

## MINUTES

### Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health

Regular Meeting held on March 6, 2024 at 6:30 PM

THU KL Boardroom / Microsoft Teams

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1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

#### **Board of Health Members**

Stacy Wight	Chair, Municipal Appointee of Kirkland Lake
Mark Wilson	Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores
Jeff Laferriere	Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores ( <i>video</i> )
Curtis Arthur	Provincial Appointee
Carol Lowery	Municipal Appointee for Town of Cobalt, Town of Latchford, Municipality of Temagami, and Township of Coleman
Paul Kelly	Municipal Appointee for Township of Larder Lake, McGarry & Gauthier
David Lowe	Provincial Appointee
Guy Godmaire	Municipal Representative for Township of Brethour, Harris, Harley & Casey, Village of Thornloe ( <i>video</i> )
Steve McIntyre	Municipal Appointee for Township of Armstrong, Hudson, James, Kerns & Matachewan ( <i>video</i> )
Casey Owens	Municipal Appointee for Town of Kirkland Lake ( <i>video</i> )
Cathy Dwyer	Provincial Appointee
Todd Steis	Provincial Appointee

#### **Regrets**

Gord Saunders	Municipal Appointee for Township of Chamberlain, Charlton, Evanturel, Hilliard, Dack & Town of Englehart
Jesse Foley	Vice-Chair, Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shore
Erin Cowan	Director of Strategic Services and Health Promotion

#### **Timiskaming Health Unit Staff Members**

Dr. Glenn Corneil	Acting Medical Officer of Health/CEO
Randy Winters	Director of Corporate and Protection Services
Rachelle Cote	Executive Assistant

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION #16R-2024**

Moved by: Cathy Dwyer

Seconded by: Paul Kelly

Be it resolved that the Board of Health adopts the agenda for its regular meeting held on March 6, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED

4. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE**

None.

5. **PRESENTATION: HEALTHY GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT**

Presenters: Jennifer Cardinal, Program Manager of Family Health

Kara Rivard, Senior Public Health Nurse

Megan Robertson, Family Resource Worker

Staff presented an overview of the family health services provided at THU. The presentation is available [here](#).

Jennifer, Kara and Megan left the meeting room at 6:48 pm.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION #17R-2024**

Moved by: David Lowe

Seconded by: Mark Wilson

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approves the minutes of its regular meeting held on January 31, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED

7. **BUSINESS ARISING**

None noted.

8. **REPORTS OF MOH/CEO**

Dr. Corneil provided a summary of the local situation and other related updates.

Dr. Corneil expressed the importance of maintaining routine vaccinations and provided an update on the measles outbreak situation. Public health units are currently preparing for a potential surge. More information to be provided as available.'

9. **HUMAN RESOURCES & FINANCE UPDATE**

Randy Winters provided an update for information purposes.

**10. NEW BUSINESS****a. PHU-THU Merger Update**

Chair Wight thanked all applicants and is pleased with the synergy of the working group. Dr. Corneil provided the following update:

- A BOH working group including both MOHs and Chairs, a provincial appointee, the merger advisor, municipal representatives and a Program Manager as recorder. The group meets monthly to discuss and make recommendations on specific items of the merger process/application, due to the ministry, April 2, 2024.
- An e-communication update was shared with all staff, the Board of Health, community partners and municipalities on February 29, 2024. Looking to issue quarterly or as required.
- Monthly calls are held with the Ministry to discuss the merger process and challenges. Discussions are very beneficial for both parties involved.

**b. PHU-THU Board Working Group Update****i. BOH Working Group Minutes**

Minutes of February 12 were shared for information.

**ii. BOH Merger Working Group – Terms of Reference  
MOTION #18R-2024**

Moved by: Casey Owens

Seconded by: Jesse Foley

Be it resolved that the Timiskaming Board of Health, having reviewed the BOH Merger Working Group Terms of Reference, approve the contents.

CARRIED

**iii. Motions for Discussions:****(1) BOH Merger Working Group – Name of the New Proposed Local PH Agency  
MOTION #19R-2024**

Moved by: Casey Owens

Seconded by: Todd Steis

Be it resolved that the Timiskaming Board of Health approve the name of the new proposed Local Public Health Agency to “Board of Health for the Northeastern Public Health Unit”, publicly known as Northeastern Public Health / Santé publique du Nord-Est.

CARRIED

(2) **Geographical Boundaries**

**MOTION #20R-2024**

Moved by: Carol Lowery

Seconded by: Curt Arthur

Be it resolved that the Timiskaming Board of Health approve the geographic boundaries of the new proposed public health agency to reflect the current geographic boundaries of the PHU and THU combined.

CARRIED

(3) **BOH Governance**

**MOTION #21R-2024**

Moved by: Cathy Dwyer

Seconded by: David Lowe

Be it resolved that the Timiskaming Board of Health approves an autonomous Board of Health governance model for the proposed public health agency.

CARRIED

(4) **Leadership Model**

**MOTION #22R-2024**

Moved by: Paul Kelly

Seconded by: Casey Owens

Be it resolved that the Timiskaming Board of Health approves the combined Medical Officer of Health/Chief Executive Officer leadership model with an Associate Medical Officer of Health position for the new proposed public health agency.

CARRIED

c. **alPHa Winter Symposium Update**

Mr. Arthur provided summary notes and a brief overview of the conference topics.

d. **Briefing Note: Household Food Insecurity**

**MOTION #23R-2024**

Moved by: Guy Godmaire

Seconded by: Casey Owens

Be it resolved that the Board of Health endorse the Public Health Sudbury and Districts calls for the provincial government to incorporate local food affordability data in determining adequacy of social assistance rates to reflect the current costs of living and to index to inflation going forward as summarized by multiple Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alpha) resolutions:

[A05-18](#) (Adequate Nutrition for Ontario Works and Living Wage),

[A18-02](#) (Minimum Wage that is Living Wage),

[A15-04](#) (Basic Income Guarantee), and

[A23-05](#) (Monitoring Food Affordability in Ontario and the Inadequacy of Social Assistance Rates) and to continue prioritizing monitoring food affordability as part of population health and surveillance efforts.

CARRIED

e. **2023 Year-End BOH Report**

Report distributed for information purposes.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

**MOTION #24R-2024**

Moved by: Paul Kelly

Seconded by: Mark Wilson

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

CARRIED

12. **IN-CAMERA**

None noted.

13. **RISE AND REPORT**

N/A

14. **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Special Board of Health Meeting: March 25, 4:30 pm, virtual only.

The next regular meeting will be held on April 3, 2024 at 6:30 pm in New Liskeard.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #25R-2024**

Moved by: Carol Lowery

Seconded by: Casey Owens

Be it resolved that the Board of Health agrees to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:01 pm.

CARRIED

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Stacy Wight, Board Chair

Rachelle Cote, Recorder