

Board of Health Meeting MINUTES

Wednesday, September 25, 2024 - 5:00 pm
SSM Algoma Community Room | Videoconference

BOARD MEMBERS

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

APH MEMBERS

Dr. John Tuinema - Acting Medical Officer of Health & CEO
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
Tania Caputo - Board Secretary

GUESTS: FASST Members: Jasmine Bryson - Supervisor of Effective Public Health Practice, Mehak Khanna - Epidemiologist, Rickyonée Richards - Data Analyst

1.0 Meeting Called to Order

S. Hagman, welcomed the Board of Health members, read the land acknowledgment, roll call and declaration of interest.

- a. Land Acknowledgment
- b. Roll Call
- c. Declaration of Conflict of Interest - no conflicts were declared.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

RESOLUTION
2024-90

Moved: D. Graystone

Seconded: L. O'Neill

THAT the Board of Health agenda dated September 25, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3.0 Delegations / Presentations

- a. Population Health Assessment - Community Health Profile

Rickyonée Richards and Mehak Khanna presented the Community Health Profile. The population health assessment aims to understand the health of communities, specific populations, and the determinants of health to create better services and policies, and identify the most effective interventions.

4.0 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLUTION
2024-91

Moved: L. Morrissette

Seconded: J. Hemphill

THAT the Board of Health meeting minutes dated June 26, 2024, 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

MOH Report - September 2024

- School Oral Health Screening

Dr. Tuinema announced that we have published research in the Canadian Journal of Public Health on opioid-related deaths in Northern Ontario. Regarding the opioid crisis we are working with partners to apply for one of the announced 10 Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) hubs. Dr. Tuinema thanked the board for their advocacy related to Healthy Babies Healthy Children, noting the receipt of additional funding. He pointed to the new regulations around the sale of nicotine replacement therapies (nicotine pouches) that fell into a legislative loophole that has since been addressed due to advocacy work from APH and many other health units.

RESOLUTION 2024-92

Moved: J. Wildman

Seconded: D. McConnell

THAT the report of the Medical Officer of Health and CEO for September 2024 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

b. Finance and Audit

Unaudited Financial Statements ending July 31, 2024

RESOLUTION 2024-93

Moved: S. Tassone

Seconded: D. Graystone

THAT the Board of Health accepts the Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ending July 31, 2024 as presented.

CARRIED

c. Governance

i. Governance Committee Chair Report

RESOLUTION 2024-94

Moved: L. O'Neill

Seconded: D. Graystone

THAT the Board of Health approves the Governance Committee Chair Report as presented.

CARRIED

ii. Policy 02-05-001 - Composition and Accountability of Board of Directors

RESOLUTION 2024-95

Moved: S. Trivers

Seconded: M. Shoemaker

THAT the Board of Health approves **Policy 02-05-001 - Composition and Accountability of Board of Directors** as presented.

CARRIED

iii. **Policy 02-05-002 - Procurement** - Deferred to the November Governance meeting, followed by review at the November Board of Health meeting.

iv. Policy 02-05-035 - Continuing Education for Board Members

RESOLUTION 2024-96

Moved: M. Shoemaker

Seconded: J. Wildman

THAT the Board of Health approves the **Policy 02-05-035 - Continuing Education for Board Members** as presented.

CARRIED

v. Policy 02-05-060 - Meetings and Access to Information

RESOLUTION 2024-97

Moved: L. O'Neill

Seconded: S. Trivers

THAT the Board of Health approves the **02-05-060 - Meetings and Access to Information** as presented.

CARRIED

7.0 New Business/General Business

Not applicable.

8.0 Correspondence - requiring action

- a. Letter from Public Health Sudbury and Districts to the Chief Medical Officer of Health regarding support for the Physical Literacy for Communities dated July 8, 2024.

The Board of Health directed staff to draft a letter supporting Physical Literacy for Communities.

- b. **Letter from Northern Medical Officers of Health to the Chief Medical Officer of Health regarding Public Health Funding dated August 16, 2024.**

**RESOLUTION
2024-98**

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

THAT the Board of Health supports the letter as presented.

Whereas the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Ministry of Health is undertaking a review of the funding approach for local public health agencies; and

Whereas residents of northern Ontario in general have poorer health outcomes compared to their southern counterparts, including a more than 50% higher average avoidable mortality rate , and a 300% higher rate of opioid-related deaths ; and

Whereas the Perspectives from Northern Ontario on the Public Health Funding Review letter outlines many of the equity considerations related to the funding approach for local public health agencies in northern Ontario;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Board of Health for Algoma Public Health endorses the aforementioned letter; and

Further that the letter be shared with:

- local municipalities
- district members of the Provincial Parliament
- alPha
- Northern Health Units
- Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health & Assistant Deputy Minister Liz Walker, Executive Lead, Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health
- Colleen Kiel, Director, Public Health Strategic Policy, Planning and Communications Branch, Brent Feeney, Director, Accountability and Liaison Branch
- Fiona Kouyoumdjian, Associate Chief Medical Officer of Health
- Wajid Ahmed, Associate Chief Medical Officer of Health

CARRIED

9.0 Correspondence - for information

- a. alPha Information Break - September 2024
- b. Letter from Middlesex-London Health Unit to the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Health, House Leaders, and National Finance Committee regarding Support for Bills S-233 and C-223, an Act to develop a national framework for a guaranteed livable basic income dated July 24, 2024.
- c. Letter from the Township of St. Joseph to the Township of The Archipelago regarding Public Health Ontario proposal to phase out free water testing for private wells dated July 9, 2024.

10.0 Addendum

Community Health Profile presentation - **item 3.0, a.**

11.0 In-Camera - 6:15 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
2024-99**

Moved: D. Graystone

Seconded: J. Wildman

THAT the Board of Health go in-camera.

CARRIED

12.0 Open Meeting - 6:51 pm

Resolutions resulting from the in-camera meeting:

a. Snow Plowing Services Contract

**RESOLUTION
2024-103**

Moved: L. Morrisette

Seconded: D. Graystone

That the Board of Health approves the new contract for snow plowing services for 294 Willow Ave. from November 1, 2024, to October 31, 2027, with DYC Properties as presented.

CARRIED

b. 2024-25 Risk Management Model

**RESOLUTION
2024-104**

Moved: L. O'Neill

Seconded: S. Tassone

That the board approves the 2024-25 Risk Management Model as presented.

CARRIED

13.0 Announcements / Next Committee Meetings:

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 9, 2024 @ 5:00 pm

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Wednesday, October 23, 2024 @ 5:00 pm

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16.0 Evaluation

14.0 Adjournment - 6:51 pm

**RESOLUTION
2024-105**

Moved: S. Trivers

Seconded: L. Morrisette

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.

CARRIED



Sally Hagman, Board of Health Chair

October 23, 2024

Date



Tania Caputo, Secretary

October 23, 2024

Date