

Board of Health Meeting

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 29, 2025 - 5:00 pm
SSM Algoma Community Room | Videoconference

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Sally Hagman
Donald McConnell - 2nd Vice-Chair
Luc Morrissette
Sonia Tassone
Suzanne Trivers - Chair
Jody Wildman - 1st Vice-Chair
Natalie Zagordo

APH MEMBERS

Dr. John Tuinema - Acting Medical Officer of Health & CEO
Rick Webb - Director of Corporate Services
Kristy Harper - Director of Health Promotion & Prevention /
Chief Nursing Officer
Leslie Dunseath - Manager of Accounting Services
Leo Vecchio - Manager of Communications
Tania Caputo - Board Secretary

STAFF GUESTS: Sandra Dereski - Acting Manager of Infectious Diseases, Cassey Cassan - Health Promotion Specialist, Christina Luukkonen - Manager of Support Services, Amy McGregor - Supervisor of Support Services

REGRETS: Julila Hemphill, Sonny Spina, Deborah Graystone - Board Members

1.0 Meeting Called to Order - 5:00 PM

Dr. J. Tuinema greeted the Board of Health members, read the land acknowledgment, completed roll call, and inquired if there were any conflicts of interest to declare.

a. Land Acknowledgment

b. Roll Call

c. Declaration of conflict of interest - no conflicts were declared.

2.0 Election of Officers

a. Appointment of Board of Health Chair for the year 2025.

Dr. J. Tuinema called for nominations,

S. Trivers was nominated by S. Hagman for Chair,

S. Trivers accepted the nomination and Dr. J. Tuinema called for any other nominations, and there being none, the nominations were closed.

S. Trivers was acclaimed as Board of Health Chair for the year 2025.

At this point S. Trivers assumed the position of Chair of the Board of Health, and resumed the election of officers. She thanked S. Hagman for her years serving as Board Chair.

b. Appointment of Board of Health First Vice-Chair and Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee for the year 2025.

S. Trivers called for nominations,

J. Wildman was nominated by S. Hagman for First Vice-Chair,

J. Wildman accepted the nomination and S. Trivers called for any other nominations, and there being none, the nominations were closed.

J. Wildman was acclaimed as First Vice-Chair and Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee for the year 2025.

c. Appointment of Board of Health Second Vice-Chair and Chair of the Governance Committee for the year 2025.

S. Trivers called for nominations,

D. McConnell put his name forward for 2nd Vice-Chair,

S. Trivers called for any other nominations, and there being none, the nominations were closed.

D. McConnell was acclaimed as Second Vice-Chair and Chair of the Governance Committee for the year 2025.

d. Call for Committee Members for the Finance & Audit Committee and Governance Committee for the year 2025.

S. Trivers called for Finance and Audit Committee Members and Governance Committee Members.

e. Slate of officers and committee members.

RESOLUTION **Moved:** S. Hagman
2025-01 **Seconded:** S. Tassone

Be it resolved that the following is the Board of Health slate of officers and committee members for the year 2025.

Board of Health Chair:	S. Trivers
First Vice-Chair & Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee:	J. Wildman
Second Vice-Chair & Chair of the Governance Committee:	D. McConnell
Finance and Audit Committee members:	J. Wildman, S. Trivers, S. Hagman, L. Morrissette
Governance Committee members:	D. McConnell, S. Trivers, S. Tassone, D. Graystone

CARRIED

3.0 Signing Authority

RESOLUTION **Moved:** J. Wildman
2025-02 **Seconded:** L. Morrissette

THAT By-Law 95-2 identifies that signing authorities for all accounts shall be restricted to:

- i) the Chair of the Board of Health
- ii) one other **Board member, designated by Resolution**
- iii) the Medical Officer of Health/Chief Executive Officer
- iv) the Director of Corporate Services

SO BE IT RESOLVED that signing authority is provided to **Don McConnell** as the one other **Board member, designated by resolution** until the next election of officers.

CARRIED

4.0 Adoption of Agenda

RESOLUTION **Moved:** S. Tassone
2025-03 **Seconded:** S. Hagman

THAT the Board of Health agenda dated January 29, 2025, be approved as amended to move **Item 13.0 - In-Camera** to follow **item 5.0 - Delegations/Presentations**

CARRIED

5.0 Delegations / Presentations

Infectious Diseases - Syphilis and the SPRITE Study

S. Dereski introduced the presentation explaining the role of public health and the infectious diseases program in regards to syphilis and a new research project called the SPRITE study.

6.0 In-Camera - 5:40 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 **Moved:** S. Hagman
2025-04 **Seconded:** J. Wildman

THAT the Board of Health go in-camera.

CARRIED

7.0 Open Meeting - 6:14 pm

Resolutions resulting from the in-camera meeting:

Boiler System Replacement at 294 Willow Avenue

RESOLUTION

2025-07

Moved: L. Morrissette

Seconded: S. Tassone

THAT the Board of Health approve Ainsworth Inc. be awarded the bid for the boiler system replacement.

CARRIED

8.0 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLUTION

2025-08

Moved: s. Hagman

Seconded: J. Wildman

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

CARRIED

9.0 Business Arising from Minutes

Not applicable.

10.0 Reports to the Board

a. Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer Reports

i. MOH Report - January 2025

Dr. J. Tuinema updated the Board with welcome news for Algoma that there are two HART Hubs announced, one for Sault Ste. Marie and one for Maamwesying, noting this is just one aspect of tackling the ongoing addiction crisis in our communities. He spoke about the Strengthening Public Health initiatives and changes to the Ontario Public Health Standards, with conversations around strategic planning also expected.

RESOLUTION

2025-09

Moved: S. Tassone

Seconded: L. Morrissette

THAT the report of the Medical Officer of Health and CEO for January 2025 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

i. Financial Statements

L. Dunseath provided an overview of the financial statements.

RESOLUTION

2025-10

Moved: L. Morrissette

Seconded: J. Wildman

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

CARRIED

11.0 New Business/General Business

a. Briefing Note - Algoma Ontario Health Team (AOHT) Partnership Agreement Renewal

Dr. J. Tuinema spoke about the change made to this agreement from APH as a core partner to a collaborative partner.

RESOLUTION

2025-11

Moved: D. McDonnell

Seconded: L. Morrissette

THAT the Board of Health approves the renewal partnership with the AOHT as a collaborative partner.

CARRIED

12.0 Correspondence for Information

- a. Letter to Algoma Public Health from the Township of Dubreuilville with resolution supporting APH Board resolution 2024-98 regarding **Perspectives from Northern Ontario for the Public Health Funding Review**. The letter is dated November 22, 2024
- b. Letter to the Mayor of Sudbury from Public Health Sudbury & Districts regarding advocacy for the **Selection of Indigenous Municipal and Provincial Appointees for Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts**, dated December 5, 2024.
- c. Letter to the Minister of Health from Public Health Sudbury & Districts regarding advocacy for the **Selection of Indigenous Municipal and Provincial Appointees for Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts**, dated December 5, 2024.
 - S. Hagman suggested similar advocacy letters for Indigenous municipal and provincial appointees, which will be discussed at a future meeting.
- d. Report to the Middlesex-London Board of Health regarding advocacy for the **Monitoring Food Affordability and Implications for Public Policy and Action**, dated December 12, 2024.
- e. Letter to the Medical Officers of Health and CEOs regarding **Strengthening Public Health** from the office of the CMOH dated December 23, 2024.
- f. Letter to the Minister of Finance from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) regarding the **2024 Pre-Budget Submission: Public Health Programs and Services**, dated January 20, 2025.
- g. alPHa Information Break - January 2025

13.0 Addendum

Not applicable.

14.0 Announcements / Next Committee Meetings:

Finance & Audit Committee

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 @ 5:00 pm

Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

Public Health Champion Awards Reception

Wednesday, February 26, 2025 @ 4:00 pm

In-person | APH Front Lobby - 294 Willow Ave

Board of Health Meeting

Wednesday, February 26, 2025 @ 5:00 pm

Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

Governance Committee

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 @ 5:00 pm

Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

15.0 Adjournment - 6:33 pm

RESOLUTION

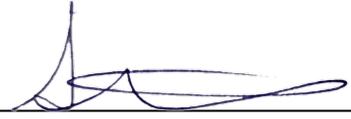
2025-12

Moved: S. Hagman

Seconded: S. Tassone

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.

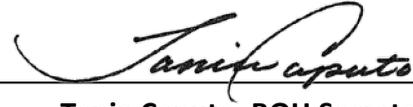
CARRIED



Suzanne Trivers, BOH Chair

February 26, 2025

Date



Tania Caputo, BOH Secretary

February 26, 2025

Date