

Board of Health Meeting

MINUTES

September 27, 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
Donald McConnell
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 & Director of Health Protection
Rick Webb - Director of Corporate Services
Kristy Harper - 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
Nicole Lindahl - Manager of Emergency Preparedness & Response
Tania Caputo - Board Secretary
Trina Mount - Executive Assistant

GUESTS: Hilary Cutler - Manager of Community Wellness

1.0 Meeting Called to Order - 5:21 pm

- a. Land Acknowledgment - Read by S. Hagman.
- b. Declaration of Conflict of Interest - No conflicts were declared.
- c. Roll Call and welcome to new Board member Donald McConnell (Provincial Appointment)

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

**RESOLUTION
2023-79**

Moved: M. Shoemaker
Seconded: D. Graystone

THAT the Board of Health meeting agenda dated September 27, 2023 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3.0 Delegations / Presentations

- a. Local Opioid Update - A holistic approach to addressing & preventing substance use and opioid-related harms
Hilary Cutler, the APH Program Manager of Community Wellness, provided an overview of APH's holistic approach to addressing and preventing substance use and opioid-related harms. She described how this work is situated within provincial and internal accountability structures, the overall public health approach, and the next steps as a community. Supervised consumption sites were discussed as an intervention, and plans underway to advocate for provincial funding.

4.0 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

**RESOLUTION
2023-80**

Moved: D. Graystone
Seconded: S. Tassone

THAT the Board of Health meeting minutes dated June 28, 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 - September 27, 2023

- Program Highlight – Planning effective public health programs and services for 2024

J. Loo provided a summary of the report highlighting her presentations over the summer at several municipal councils. She spoke about the opportunity to reconnect with municipal partners to highlight the breadth and value of APH services and have discussions on the top-of-mind concerns in Algoma communities. Municipalities interested in a council presentation may contact the Board Secretary tcaputo@algomapublichealth.com to make arrangements.

An update on the significant efforts related to school immunization work was given in the report as well as the work with Indigenous partners reflected in updates to our welcome signage at APH.

J. Loo introduced the program report highlight remarking on the behind the scenes work of the Foundations and Strategic Support Team (FASST).

RESOLUTION

2023-81

Moved: D. Graystone

Seconded: D. McConnell

THAT the report of the Medical Officer of Health and CEO for September 27, 2023 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

b. Finance and Audit

i. Unaudited Financial Statements ending July 31, 2023

L. Dunseath provided a summary of the financial statements.

RESOLUTION

2023-82

Moved: D. Graystone

Seconded: D. McConnell

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

CARRIED

b. Governance Committee Chair Report

RESOLUTION

2023-83

Moved: D. Graystone

Seconded: D. McConnell

THAT the Governance Committee Chair Report for September 13, 2023, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

i. Policy 02-05-055 - Board Self-Evaluation

RESOLUTION

2023-84

Moved: D. Graystone

Seconded: D. McConnell

THAT the Board of Health approve **Policy 02-05-055 - Board Self-Evaluation**, as presented.

CARRIED

7.0 New Business/General Business

a. Briefing Note - Situational awareness of public health sector changes anticipated in 2024-2026.

THAT the Board of Health for the District of Algoma Health Unit receive this briefing note for information; and

THAT the Board of Health for the District of Algoma Health Unit support the Board Chair and Medical Officer of Health to seek out opportunities to engage with the Ministry of Health, alongside northern Ontario municipal and Indigenous partners where appropriate, with regards to the provincial review of the funding methodology for public health, such that the realities of northern community health needs and public health service delivery in the north are accurately represented for consideration; and

THAT the Board of Health for the District of Algoma Health Unit support the Board Chair and Medical Officer of Health to engage with northeastern Ontario counterparts for further exploratory dialogue about voluntary mergers in light of recent provincial announcements and building on previous collaborations; and

THAT the Board Chair ensures reporting back to the Board on this matter at future meetings.

8.0 Correspondence

- a. Letter to the Minister of Health from Algoma Public Health regarding support for **Bill S-254 an Act to amend the Food and Drug Act** (warning labels on alcoholic beverages) dated June 8, 2023.
- b. Email to APH from the office of the Minister of Health, response to letter in support of **Bill S-254, an Act to amend the Food and Drug Act**, (warning labels on alcoholic beverages) dated August 14, 2023.
- c. Letter to the Premier of Ontario, from Public Health Sudbury & Districts, regarding **Bill 103, Smoke-Free Ontario Amendment Act (Vaping is not for Kids), 2023**, dated June 28, 2023.
- d. Letter to the Premier of Ontario, the Deputy Premier, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, from Algoma Public Health, regarding **Income-based policy interventions to effectively reduce household food insecurity (HFI)**, dated July 4, 2023.
- e. Letter to Algoma Public Health, from the Premier of Ontario, **response to Income-based policy interventions to effectively reduce household food insecurity (HFI) letter of July 4, 2023**, dated September 20, 2023.
- f. Letter to the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, from the Association of Ontario Public Health Business Administrators, regarding **encourage to create sustained public health funding levels that are supportive of public health's response to the requirements of the Ontario Public Health Standards**, dated July 7, 2023.
- g. Letter to Minister of Health and Deputy Premier, from Thunder Bay District Health Unit, regarding **Letter of Support - Physical Literacy for Healthy Active Children**, dated July 14, 2023.
- h. Letter to Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, from Timiskaming Health Unit, regarding **Request for Air Quality Monitoring Station in the Timiskaming Health Unit Region**, dated August 1, 2023.
- i. Letter to the Premier of Ontario, the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health of Ontario, the City of London Council, the County of Middlesex Council, the Member of Provincial Parliament for London Fanshawe, the Member of Provincial Parliament for London North Centre, the Member of Provincial Parliament for London West, the Member of Provincial Parliament for Elgin-Middlesex-London, the Member of Provincial Parliament for Lambton-Kent-Middlesex, from Middlesex-London Health Unit, **regarding Middlesex-London Health Unit 2024 Budget**, dated August 2, 2023.
- j. Letter to the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, regarding **Public Health Funding and Capacity Announcement**, dated August 23, 2023.
- k. Letter to partner agencies of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, from Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, regarding **notice of Clinical Service Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer Position Changes**, dated September 1, 2023.
- l. Letter to the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, from Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit regarding **Bill 103, Smoke-Free Ontario Amendment Act (Vaping is not for Kids), 2023**, dated September 7, 2023.
- m. Letter to the Minister of Finance, the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, from Huron Perth Public Health, regarding **Support for Healthy Public Policy Regarding Alcohol Marketplace and Product Sales**, dated September 8, 2023.
- n. Letter to the Premier of Ontario, from Huron Perth Public Health, regarding **Bill 93, Joshua's Law (Lifejackets for Life), 2023**, dated September 8, 2023.
- o. Letter to the Premier of Ontario, the Deputy Premier, Minister of Health, from Timiskaming Health Unit, regarding **Universal, No-cost Coverage for all Prescription Contraceptive Options for all Ontarians**, dated September 15, 2023.

9.0 Items for Information

- a. **alPHA Information Break - September 2023**
- b. **2023 alPHA Fall Symposium** - D. Graystone will attend the virtual conference.
- c. **Health Promotion Ontario White Paper on the Value of Local Health Promotion**

10.0 Addendum

11.0 In-Camera - 6:55 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

2023-85

Moved: D. Graystone

Seconded: D. McConnell

THAT the Board of Health go in-camera.

CARRIED

12.0 Open Meeting - 7:15 pm

Resolutions resulting from in-camera meeting.

a. Risk Management Model 2023/24

RESOLUTION

2023-89

Moved: D. Graystone

Seconded: D. McConnell

THAT the Risk Management Model 2023/24 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

13.0 Announcements / Next Committee Meetings:

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

Wednesday October 18, 2023 - 5:00 pm

SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

Board of Health

Wednesday, October 25, 2023 - 5:00 pm

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14.0 Evaluation

a. Evaluation

15.0 Adjournment

RESOLUTION

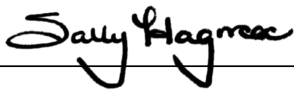
2023-90

Moved: D. Graystone

Seconded: D. McConnell

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.

CARRIED



Sally Hagman, BOH Chair

October 25, 2023

Date



Tania Caputo, BOH Secretary

October 25, 2023

Date