



Board of Health Meeting

MINUTES

May 24, 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
Jody Wildman

APH MEMBERS

Dr. Jennifer Loo - Medical Officer of Health & CEO
Dr. John Tuinema - Associate Medical Officer of Health
Antoniette Tomie - Director of Corporate Services
Laurie Zeppa - Acting Director of Health Protection
Kristy Harper - Acting Director of Health Promotion & Chief Nursing Officer
Brandon Hazelton - Communications Coordinator
Leslie Dunseath - Manager of Accounting Services
Tania Caputo - Board Secretary

GUESTS: Sandra Dereski - Manager of Healthy Growth and Development
REGRETS: Leo Vecchio - Manager of Communications

1.0 Meeting Called to Order

- a. Land Acknowledgment - read by S. Hagman.
- b. Declaration of Conflict of Interest - no conflicts declared.
- c. Roll Call

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

RESOLUTION 2023-52

Moved: S. Trivers

Seconded: L. Morrisette

THAT the Board of Health agenda dated May 24, 2023 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3.0 Delegations / Presentations

- a. Healthy Growth & Development - The Importance of the Early Years
S. Dereski, Manager of Healthy Growth & Development shared a look into Healthy Growth & Development and the evidence that supports the critical need for ongoing investment and promotion of our early year's focus. Discussion about Community Partnerships and support at the local level.

4.0 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLUTION 2023-53

Moved: D. Graystone

Seconded: J. Hemphill

THAT the Board of Health minutes dated April 26, 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 - May 24, 2023

- Partnerships - Indigenous Engagement and Update to APH Land Acknowledgement
- Partnerships - Ontario Health Teams (OHT)

J. Loo spoke about transitioning out of our pandemic response and routinizing the COVID-19 work as we do with the other reportable diseases. Post-pandemic after action reports will be shared with partners we worked with throughout the pandemic.

The updated district-wide Land Acknowledgement was read by J. Loo and she provided the background and history of the changes made in consultation with a number of local First Nation and Metis Partners.

J. Loo provided an update on the Ontario Health Teams (OHT) as they continue to develop across the province. APH has been invited to partner with an additional emerging OHT whose service area includes parts of the District of Algoma. The Board has provided direction and approval to partner with Equipe santé Sudbury-Espanola-Manitoulin-Elliot Lake Ontario Health Team.

RESOLUTION 2023-54

Moved: L. O'Neill
Seconded: J. Hemphill

THAT the report of the Medical Officer of Health and CEO for May 24, 2023 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

ii. Update to Algoma Public Health's (APH) District-Wide Land Acknowledgement

RESOLUTION 2023-55

Moved: S. Trivers
Seconded: L. Morrisette

Whereas sharing a Land Acknowledgement that identifies the traditional owners of the land, when appropriate and done meaningfully, can be a small but important step in demonstrating respect and continuing to build and sustain meaningful relationships between local public health and Indigenous communities and partners; and

Whereas the Ontario Public Health Standards call on boards of health to engage with Indigenous communities in culturally safe, culturally humble, and trauma-informed ways that are meaningful for them; and

Whereas APH's strategic plan includes (a) meaningfully engaging with partners and communities based on shared goals and accountabilities and (b) sharing the stories of our people and partners; and

Whereas a research project titled "Talking Together to Improve Health" identified four principles of Indigenous engagement, including respect, trust, self-determination, and commitment, with the sharing of a Land Acknowledgement being one of many wise practices to demonstrate respect; and

Whereas Land Acknowledgements are fluid and should evolve as our relationship with Indigenous communities and partners and work towards Truth and Reconciliation advance;

Therefore, be it resolved that the updated Land Acknowledgement crafted with feedback from Indigenous partners in the Algoma district be approved for use by the board of health and APH staff, when saying the Land Acknowledgement is deemed meaningful to do so.

CARRIED

6.0 b. Finance and Audit

i. Unaudited Financial Statements ending March 31, 2023

L. Dunseath provided a summary of the financial statements.

**RESOLUTION
2023-56**

Moved: L. Morrisette
Seconded: D. Graystone

THAT the Board of Health approves the Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ending March 31, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

c. Governance Committee

i. Governance Committee Chair Report

D. Graystone provided a summary of the May 17, 2023 Governance Committee meeting.

**RESOLUTION
2023-57**

Moved: M. Shoemaker
Seconded: J. Wildman

THAT the Governance Committee Chair Report for May 17, 2023 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

ii. Policy 02-05-045 - Attendance at Meetings Using Electronic Means

**RESOLUTION
2023-58**

Moved: L. O'Neill
Seconded: S. Trivers

THAT the Board of Health approves **Policy 02-05-045 - Attendance at Meetings Using Electronic Means** as amended.

CARRIED

iii. Briefing Note - Annual General Meeting - for information

D. Graystone spoke about the briefing note proposing a meeting to be held annually to review the organizations progress over the year. J. Loo will inquire if an AGM takes place at other health units.

7.0 New Business/General Business

Not applicable.

8.0 Correspondence

- a. Correspondence from the Middlesex-London Board of Health, in the form of Report No. 25-23 regarding **Monitoring Food Affordability and Implications for Public Policy and Action**, dated April 20, 2023.
- b. Letter to the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Health / Deputy Premier, and the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services from Chatham-Kent Public Health regarding **Income-based Policy Solutions to Reduce Household Food Insecurity** dated April 25, 2023.
- c. Letter to the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Health / Deputy Premier from Chatham-Kent Public Health regarding **Universal, No-cost Coverage for all Prescription Contraceptive Options to all People Living in Ontario** dated April 25, 2023.
- d. Letter to the Prime Minister of Canada from Peterborough Public Health regarding **Bill S-254, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (warning label on alcoholic beverages)** dated May 4, 2023.
- e. Letter to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services and the Minister of Health / Deputy Premier, from Timiskaming Public Health regarding **Household Food Insecurity in Ontario** dated May 4, 2023.
- f. Letter to the Minister of Health / Deputy Premier, from Sudbury Public Health regarding **Support for the 2022 Annual Report of the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario** dated May 4, 2023.
- g. Letter to the Minister of Health / Deputy Premier, and the Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions from the Office of the Mayor of the City of Hamilton regarding **Declarations of Emergency in the Areas of Homelessness, Mental Health and Opioid Overdoses/Poisoning** dated May 11, 2023.
- h. Letter to the Premier of Ontario, from Sudbury Public Health regarding **Bill 93, Joshua's Law (Lifejackets for Life), 2023** dated May 16, 2023.

9.0 Items for Information

- a. **Timiskaming Health Unit 2022 Annual Report**
- b. **Ontario Announces Intent to Dissolve Peel Region**
- c. **Ontario Connecting Indigenous Communities to More Mental Health and Addictions Support**

10.0 Addendum

Not applicable.

11.0 In-Camera - 6:12 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
2023-59

Moved: S. Trivers
Seconded: S. Tassone

THAT the Board of Health go in-camera.

CARRIED

12.0 Open Meeting - 6:14 pm

There were no resolutions resulting from the in-camera meeting.

13.0 Announcements / Next Committee Meetings:

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

Wednesday June 21, 2023 - 5:30 pm
SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

Board of Health

Wednesday, June 28, 2023 - 5:00 pm
SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

Governance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 - 5:00 pm
SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

14.0 Evaluation - T. Caputo will send the evaluation to Board members to complete.

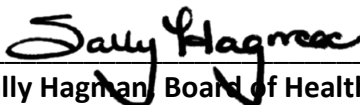
15.0 Adjournment 6:15 pm

RESOLUTION
2023-63

Moved: M. Shoemaker
Seconded: S. Tassone

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.

CARRIED


Sally Hagnan, Board of Health Chair

June 28, 2023

Date


Tania Caputo, Board of Health Secretary

June 28, 2023

Date