



Board of Health Meeting MINUTES

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 - 5:00 pm
SSM Algoma Community Room | Videoconference

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Sally Hagman
Donald McConnell - 2nd Vice-Chair
Luc Morrisette
Sonny Spina
Suzanne Trivers - Board Chair
Natalie Zagordo

APH MEMBERS

Dr. Jennifer Loo - Medical Officer of Health/CEO
Dr. John Tuinema - Associate Medical Officer of Health & Director of Health Protection
Kristy Harper - Director of Health Promotion & Chief Nursing
Rick Webb - Director of Corporate Services
Leslie Dunseath - Manager of Accounting Services
Leo Vecchio - Manager of Communications
Trina Mount - Executive Assistant

GUESTS: Nicole Lindahl, Manager of Oral Health; Adriana Romano, Dental Health Educator; KPMG
REGRETS: Julila Hemphill, Sonia Tassone, Jody Wildman-1st Vice-Chair

1.0 Meeting Called to Order: 5:05 pm

- a. Land Acknowledgment**
- b. Roll Call**
- c. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

S. Trivers welcomed the Board of Health members, read the land acknowledgment, took roll call, and asked for declarations of conflict of interest, to which none were declared.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

RESOLUTION 2026-39

Moved: S. Hagman
Seconded: N. Zagordo

THAT the Board of Health agenda dated April 22, 2026, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3.0 Delegations / Presentations

- a. Healthy Smiles Ontario**

Nicole Lindahl and Adriana Romano from the APH Oral Health program presented an overview of the Healthy Smiles Ontario program. Discussion took place. S. Spina offered to provide information about the previous referendum process regarding community-wide fluoridation.

4.0 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLUTION 2026-40

Moved: S. Spina
Seconded: N. Zagordo

THAT the Board of Health meeting minutes dated March 25, 2026, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5.0 Business Arising from Minutes

The proposed resolution in support of alcohol labelling policy (BILL S-202) was read aloud; following which, Dr. Loo provided an overview and rationale for supporting the policy, Recommendations were said to mirror those of the Middlesex London Health Unit. Discussion took place. Further to a query around potential recipients of the endorsement, it was ultimately decided that APH staff could disperse per their discretion.

a. In Support of Alcohol Labelling Policy (Bill S-202)

**RESOLUTION
2026-41**

Moved: S. Hagman
Seconded: D. McConnell

WHEREAS, more than half of the adults in Algoma (53.5%) aged 19 and older exceed drinking guidelines, and the prevalence of heavy drinking is 21.2%, compared to provincial prevalence of 16%;¹⁶ AND

WHEREAS, alcohol is classified as a Group 1 carcinogen with a causal link to cancer;^{12,13} AND

WHEREAS, many Canadians are unaware of:

- Alcohol's relationship to cancer risk, especially at low levels of consumption,
- What a standard drink of alcohol contains, and
- Guidance to reduce their alcohol risk;¹⁴ AND

WHEREAS, alcohol is a legal product with associated health harms;^{2,3} AND

WHEREAS, alcohol containers in Canada lack comprehensive health warning labels to inform consumers of the risks or ways to reduce the risks; AND

WHEREAS, labels are an effective tool to help consumers understand product risk.^{1,9}

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for the District of Algoma Health Unit endorse MLHU's report and associated content (included in this summary report), recommending alcohol labelling for all alcohol manufactured or sold in Canada with:

1. Health Warnings: prominent, rotating warnings on all alcohol containers.
2. Canada's Guidance on Alcohol and Health: providing guidance for preventing or reducing consumption-related health risks.
3. Standard Drink Size: static standard drink information per container and per serving.

FURTHER THAT, the Board of Health for the District of Algoma Health Unit forward this summary report and resolution to the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science, and Technology, in support of **Bill S-202**.

CARRIED

6.0 Reports to the Board

a. Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer Reports

MOH Report - April 2026

Dr. Loo reported on the Nurturing Algoma Symposium and the Planet youth Algoma initiative.

- Nurturing Algoma

The symposium, held in collaboration with local and academic partners, revealed that nearly one in four children in Algoma are at risk in at least one area of development, with the highest risks in social-emotional and communication domains. The importance of early intervention was emphasized and screening services and the expansion thereof were described.

- Planet Youth Algoma

Dr. Loo briefed on the initiative, highlighting community partnerships, funding efforts and the program's evidence-based approach to reduce youth substance use. The Board will be approached for decision once implementation/funding support is established, with the hopes of launching before summer.

**RESOLUTION
2026-42**

Moved: S. Spina
Seconded: S. Hagman

THAT the report of the Medical Officer of Health and CEO for April 2026, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

b. Finance and Audit

i. Finance and Audit Committee Chair Report

**RESOLUTION
2026-43**

Moved: L. Morrisette
Seconded: N. Zagordo

THAT the April 8, 2026, report of the Finance and Audit Committee Chair be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

ii. Policy 02-05-090 - Donations & Sponsorship

**RESOLUTION
2026-44**

Moved: S. Hagman
Seconded: D. McConnell

THAT the Board of Health approves, Policy 02-05-090 - Donations & Sponsorship as presented.

CARRIED

iii. Audited Financial Statements

Eric Pino, KPMG, presented the 2025 audited financial statements.

**RESOLUTION
2026-45**

Moved: S. Hagman
Seconded: S. Spina

THAT the Board of Health accepts the Audited Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2025, as presented.

CARRIED

iv. APH Audit Findings Report

Eric Pino, KPMG, presented the 2025 audit findings, reporting a clean audit with no significant issues.

**RESOLUTION
2026-46**

Moved: S. Spina
Seconded: L. Morrisette

THAT the Board of Health accepts the Audit Findings Report, as presented.

CARRIED

v. Unaudited Financial Statements ending February 28, 2026.

L. Dunseath provided an overview of the Financial Statements.

**RESOLUTION
2026-47**

Moved: S. Spina
Seconded: N. Zagordo

THAT the Board of Health accepts the Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ending February 28, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED

7.0 New Business/General Business

Not applicable.

8.0 Correspondence - requiring action

Not applicable.

9.0 Correspondence - for information

- a. Letter from Windsor-Essex County Health Unit, regarding position on Alcohol Labelling, dated March 12, 2026
 - b. alPha - Letter of Congratulations - Reappointment of Dr. Kieran Moore as Chief Medical Officer of Health, dated March 27, 2026
 - c. Letter from Public Health Sudbury & Districts, regarding Healthy Smiles Ontario fee schedule and access to dental care for children and youth, dated March 31, 2026
- ACTION: The APH Board of Health requested a letter be drafted for their review to address concerns about the Healthy Smiles Ontario fee schedule and access to dental care for children and youth.**
- d. Letter from Public Health Sudbury & Districts, regarding Public Health Sudbury & Districts 2026-2028 Risk Management Plan, dated March 31, 2026
 - e. Letter from Windsor-Essex County Health Unit, regarding advancing Bill C-63 (Online Harms Act) to Protect Children and Youth, March 31, 2026
 - f. Letter from Windsor-Essex County Health Unit, regarding Provincial Action to Protect Children and Youth from Online Harms, March 31, 2026
 - g. alPha - Letter of Welcome - Dr. Joss Reimer in new role as Canada's new Chief Public Health Officer

10.0 Addendum

Not applicable.

11.0 In-Camera 6:31 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, information supplied in confidence to the Board of Health by the Province / Ministry of Health.

RESOLUTION 2026-48

Moved: S. Hagman
Seconded: D. McConnell

THAT the Board of Health go in-camera.

CARRIED

12.0 Open Meeting 6:40 pm

Resolutions resulting from in-camera meeting.

RESOLUTION 2026-52

Moved: S. Hagman
Seconded: N. Zagordo

THAT the Board of Health accepts the insurance package for the 2026/2027 year, as presented.

CARRIED

13.0 Meeting Evaluation

14.0 Announcements / Next Committee Meetings:

alPha Workplace Health and Wellness Launch Lunch-and-Learn with GenWell

Friday, May 1, 2026 @ 12:00 pm

Zoom

alPha Elections at alPha BOH Section Meeting

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 2:00 pm

Zoom

Governance Committee MeetingTuesday, **May 5, 2026** @ 2:00 pm

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Board of Health MeetingWednesday, **May 27, 2026**

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Finance and Audit Committee MeetingWednesday, **June 3, 2026** @ 5:00 pm

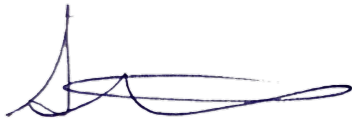
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alPHA 2026 Annual General Meeting and Conference**June 8-10, 2026**

Toronto

15.0 Adjournment 6:44 pm**RESOLUTION****2026-53****Moved:** S. Spina**Seconded:** D. McConnell

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.

CARRIED

Suzanne Trivers, Chair

May 27, 2026

Date

Trina Mount, Executive Assistant

May 27, 2026

Date