



MINUTES

Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health

Regular Meeting held on April 22, 2020 at 4:30 P.M.

Teleconference

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Board of Health Members

Carman Kidd	Chair, Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores
Patrick Kiely	Vice-Chair, Municipal Appointee for Town of Kirkland Lake
Mike McArthur	Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores
Jesse Foley	Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores
Maria Overton	Provincial Appointee
Casey Owens	Municipal Appointee for Town of Kirkland Lake
Paul Kelly	Municipal Appointee for Township of Larder Lake, McGarry & Gauthier
Sue Cote	Municipal Appointee for Town of Cobalt, Town of Latchford, Municipality of Temagami, and Township of Coleman

Regrets

Kim Gauthier	Municipal Appointee for Township of Armstrong, Hudson, James, Kerns & Matachewan
David Wight	Municipal Appointee for Township of Brethour, Harris, Harley & Casey, Village of Thornloe
Vacant	Municipal Appointee for Township of Chamberlain, Charlton, Evanturel, Hilliard, Dack & Town of Englehart

Timiskaming Health Unit Staff Members

Dr. Glenn Corneil	Acting Medical Officer of Health/CEO
Randy Winters	Director of Corporate Services
Kerry Schubert-Mackey	Director of Community Health
Rachelle Cote	Executive Assistant

3. **ROLL CALL**

MOTION #15R-2020

Moved by: Sue Cote

Seconded by: Casey Owens

Be it resolved that the Board of Health accepts the resignation of Caroline Gilbert, effective, March 4, 2020.

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**MOTION #16R-2020**

Moved by: Jesse Foley

Seconded by: Patrick Kiely

Be it resolved that the Board of Health adopts the agenda for its regular meeting held on April 22, 2020, with the following addition and new time proposal of 4:30 pm until further notice:

- 10d – Municipality Request – Deferral of THU Payment

CARRIED

5. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE

None.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**MOTION #17R-2020**

Moved by: Mike McArthur

Seconded by: Paul Kelly

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approves the minutes of its regular meeting held on March 4, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING

None

8. REPORTS OF MOH/CEO**a. MOH-CEO ACTIVITY REPORT**

Dr. Corneil provided a brief summary of the local COVID-19 situation. Discussed the following points of interests;

- (12) cases, (9) resolved, (2) confirming community spread.
- None currently identified in local Long-Term Care Homes and Retirement Homes to date.
- Epi curve remaining fairly flat for local district. Recent Ontario peak announcement– not applying to the northern communities. Actively discussing at NMOH level on how to address later waves for the north.
- Internal measures emphasized for staff; physical distancing, working from home, masking as needed. An all-staff teleconference scheduled for tomorrow, April 23, 9:30 am.
- Ongoing Surveillance Program Initiative moving ahead in Regional Assessment Centers for the testing of individuals presenting with viral symptoms.
- Discussed the ongoing challenges with the different lab systems.
- Ongoing focus and communications for Long-Term Care Homes and Retirement Homes. Recent announcement for all staff and residents to be swabbed in those facilities. More direction to follow.

- Temiskaming Hospital’s occupancy remains a challenge – ongoing meetings. Surge plan in place. Looking to address prior to potential increase of cases.

b. **PUBLIC HEALTH MODERNIZATION**

Discussions and meetings currently on hold with all the health units being at the forefront of the COVID-19 pandemic.

c. **ONTARIO HEALTH TEAMS UPDATE**

No current active meetings occurring at this time. Recent push from the government for health teams to find their role creating some overall challenges.

Great public health advocating work being done at the regional table by the northern lead representative, Dr. Marlene Spruyt.

9. **HUMAN RESOURCES/FINANCE UPDATE**

Randy Winters provided a finance update and a summary of recent human resources initiatives in relation to COVID-19.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **THU’S RESPONSE – POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY CONSULTATION**

MOTION #18R-2020

Moved by: Maria Overton

Seconded by: Casey Owens

Be it resolved that the Board of Health submits the response to the Ontario Government as part of their consultation on Poverty Reduction Strategy and share it with relevant stakeholders.

CARRIED

b. **MOH MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT**

Existing motion and Mutual Aid Agreement circulated for information in the event the Board would need to appoint a listed individual for the duration of an absence or inability to act of the Acting Medical Officer of Health/CEO.

c. **BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE – STATE OF EMERGENCY**

MOTION #19R-2020

Moved by: Mike McArthur

Seconded by: Patrick Kiely

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approves the following amendment to the Governance Manual, item **6.10 Electronic Meetings**:

- a) *A member of the Board who participates in a meeting through electronic means shall be deemed to be present at the meeting;*
- b) *Where an emergency has been declared to exist in all or part of a municipality (within the Board of Health’s jurisdiction) under section 4 or 7.0.1 of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act;*
 - i. *Despite section (3.2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, a member of a board of health or a committee of can participate electronically in a meeting that is closed to the public.*

CARRIED

d. **MUNICIPALITY REQUEST – DEFERRAL OF THU PAYMENT**
MOTION #20R-2020

Moved by: Sue Cote

Seconded by: Patrick Kiely

Be it resolved that the Board of Health respectfully decline the request from the City of Temiskaming Shores to defer municipal contributions for a period of three months as the Timiskaming Health Unit is incurring significant additional costs in managing this COVID-19 outbreak, and any surplus reserves were returned to their respective municipalities in December 2019.

CARRIED

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**
MOTION #21R-2020

Moved by: Jesse Foley

Seconded by: Casey Owens

Be it resolved that the Board of Health acknowledges receipt of the correspondence for information purposes.

CARRIED

12. **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

The next Board of Health meeting will be held on June 3, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. by teleconference.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**
MOTION #22R-2020

Moved by: Paul Kelly

Seconded by: Mike McArthur

Be it resolved that the Board of Health agrees to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:21 p.m.

CARRIED