Board of Health Meeting
MINUTES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026 - 5:00 pm
SSM Algoma Community Room | Videoconference

	BOARD MEMBERS	APH MEMBERS
PRESENT:	Sally Hagman	Dr. Jennifer Loo - Medical Officer of Health/CEO
	Luc Morrissette	Dr. John Tuinema - Associate Medical Officer of Health &
	Sonia Tassone	Director of Health Protection
	Suzanne Trivers - Board Chair	Kristy Harper - Director of Health Promotion & Chief Nursing Officer
	Jody Wildman - 1st Vice-Chair	Rick Webb - Director of Corporate Services
	Natalie Zagordo	Leslie Dunseath - Manager of Accounting Services
		Leo Vecchio - Manager of Communications
		Trina Mount - Executive Assistant

GUESTS: **Healthy Growth & Development:** Sandra Dereski, Program Manager; Taylor Labadie, Health Promotion Specialist
School Health & Community Wellness: Hilary Gordon, Program Manager; Stephanie Morin, Public Health Nurse; Temeara Barrett, Health Promotion Specialist

REGRETS: Donald McConnell - 2nd Vice-Chair, Beverly Nantel, Sonny Spina

1.0 Meeting Called to Order

S. Trivers welcomed the Board of Health members, read the land acknowledgment, took roll call, and asked for declarations of

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

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

RESOLUTION 2026-69 **Moved:** S. Hagman **Seconded:** N. Zagordo

THAT the Board of Health agenda dated June 24, 2026, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3.0 Delegations / Presentations

a. Comprehensive Health Promotion in Action:
- Nurturing Algoma
- Planet Youth

An overview of comprehensive health promotion at Algoma Public Health was provided by the Healthy Growth & Development and the School Health & Community Wellness programs, with a focus on two initiatives: Nurturing Algoma and Planet Youth Algoma. The alignment of initiatives with strategic directions and Ontario Public Health Standards was highlighted and the importance of upstream approaches and community partnerships for improving population health outcomes was emphasized. The Nurturing Algoma initiative was described as a collaborative action project focused on early childhood mental health, developmental screening, and building local data infrastructure for a developmental profile of children aged zero to six in Algoma. The Planet Youth Algoma initiative is a community-based, long-term upstream prevention approach targeting youth substance use, grounded in the Icelandic Prevention Model. The PowerPoint presentation was included in the Board of Health Agenda Package.

Discussion took place and questions were answered to the Board's satisfaction.

4.0 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLUTION 2026-70 **Moved:** N. Zagordo **Seconded:** S. Tassone

THAT the Board of Health meeting minutes dated May 27, 2026, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5.0 Reports to the Board

a. Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer Reports

i. MOH Report - June 2026

- 2025 Report to the Community / Rapport à la communauté 2025:
  Protecting health. Supporting communities. Public Health in Algoma
  Protéger la santé. Soutenir les communautés. La santé publique à Algoma

Dr. Loo spoke to the alPHa/COMOH meeting she and Dr. Tuinema attended in June. She reported that, following a resolution passed by the APH Board of Health at its February meeting to improve the Hepatitis B immunization schedule, a resolution titled *Strengthening Hepatitis B Prevention in Ontario Through Vaccination in the First Year of Life* was presented jointly by Algoma Public Health and Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit at the alPHa Annual General Meeting and passed. Work continues in order to bring the changes into effect, and Board of Health will be updated on progress.

The APH employee appreciation day held May 29 was well received. Highlights included a guest speaker presentation on the ethical use of AI in public health as well as a presentation to staff of our new strategic plan.

The leadership team participated in a strategic planning retreat to review strategic pillars, goals, actions and resource alignment. This was a positive step in agency strategy development.

The 2025 annual report was included in the agenda package in both English and, for the first time, French. Electronic copies can be accessed on the APH website and printed copies are available as well.

As part of its commitment to Truth and Reconciliation, Algoma Public Health has installed the Maamwesying Ontario Health Team's declaration of values in all APH office locations. A flag-raising ceremony was held on site in honour of Indigenous History month, with Indigenous partners/guest participating, presenting, singing and sharing.

The Board was informed of the addition of a hybrid vehicle to the fleet for cost savings.

Dr. Loo announced the upcoming retirement of Rick Webb, Director of Corporate Services.

RESOLUTION 2026-71
Moved: J. Wildman
Seconded: S. Hagman
THAT the report of the Medical Officer of Health and CEO for June 2026, be accepted as presented.
CARRIED

ii. Briefing Note: Constance Lake First Nation Inquest Recommendation Response

Dr. Tuinema spoke to the briefing note included in the Agenda package, describing the blastomycosis outbreak and recommendations for APH actions, with the Board endorsing the response.

RESOLUTION 2026-72
Moved: S. Hagman
Seconded: L. Morrissette
That the Board of Health receive this briefing note for information and endorse the responses to the inquest recommendations as presented.
CARRIED

b. Finance and Audit

i. Finance and Audit Committee Chair Report

RESOLUTION 2026-73
Moved: J. Wildman
Seconded: L. Morrissette
THAT the June 3, 2026, report of the Finance and Audit Committee Chair be accepted as presented.
CARRIED

ii. Briefing Note: Planet Youth Algoma

The Board endorsed signing the contract with Planet Youth consultancy, noting that more than 98 percent of the funding has already been committed through partner contributions and expressing confidence that the remaining amount will be allocated within the five-year period. The strong efforts of staff to bring the sponsors together were acknowledged.

RESOLUTION 2026-74	**Moved:**	J. Wildman
	Seconded:	S. Hagman

THAT the Board of Health accept the Planet Youth briefing note as presented and endorse signing the contract with the Planet Youth consultancy.

CARRIED

iii. Unaudited Financial Statements ending April 30, 2026.

L. Dunseath provided an overview of the Financial Statements.

RESOLUTION 2026-75	**Moved:**	J. Wildman
	Seconded:	S. Hagman

THAT the Board of Health accepts the Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ending April 30, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED

6.0 Correspondence - for information

a. Recommendation/Resolution Report from Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Board of Health, regarding *Waterpipe Smoking Restrictions* , dated May 14, 2026

b. Recommendation/Resolution Report from Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Board of Health, regarding *Enhancing Municipal Readiness for Ontario's Bring-Your-Own-Beverage (BYOB) Legislation* through Public Health Engagement, dated May 14, 2026

c. Recommendation/Resolution Report from Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Board of Health, regarding *Global Conflict, Health Equity, and Community Preparedness* , dated May 14, 2026

d. Letter from Thunder Bay District Health Unit, regarding *Addressing Household Food Insecurity in Ontario* , dated June 19, 2026

e Letter from Thunder Bay District Health Unit, regarding *Request for Review of Pneumococcal Vaccine Eligibility,* dated June 19, 2026

7.0 Addendum

Not applicable.

8.0 In-Camera

No items for discussion in camera.

9.0 Meeting Evaluation: Biannual BOH Meeting Evaluation

S. Trivers overviewed the results of the evaluation survey.

10.0 Announcements / Next Committee Meetings:

Governance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, **September 15, 2026** @ 2:00 pm
SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting
Wednesday, **September 16, 2026** @ 5:00 pm
SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

Board of Health Meeting
Wednesday, **September 23, 2026** @ 5:00 pm
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Finance and Audit Committee Meeting
Wednesday, **October 14, 2026** @ 5:00 pm
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Board of Health meeting - October

The Board was reminded to let us know if the BOH meeting currently scheduled for October 28, 2026, could be moved to October 21, 2026, at the usual 5:00 pm start time.

11.0 Adjournment: 6:07 pm

RESOLUTION 2026-76	**Moved:** N. Zagordo **Seconded:** J. Wildman

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.

CARRIED

Suzanne Trivers, Chair
September 23, 2026
Date

Trina Mount, Executive Assistant
September 23, 2026
Date