



Board of Health Meeting

MINUTES

April 26, 2023 at 5:00 pm

SSM Algoma Community Room | Video/Teleconference

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Sally Hagman - Chair
Luc Morrisette - 1st Vice-Chair
Deborah Graystone - 2nd Vice-Chair
Julila Hemphill
Loretta O'Neill
Sonia Tassone
Suzanne Trivers
Matthew Shoemaker

APH MEMBERS

Dr. Jennifer Loo - Medical Officer of Health & CEO
Dr. John Tuinema - Associate Medical Officer of Health
Antionette Tomie - Director of Corporate Services
Laurie Zeppa - Acting Director of Health Protection
Kristy Harper - Acting Director of Health Promotion & Chief Nursing Officer
Leo Vecchio - Manager of Communications
Leslie Dunseath - Manager of Accounting Services
Liliana Bressan - Manager of Effective Public Health Practice
Tania Caputo - Board Secretary

GUESTS: Hilary Cutler - Manager of Community Wellness

REGRETS: Jody Wildman

1.0 Meeting Called to Order

- a. Land Acknowledgment - read by S. Hagman
- b. Declaration of Conflict of Interest - conflict declared by J. Loo on behalf of management staff in attendance regarding compensation to be discussed in-camera.
- c. Roll Call

2.0 Adoption of Agenda - in addendum (Item 10.0)

RESOLUTION

2023-40

Moved: S. Trivers

Seconded: M. Shoemaker

THAT the Board of Health agenda dated April 26, 2023 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3.0 Delegations / Presentations

- a. Alcohol-Related Harms, Risks, and the Public Health Approach
J. Tuinema and H. Cutler presented new guidance on alcohol and health, discussed the connection between alcohol and cancer and provided stats on alcohol-related harms in Ontario and Algoma. The Public health approach was explained and recommended first steps were outlined in the alcohol labeling resolution.

- b. Support for Bill S-254 to amend the Food and Drugs Act (warning label on alcoholic beverages)

RESOLUTION

2023-41

Moved: S. Trivers

Seconded: L. Morrisette

Whereas, Canada's Guidance on Alcohol and Health (January 2023) outlines the current evidence linking alcohol to many health conditions and aims to help people make well-informed decisions about their alcohol consumption⁽¹⁾; and

Whereas, the World Health Organization has classified alcohol as a Class 1 Carcinogen and a direct causal link exists between alcohol consumption and cancers of the mouth, pharynx, larynx, esophagus, liver, colorectum, and female breast⁽²⁾; and

Whereas, over 1 in 4 Algoma residents drink heavily and breast and colorectal cancers are more frequently diagnosed in Algoma compared to Ontario⁽³⁾; and

Whereas, Public Health Ontario found that 1204 cancer deaths annually could be attributed to alcohol consumption in Ontario⁽⁴⁾; and

Whereas, the Ontario Public Health Standards Substance Use and Injury Prevention Program Standard requires that the Board of Health is aware of and uses data to influence and inform the development of local healthy public policy and Health Unit programs and services for preventing injuries, preventing substance use, and reducing harms associated with substance use⁽⁵⁾; and

Whereas, the Canadian Alcohol Policy Evaluation states that it is critical that consumers understand the risks they are assuming, given the well-established risks of consuming ethanol and the significant burden of disease associated with its use⁽⁶⁾; and

Whereas, more than 75% of Canadians report consuming alcohol⁽⁷⁾, and only 28% of Canadians are aware of the linkage between alcohol and cancer, but two-thirds of those surveyed said they would decrease their consumption with this knowledge⁽⁸⁾; and

Whereas, in Canada, tobacco and cannabis products, two other legally regulated substances^(9, 10), are already subject to mandatory warning labels, which have been found to be among the “most direct and prominent means of communicating with smokers”⁽¹¹⁾; and an “accessible format may ... better inform drinkers about their consumption and increase awareness of alcohol-related health risks.”⁽¹²⁾; and

Whereas, alcohol consumption cost Canada \$16.6 billion in healthcare, lost productivity, criminal justice, and other direct costs and was responsible for more than 18,000 deaths in 2017⁽¹³⁾; and

Whereas, Bill S-254 aligns with the recent call for warning labels that forms part of the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addictions’ new Canadian Guidance on Alcohol and Health, to “require, through regulation, the mandatory labelling of all alcoholic beverages to list the number of standard drinks in a container, the Guidance on Alcohol and Health, health warnings and nutrition information⁽¹⁾.”; and

Whereas, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA), Northwestern Health Unit, Timiskaming Health Unit, and Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit have expressed support for Bill S-254;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Board of Health of Algoma Public Health write to local Members of Parliament and the Honorable Senator Patrick Brazeau who sponsored Bill S-254 at the 44th Parliament, 1st Session, to express support for Bill S-254 An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (warning label on alcoholic beverages)⁽¹⁴⁾ and call on the federal government of Canada to implement alcohol warning labels that:

1. ☐ Indicate the volume that constitutes a standard drink; and
2. ☐ Detail the number of standard drinks in the beverage container; and
3. ☐ Display health messages regarding the relationship between the number of standard drinks consumed and health outcomes, including the risk of cancer.

CARRIED

4.0 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLUTION

2023-42

Moved: S. Trivers

Seconded: D. Graystone

THAT the Board of Health minutes dated March 22, 2023, 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 - April 2023

Dr. Loo provided an update on positive improvement in COVID-19 related indicators and encouraged general preventive actions such as boosters and staying home when sick. The board was updated on the wind down of APH's emergency response structure and workforce recovery. She spoke about the evolution of APH's Foundations and Strategic Support Team featured in the MOH report. The full report is available in the meeting package.

RESOLUTION

2023-43

Moved: S. Tassone

Seconded: L. Morrisette

THAT the report of the Medical Officer of Health and CEO for April 2023 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

b. Finance and Audit

i. Unaudited Financial Statements ending February 28, 2023

L. Dunseath provided a summary of the financial statements.

RESOLUTION

2023-44

Moved: S. Trivers

Seconded: L. Morrisette

THAT the Board of Health approves the Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ending February 28, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

7.0 New Business/General Business

L. O'Neill advised the board about Soo Sings for Kids taking place on May 10, 2023 to cheer on APH staff participating in the show. The information has been communicated to all APH staff in the staff newsletter.

8.0 Correspondence

- a. Letter to the Premier of Ontario from Public Health Sudbury & Districts regarding the **increase of minimum wage** dated April 11, 2023.

9.0 Items for Information

- a. **alPHa Information Break - April 2023** - for information only
- b. **alPHa Annual General Meeting** - S. Tassone will attend the conference on June 12-14, 2023, and report to the Board at the June 21, 2023 meeting.

10.0

Addendum

a. April 26, 2023, Board of Health meeting Agenda (Item 2.0)

11.0

In-Camera - 5:45 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

2023-45

Moved: S. Trivers

Seconded: L. O'Neill

THAT the Board of Health go in-camera.

CARRIED

12.0

Open Meeting - 6:33 pm

Resolutions resulting from in-camera meeting.

i. Briefing Note - Leadership and non-union wage increase and 2022 MOH & AMOH Ministry top-up

RESOLUTION

2023-49

Moved: L. O'Neill

Seconded: M. Shoemaker

That the Board of Health approves items identified in the leadership and non-union wage increase and 2022 MOH & AMOH Ministry top-up briefing note as presented.

CARRIED

ii. Draft Audited Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2022.

RESOLUTION

2023-50

Moved: S. Trivers

Seconded: S. Tassone

THAT the Board of Health approves the Draft Audited Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2022, as presented.

CARRIED

13.0

Announcements / Next Committee Meetings:

Board of Health Orientation & Governance PD

Saturday, April 29, 2023 @ 9:00 am

SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

Governance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 @ 5:00 pm

SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

Board of Health

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 @ 5:00 pm

SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

Wednesday June 21, 2023 @ 5:30 pm

SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

14.0

Evaluation - S. Hagman reminded the BOH members to complete the meeting evaluation.

15.0

Adjournment - 6:35 pm

RESOLUTION

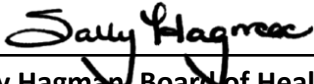
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Moved: M. Shoemaker

Seconded: L. O'Neill

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.

CARRIED



Sally Hagman, Board of Health Chair

May 24, 2023

Date



Tania Caputo, Board of Health Secretary

May 24, 2023

Date