



Media Release

New Medical Officer of Health/ Chief Executive Officer (MOH/CEO) for THU

For immediate release

The Board of Health of the Timiskaming Health Unit (THU) is pleased to announce that Dr. Monika Dutt has accepted the position of Medical Officer of Health/Chief Executive Officer (MOH/CEO) for the Timiskaming Health Unit.

Recruitment has been ongoing for a permanent MOH/CEO since the departure of Dr. Marlene Spruyt, now MOH of Algoma Public Health. In the interim Dr. Alex Hukowich and Dr. Glenn Corneil each spent time as Acting Medical Officer of Health for THU.

Board Chair, Carman Kidd said, “we are very fortunate to have Dr. Dutt coming on board with her extensive public health background, having a permanent MOH/CEO puts us in a strong position to move forward on public health priorities in our district”.

Dr. Dutt brings with her a Masters Degree in Public Health, along with numerous additional designations from Universities across Canada and the United States. She was formerly the Medical Officer of Health in Sydney Nova Scotia and Executive Director of Upstream, a national non-profit focused on creating healthy communities through better social and economic policies.

Dr Dutt has been an active volunteer with many organizations that focus on public health related issues, both at the local and national level. She is an active speaker/presenter, with multiple keynote engagements throughout Canada and the United States to her credit.

As a family physician, Dr. Dutt has worked in rural and remote communities, including Wagmatcook First Nation in Cape Breton, and Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority in Ontario.

Board Chair, Kidd, added, “Dr. Dutt has already toured the area and is very excited to be coming here”. She will begin her role in early September.

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