

# Board of Health Meeting

## MINUTES

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 - 5:00 pm

SSM Algoma Community Room | Videoconference

### BOARD MEMBERS

Sally Hagman - Chair  
Donald McConnell - 2nd Vice-Chair  
Luc Morrisette - 1st Vice-Chair  
Loretta O'Neill  
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:** Hilary Gordon - Manager of School Health & Community Wellness, Karen Hooey - PHN, Community Wellness, Jennifer Miller - PHN, Community Wellness

**REGRETS:** Board members - Deborah Graystone, Julila Hemphill, Matthew Shoemaker

### 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

2024-106

Moved: S. Tassone

Seconded: L. O'Neill

THAT the Board of Health agenda dated October 23, 2024 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

### 3.0 Delegations / Presentations

#### a. Harm Reduction

K. Hooey and J. Miller provided the presentation on harm reduction, explaining the evidence-based client-centred approach that seeks to reduce the health and social harms associated with addiction and substances without necessarily requiring people who use substances from abstaining or stopping. APH engages in harm reduction initiatives by working in our community through non-judgmental actions that enhance skills and knowledge to help people live safer and healthier lives.

### 4.0 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

#### RESOLUTION

2024-107

Moved: L. Morrisette

Seconded: J. Wildman

THAT the Board of Health meeting minutes dated September 25, 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 - October 2024

Dr. Tuinema presented his report highlighting Truth and Reconciliation activities, upskilling staff training opportunities, and other staff activities. He spoke about managing the increase of syphilis rates in Algoma. In addition to traditional case detection and contact management, APH is involved in a study that is conducting point of care testing for those at highest risk.

- Immunization of Children in Schools

**RESOLUTION**  
**2024-108**

**Moved:** J. Wildman  
**Seconded:** S. Trivers

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

**CARRIED**

### b. Finance and Audit

#### i. Chair Report for the October 9, 2024, Finance and Audit Committee Meeting.

**RESOLUTION**  
**2024-109**

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

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

**CARRIED**

#### ii. Unaudited Financial Statements ending August 31, 2024

**RESOLUTION**  
**2024-110**

**Moved:** S. Trivers  
**Seconded:** J. Wildman

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

**CARRIED**

#### Policy 02-05-002 - Procurement

**RESOLUTION**  
**2024-111**

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

THAT the Board of Health approves **Policy 02-05-002 - Procurement** as amended.

**CARRIED**

## 7.0 New Business/General Business

Not applicable.

## 8.0 Correspondence - requiring action

Not applicable.

## 9.0 Correspondence - for information

a. alPha Information Break - October 2024

b. Letter from Public Health Sudbury and District to the Minister of Health regarding maintaining publicly-funded drinking water testing dated October 16, 2024.

**10.0 Addendum**

**a. Policy 02-05-002 - Procurement**

**11.0 In-Camera - 6:08 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**

**2024-112**

**Moved:** S. Tassone

**Seconded:** L. O'Neill

THAT the Board of Health go in-camera.

**CARRIED**

**12.0 Open Meeting - 6:10 pm**

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

**13.0 Announcements / Next Committee Meetings:**

**Finance and Audit Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, November 6, 2024 @ 5:00 pm

SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

**Governance Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, November 13, 2024 @ 5:00 pm

SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

**Board of Health**

Wednesday, November 27, 2024 @ 5:00 pm

SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

**16.0 Evaluation**

**14.0 Adjournment - 6:11 pm**

**RESOLUTION**

**2024-116**

**Moved:** S. Tassone

**Seconded:** L. O'Neill

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.

**CARRIED**

  
Sally Hagman, Chair

November 27, 2024

Date

  
Tania Caputo, Secretary

November 27, 2024

Date