BScN Consolidation Student

**REGRETS:** Micheline Hatfield - BOH Member, Matthew Scott - BOH Member, Tanya Storozuk - Executive Assistant

**1.0 Meeting Called to Order - 5:00 pm**

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

**2.0 Adoption of Agenda**

**RESOLUTION**

**2022-88**

**Moved:** L. Caicco Tett

**Seconded:** E. Pearce

THAT the Board of Health agenda dated October 26, 2022 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3.0 Delegations / Presentations**

- a. Substance Use Program Update: A holistic approach to addressing and preventing opioid-related harms.  
H. Cutler, Manager of Community Wellness & Oral Health introduced members of the Substance use and Harm Reduction Team. L. O'Brien, Health Promotion Specialist, Kelly Godson, Public Health Nurse, Epidemiologist Amanda Perri. She and the team spoke about Opioids, Surveillance, local response plan and next steps for this work and alignment to the APH strategic plan. Working with Priority populations to develop a shared, holistic understanding of community needs is at the core of this work.

**4.0 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**RESOLUTION**

**2022-89**

**Moved:** L. Mason

**Seconded:** L. Caicco Tett

THAT the Board of Health minutes dated September 28, 2022 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

J. Tuinema provided an update on COVID-19 in Algoma, along with current recommendations and news about vaccinations. An update on Pandemic Recovery and the launch of our Strategic Plan including an example of how reconciliation can be built into our work.

#### i. MOH Report - October 2022

**RESOLUTION**  
**2022-90**

**Moved:** L. Mason  
**Seconded:** D. Graystone

THAT the report of the Medical Officer of Health and CEO for October 2022 be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### ii. Algoma Ontario Health Team (AOHT) - Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (posted in addendum)

The AOHT partnership agreement was approved in 2020 and now seeking an extension to March 2023.

**RESOLUTION**  
**2022-91**

**Moved:** L. Mason  
**Seconded:** D. Graystone

THAT the Board of Health approve the extension to the AOHT MOU to March 31, 2023.

**CARRIED**

### b. Finance and Audit

#### i. Finance and Audit Committee Chair Report

L. Mason provided a summary of the October Finance and Audit Committee meeting.

**RESOLUTION**  
**2022-92**

**Moved:** L. Mason  
**Seconded:** E. Pearce

THAT the Finance and Audit Committee Chair Report for October 2022 be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### ii. Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ending August 31, 2022.

L. Dunseath provided a summary of the statements.

**RESOLUTION**  
**2022-93**

**Moved:** B. Rankin  
**Seconded:** L. Caicco Tett

THAT the Board of Health approves the Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ending August 31, 2022, as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### iii. 2023 Recommended Capital and Operating Budget Report

**RESOLUTION**  
**2022-94**

**Moved:** L. Mason  
**Seconded:** E. Pearce

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed and accepts the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee to approve the 2023 Public Health Capital and Operating Budget Report.

**CARRIED**

**iv. Briefing Note - Reimbursement of Funds to Garden River Wellness Centre (GRWC) for Services Not Rendered**

**RESOLUTION  
2022-95**

**Moved:** L. Mason  
**Seconded:** E. Pearce

THAT the Board of Health approve full reimbursement to the GRWC for services billed but not rendered during the COVID 19 pandemic.

**CARRIED**

**v. Briefing Note - Options for 2021 Public Health Surplus**

**RESOLUTION  
2022-96**

**Moved:** L. Mason  
**Seconded:** D. Graystone

THAT the Board of Health approve Option 1 as outlined in the briefing note, to leave a portion of the 2021 surplus in the business account.

**CARRIED**

**7.0 New Business/General Business**

**a. Increase in Provincial Base Funding for Local Public Health**

**RESOLUTION  
2022-97**

**Moved:** L. Mason  
**Seconded:** L. Caicco Tett

THAT the Board of Health of Algoma Public Health write to the Ontario Minister of Health to request that the provincial government commit to increased base funding to local public health units, such that public health units are able to sustain and routinize COVID-19 response and immunization, while simultaneously restoring the delivery of mandated public health programs and services, addressing the backlog of services suspended during the pandemic, and rebuilding local public health for resilience to protect the wellbeing of residents in Northern Ontario.

**CARRIED**

**b. Northern Public Health Human Resource Requirement Strategy**

**RESOLUTION  
2022-98**

**Moved:** L. Mason  
**Seconded:** B. Rankin

THAT the Board of Health of Algoma Public Health write to the Ontario Minister of Health to request that the provincial government commit to developing and supporting the implementation of a northern public health human resource strategy, with specific attention to public health inspectors, in collaboration with northern public health units, to address the longstanding public health human resource challenges in the north.

**CARRIED**

**c. Review Base-Funding Needs for the Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program**

**RESOLUTION  
2022-99**

**Moved:** L. Caicco Tett  
**Seconded:** D. Graystone

THAT the Board of Health of Algoma Public Health endorse the letter from Public Health Sudbury & Districts to the Ontario Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (Appendix) urging a review and increase of base-funding for the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program to ensure this critical program is sufficiently resourced to meet the current and growing needs of children and a healthy start in life.

**CARRIED**

**d. Pandemic Restrictions Take a Toll on Kids' Physical Fitness**

**(posted in addendum)**

J. Tuinema discussed that children's physical activity levels remain a priority for health.

**8.0 Correspondence**

- a. Letter to the Minister of Health from Peterborough Public Health regarding **AMO Submission - Strengthening Public Health In Ontario: Now and For the Future** dated October 4, 2022.

S. Hagman and members of the Board directed that a similar letter be drafted and distributed by APH.

- b. Letter to the Minister of Health from Algoma Public Health regarding **Response to the Opioid Poisoning Crisis: A Comprehensive Public Health Approach for Substance Use Prevention and Harm Reduction** dated October 24, 2022.

**(posted in addendum)**

**9.0 Items for Information**

- a. alPHa Information Break - October 2022

**10.0 Addendum**

6. ii. Algoma Ontario Health Team (AOHT) - Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

7. d. Pandemic Restrictions Take a Toll on Kids' Physical Fitness

8. b. Letter to the Minister of Health from Algoma Public Health regarding Response to the Opioid Poisoning

**11.0 In-Camera - 6:50 pm**

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  
2022-100**

**Moved:** D. Graystone  
**Seconded:** L. Mason

THAT the Board of Health go in-camera.

**CARRIED**

**12.0 Open Meeting - 7:25 pm**

Resolutions resulting from the in-camera meeting.

- a. IT Provider Outsourcing

**RESOLUTION  
2022-104**

**Moved:** L. Mason  
**Seconded:** E. Pearce

THAT the Board of Health approve the contract with the current IT provider be extended for a period of one year, expiring March 31, 2024

**CARRIED**

**b. Compensation Improvements for Public Health Inspectors**

**RESOLUTION  
2022-105**

**Moved:** L. Mason  
**Seconded:** L. Caicco Tett

THAT the Board of Health approve the 3 recommendations regarding Public Health Inspector compensation.

**CARRIED**

**13.0 Announcements / Next Committee Meetings:**

**Board of Health Meeting**

Wednesday, February 8, 2023 @ 5:00 pm  
Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

**Finance and Audit Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 @ 5:00 pm  
Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

**BOH Reconciliation Training**

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 @ 4:30 pm  
Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

**Board of Health Meeting**

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 @ 5:00 pm  
Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

**14.0 Monthly Evaluation - S. Hagman reminded Board members to complete the survey**

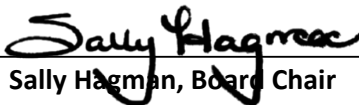
**15.0 Adjournment - 7:30 pm**

**RESOLUTION  
2022-106**

**Moved:** L. Mason  
**Seconded:** D. Graystone

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.

**CARRIED**

  
Sally Hagman, Board Chair

February 8, 2023  
Date

  
Tania Caputo, BOH Secretary

February 8, 2023  
Date