



## Board of Health Meeting MINUTES

Wednesday, November 27, 2024 - 5:00 pm  
SSM Algoma Community Room | Videoconference

### **BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Deborah Graystone  
Sally Hagman - Chair  
Donald McConnell - 2nd 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  
Leslie Dunseath - Manager of Accounting Services  
Tania Caputo - Board Secretary  
Brandon Hazelton - Communications

**REGRETS:** Julila Hemphill-Board member, Luc Morrissette-Board member, Leo Vecchio-Manager of Communications

### **1.0 Meeting Called to Order - 5:00 pm**

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

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

### **2.0 Adoption of Agenda**

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-117**

**Moved:** S. Tassone

**Seconded:** M. Shoemaker

THAT the Board of Health agenda dated November 27, 2024 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

### **3.0 Delegations / Presentations**

Not applicable.

### **4.0 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-118**

**Moved:** D. McConnell

**Seconded:** S. Tassone

THAT the Board of Health meeting minutes dated October 23, 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 Report**

MOH Report - November 2024

- 2024 Public Health Champion Awards Launch

Dr. Tuinema announced that Algoma Public Health (APH) will host an event with community partners on Friday, November 29, to release a report on toxic drugs in Algoma. Dates for similar events in Wawa, Blind River, and Elliott Lake will be announced soon. These discussions aim to strengthen collaborations to tackle this crisis.

At the recent annual conference of the Association of Public Health Epidemiologists of Ontario (APHEO), our data analysts and epidemiologists presented "Syphilis in Algoma - Accessibility Issues in Northern Ontario," addressing rising syphilis rates in the district.

Dr. Tuinema highlighted the importance of promoting public health information on social media and we regularly send emails to municipalities with information relevant to their work. He noted our ongoing review of social media strategies to adapt to the ever changing landscape.

We are also accepting nominations for the Public Health Champion Awards for 2024, which recognize individuals and organizations that significantly contribute to public health. We think a good public health champion advocates for positive change, connects communities and is a health equity warrior. Categories include adult (25+), youth (24-), and organizations. Champions will be recognized at a Board of Health meeting on January 29th, 2025.

**RESOLUTION  
2024-119**

**Moved:** J. Wildman  
**Seconded:** L. O'Neill

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

**CARRIED**

**b. Finance and Audit**

**i. Finance and Audit Committee Chair Report**

**RESOLUTION  
2024-120**

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

THAT the Board of Health accepts the November 6, 2024, Chair Report for the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting as presented.

**CARRIED**

**ii. Unaudited Financial Statements ending September 30, 2024**

L. Dunseath provided the summary of the statements.

**RESOLUTION  
2024-121**

**Moved:** M. Shoemaker  
**Seconded:** S. Trivers

THAT the Board of Health accepts the Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ending September 30, 2024 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**iii. 2025 Recommended Capital and Operating Budget Report**

J. Tuinema provided a summary of the work undertaken and context to arrive at the report and L. Dunseath presented the highlights of the report.

**RESOLUTION  
2024-122**

**Moved:** M. Shoemaker  
**Seconded:** S. Tassone

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed and accepts the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee to approve the 2025 Capital and Operating Budget Report.

**CARRIED**

**c. Governance**

**i. Governance Committee Chair Report**

**RESOLUTION  
2024-123**

**Moved:** M. Shoemaker  
**Seconded:** S. Tassone

THAT the Board of Health accepts the November 13, 2024, Governance Committee Chair Report as presented.

**CARRIED**

**ii. Policy 02-05-020 Travel**

**RESOLUTION  
2024-124**

**Moved:** D. Graystone  
**Seconded:** S. Tassone

THAT the Board of Health approves Policy 02-05-020 Travel as presented.

**CARRIED**

**iii. Bylaw 06-02 Ontario Building Code Appointments**

**RESOLUTION  
2024-125**

**Moved:** L. O'Neill  
**Seconded:** D. Graystone

THAT the Board of Health approves Bylaw 06-02 Ontario Building Code Appointments as presented.

**CARRIED**

**iv. Bylaw 95-1 To Regulate the Proceedings of the Board - (in addendum)**

**RESOLUTION  
2024-126**

**Moved:** D. Graystone  
**Seconded:** S. Trivers

THAT the Board of Health approves Bylaw 95-1 To Regulate the Proceedings of the Board as presented.

**CARRIED**

**7.0 New Business/General Business**

Not applicable.

**8.0 Correspondence - requiring action**

- a. Provincial Funding Letter

**RESOLUTION  
2024-127**

**Moved:** J. Wildman  
**Seconded:** D. McConnell

THAT the Board of Health approves the Provincial Funding Letter as presented.

**CARRIED**

**9.0 Correspondence - for information**

- a. alPHa Information Break - November 2024  
b. alPHa Virtual Conference Report - November 2024

**10.0 Addendum**

- a. Bylaw 95-1 - To Regulate the Proceedings of the Board (reviewed in 6.0, c, iv.)

**11.0 In-Camera**

Not applicable.

**12.0 Open Meeting**

Not applicable.

**13.0 Announcements / Next Committee Meetings:**

**Board of Health**

Wednesday, January 22, 2025 @ 5:00 pm  
SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

**Finance and Audit Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 @ 5:00 pm  
SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

**14.0 Evaluation - Annual**

15.0 Adjournment - 5:50 pm

**RESOLUTION**

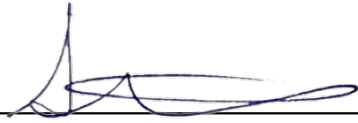
**2024-128**

**Moved:** S. Tassone

**Seconded:** M. Shoemaker

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.

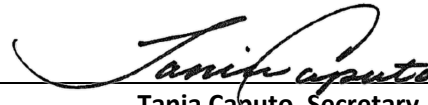
**CARRIED**



Suzanne Trivers, Board Chair

January 29, 2025

Date



Tania Caputo, Secretary

January 29, 2025

Date