

Board of Health Meeting

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 - 11:00 am

SSM Algoma Community Room | Videoconference

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Deborah Graystone
Sally Hagman - Chair
Julila Hemphill
Donald McConnell - 2nd Vice-Chair
Luc Morrisette - 1st Vice-Chair
Loretta O'Neill
Matthew Shoemaker
Sonia Tassone
Suzanne Trivers
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
Leo Vecchio - Manager of Communications
Leslie Dunseath - Manager of Accounting Services
Tania Caputo - Board Secretary

STAFF GUESTS: Hilary Cutler - Manager, School Health & Community Wellness, Angela Piaskoski - Health Promotion Specialist, School Health, Stephanie Caughill - Public Health Nurse, School Health, Lindsay Fera – Registered Dietitian, School Health - *Presenters*

REGRETS: Kristy Harper - Director of Health Promotion & Chief Nursing Officer

1.0 Meeting Called to Order - 11:00 am

S. Hagman welcomed the Board of Health members, read the land acknowledgement, completed roll call and called for declarations of conflict of interest.

a. Land Acknowledgment

b. Roll Call

c. Declaration of Conflict of Interest - there were no conflicts declared.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

RESOLUTION

2024-20

Moved: D. McConnell

Seconded: L. O'Neill

THAT the Board of Health agenda dated February 20, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3.0 In-Camera - 11:05 am

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, a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

RESOLUTION

2024-21

Moved: S. Tassone

Seconded: L. O'Neill

THAT the Board of Health go in-camera.

CARRIED

Resolutions resulting from the in-camera meeting:

a. Acting Medical Officer of Health

**RESOLUTION
2024-24**

Moved: D. Graystone
Seconded: J. Wildman

Whereas the Board of Health for Algoma Public Health passed a resolution on November 25, 2020, that allowed for the appointment of alternates to act in the absence of the Medical Officer of Health and; Whereas much time has elapsed and an update is required:

Therefore be it resolved that for the duration of an absence or inability to act of the Medical Officer of Health and Associate Medical Officer of Health, the following individuals be eligible for appointment as Acting Medical Officers of Health for the Algoma District Public Health Unit:

Officer of Health, Public Health Sudbury & Districts
Medical Officer of Health, North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
Medical Officer of Health, Porcupine Health Unit
Medical Officer of Health, Thunder Bay District Health Unit
Medical Officer of Health, Northwestern Health Unit
Dr. Alex Hukowich, Medical Officer of Health (retired)
Dr. Ian Gemmill, Medical Officer of Health (retired)
Dr. Marlene Spruyt, Medical Officer of Health (retired)
Dr. John Harding, Public Health Physician

CARRIED

b. Voluntary merger of APH and PHSD

**RESOLUTION
2024-25**

Moved: M. Shoemaker
Seconded: D. McConnell

WHEREAS the Boards of Health for the District of Algoma Health Unit (APH) and the Sudbury and District Health Unit (PHSD) each passed resolutions in November 2023 to direct their Medical Officers of Health/Chief Executive Officers (MOH/CEOs) to seek provincial funding to study the potential benefits and drawbacks of a voluntary merger of APH and PHSD and report back to their respective Boards for discussion and direction;

WHEREAS the MOH/CEOs for APH and PHSD have since undertaken a process of negotiation and joint engagement to pursue this study, resulting in the confidential Impact Assessment document dated February 9, 2024 (IAD), delivered to the APH and PHSD Boards of Health;

The APH Board of Health therefore resolves:

1. THAT it does not intend to merge APH with PHSD,
2. THAT the APH MOH/CEO be directed to:
 - a. not further negotiate with PHSD to complete a Voluntary Merger Business Case for submission to the Ministry; and
 - b. communicate this resolution to key stakeholders including the Ministry and the PHSD Board Chair.
3. THAT the APH Board Chair ensure timely reporting back to the Board on this matter at future meetings to enable subsequent Board engagement and direction, as the Board may deem appropriate.

S. Hagman thanked the staff for the time and effort involved in the feasibility study and Sudbury and District for their cooperation and collaboration.

Board members M. Shoemaker, D. McConnell, J. Wildman, D. Graystone, L. Morrisette spoke about issues that contributed to their decisions including the representation and make up of the proposed board and cost and limited information that failed to prove there would be significant benefits to the health and wellbeing of residents and services in our communities.

RECORDED VOTE

Voting in favour of the resolution (10): D. Graystone, J. Hemphill, D. McConnell, L. Morrisette, L. O'Neill, M. Shoemaker, S. Tassone, S. Trivers, J. Wildman, S. Hagman

Voting against the resolution (0): None

CARRIED

5.0 Delegations / Presentations

School Health Program: Achieving Optimal Health for Children & Youth

H. Cutler, A. Piaskoski, S. Caughill, L.Fera provided an overview of the School Health Program and introduced the public health guiding documents, and School Health Program and team. They spoke about community needs, mental health promotion, substance use prevention and harm reduction, healthy relationships, positive relationships with food and bodies, building partnerships and next steps.

6.0 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

**RESOLUTION
2024-26**

Moved: D. Graystone

Seconded: J. Hemphill

THAT the Board of Health minutes dated January 24, 2024 and February 15, 2024, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

7.0 Business Arising from Minutes

a. Report back from Merger Feasibility Governance Workgroup

D. McConnell spoke about the considerations that led to the decision not to proceed with voluntary merger including cost, strains on staff and community, representation and the vast service area involved.

b. Report back from Merger Feasibility Oversight Committee

S. Hagman echoed sentiments of the Governance committee, stating staff are our most important resource. She thanked the oversight committees for their careful deliberations.

8.0 Reports to the Board

a. Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer Reports

i. MOH Report - February 2024

Program Highlights:

- Monitoring Food Affordability in Algoma
- Balanced Scorecard

Dr. Loo provided a summary of the written reports including results of the Nutritious Food Basket that looks at local rates annually to determine the cost of feeding a family in Algoma. She highlighted that income continues to be a barrier in our district as we work with partners to advocate for solutions. Dr. Loo introduced the balanced scorecard with the four quadrants of health status, community engagement, resources and services, and system integration. She explained that we use this approach to monitor our progress as we identify population health needs, understand the views of the communities we serve, the amount of resources used, services delivered and also identify structural integration and the capacity to transform in response to evolving needs, issues and evidence.

**RESOLUTION
2024-27**

Moved: L. Morrisette
Seconded: J. Wildman

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

CARRIED

i. Financial Statements - December 2023

L. Dunseath provided an overview of the December 2023 financial statements.

**RESOLUTION
2024-28**

Moved: L. Morrisette
Seconded: M. Shoemaker

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

CARRIED

9.0 New Business/General Business

Not applicable.

10.0 Correspondence - requiring action

- a. Letter to the Premier of Ontario from Public Health Sudbury and Districts regarding Household Food Insecurity dated January 18, 2024.

S. Hagman asked that APH endorse the PHSD letter, and send our own parallel letter on the topic.

11.0 Correspondence - for information

- b. Resolution by the City of Sault Ste. Marie regarding potential merger of Algoma Public Health and Public Health Sudbury and Districts dated January 29, 2024.
- c. Resolution from the Municipality of Wawa to Algoma Public Health Board of Health regarding potential merger with Public Health Sudbury and Districts dated February 6, 2024.
- d. Letter to the Board of Health Chairs for Algoma Public Health and Public Health Sudbury and Districts from Chadwic Home Board of Directors regarding a potential merger, dated February 14, 2024.
- e. Letter to the APH Board of Health and Public Health Sudbury & Districts from The Township of St. Joseph regarding the **Consultation regarding Public Health Unit Merger** dated February 16, 2024.

12.0 **Addendum**
Not applicable.

13.0 **Announcements / Next Committee Meetings:**

Finance & Audit Committee
Thursday, February 21, 2024 @ 5:00 pm
Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

Governance Committee
Wednesday, March 6, 2024 - 5:00 pm
Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

Board of Health Meeting
Wednesday, March 27, 2024 - 5:00 pm
Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room


14.0 **Evaluation**
Not applicable.

15.0 **Adjournment - 1:25 pm**

RESOLUTION	Moved:	M. Shoemaker
2024-29	Seconded:	D. McConnell

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.

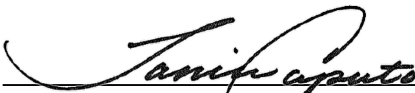
CARRIED



Sally Hagman, BOH Chair

March 27, 2024

Date



Tania Caputo, BOH Secretary

March 27, 2024

Date