



MINUTES

Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health

Regular Meeting held on March 2, 2016 at 6:30 P.M.

New Liskeard – Timiskaming Health Unit Boardroom

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

2. **ROLL CALL**

Board of Health Members

Carman Kidd	Chair, Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores
Tony Antoniazzi	Vice-Chair, Municipal Appointee for Town of Kirkland Lake
Mike McArthur	Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores
Jesse Foley	Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores
Jean-Guy Chamailard	Municipal Appointee for Town of Kirkland Lake
Sue Cote	Municipal Appointee for Town of Cobalt, Town of Latchford, Municipality of Temagami, and Township of Coleman
Merrill Bond	Municipal Appointee for Township of Chamberlain, Charlton, Evanturel, Hilliard, Dack & Town of Englehart
Audrey Lacarte	Municipal Appointee for Township of Brethour, Harris, Harley & Casey, Village of Thornloe
Maria Overton	Provincial Appointee
Kimberly Gauthier	Municipal Appointee for Township of Armstrong, Hudson, James, Kerns & Matachewan
Sherri Louttit	Provincial Appointee

Regrets

Vacant	Municipal Appointee for Township of Larder Lake, McGarry & Gauthier
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Timiskaming Health Unit Staff Members

Dr. Marlene Spruyt	Medical Officer of Health/Chief Executive Officer
Randy Winters	Manager of Corporate Services
Rachelle Leveille	Executive Assistant

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION #18R-2016

Moved by: Sue Cote

Seconded by: Tony Antoniazzi

Be it resolved that the Board of Health adopts the agenda for its regular meeting held on March 2, 2016, with the following addition:

- 8c-Immunization and School Suspension

CARRIED

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

None.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION #19R-2016

Moved by: Merrill Bond

Seconded by: Mike McArthur

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approves the minutes of its regular meeting held on January 27, 2016, as amended.

CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING**

A Board member inquired about the receipt of funding for the new integrated dental program. Mr. Winters confirmed that no budget has been received to date and no timeline was provided as to when to expect it.

7. **REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

MOTION #20R-2016

Moved by: Audrey Lacarte

Seconded by: Sherri Louttit

Be it resolved that the Board of Health accepts the report of the Medical Officer of Health/Chief Executive Officer as distributed.

CARRIED

Dr. Spruyt provided a follow-up on her discussions with the COMOH group at the ALPHA conference in Toronto last Thursday. The council met together to discuss their perspective regarding the *Patients First* discussion paper which recommends that health units be moved under the umbrella of the LHINs. Health units feel that their work and mandate are different than the healthcare system and therefore should remain under the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the municipalities.

The northern health units met with the Board Chair of FONOM. They will be providing their response to the Ministry as well. Health unit and municipalities have maintained good working relationships and most public health work is based in community, not the

healthcare system. We believe that public health units should remain directly reporting to the MOHLTC and municipalities.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **MANAGEMENT OPERATION PLAN 2016**

The plan was shared with the Board for information purposes.

b. **ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**

The Organizational Chart was revised as per the reassignment of responsibilities following the divestment of the Mental Health/Addiction Services to the Canadian Mental Health Association.

c. **BOARD SELF-EVALUATION**

An email will be sent this week for the Board to complete their self-evaluation.

d. **IMMUNIZATION – SCHOOL SUSPENSION**

From a recent television news blurb, there was a question about a student that was suspended for about 24 days due to not being able to provide the appropriate immunization records due to relocation. The media story was not related to activities in Timiskaming. Dr. Spruyt confirmed that suspensions do occur as per the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*. Students are required to get immunized with certain agents. If refusing to get immunized, the parent must provide an exemption. The school team nurses will provide notices, attempt to contact the parent in effort to obtain their consent/exemption in order to prevent a suspension order. As soon as the student receives the immunization, the suspension is retracted immediately and the child is able to return to school. Fortunately, with the new Panorama provincial system, health units are able to obtain a child's immunization record from another location in the province to assess and update as needed.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

MOTION #21R-2016

Moved by: Sue Cote

Seconded by: Jesse Foley

The Board of Health acknowledges receipt of the correspondence for information purposes;

- Sudbury & District Health Unit
Resolution #54-15 to support a public health approach to the forthcoming cannabis legalization framework including strict health-focused regulations to reduce the health and societal harms.
- Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit
Resolution to enact legislation implementing infection prevention and control requirements for invasive personal settings with a suitable enforcement program.

- Grey Bruce Health Unit
Letter to Ministries to support the recommendations from Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District HU for a joint federal-provincial investigation into a basic income guarantee for Ontarians and all Canadians and to further support the request from Huron County regarding food security and transformation of social assistance in ON.
- Middlesex-London Health Unit
Motion to advocate for an evidence-based public health approach to Cannabis in regards to legalization, strict regulations, production, distribution, product promotion and sale. To establish baseline data and mechanisms to monitor local use.
- Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit
Following the release of *Patients First*. Letter to the MOHLTC to request that PHU continue to be funded by the Province. If recommendations outlined in the Patients First Discussion paper, then the Board endorses the recommendations made by the Toronto Public Health.
- Ottawa Public Health
Letter to MOHLTC to outline key considerations for successful health system transformation.
- North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
Resolution #2016-01-10 to urge the Ontario government to prioritize the investigation into a basic income guarantee, increase minimum wage and social assistance rates to reflect the costs of living.

CARRIED

10. **IN-CAMERA****MOTION #22R-2016**

Moved by: Audrey Lacarte

Seconded by: Merrill Bond

Be it resolved that the Board of Health agrees to move in-camera at 7:08 p.m. to discuss the following matters under section 239 (2):

- a. In-Camera Minutes (January 27, 2016)
- b. THU Property
- c. Identifiable Individuals

CARRIED

11. **RISE AND REPORT****MOTION #23R-2016**

Moved by: Merrill Bond

Seconded by: Tony Antoniazzi

Be it resolved that the Board of Health agrees to rise with report at 7:27 p.m.

In-Camera Minutes**MOTION #24R-2016**

Moved by: Sue Cote

Seconded by: Maria Overton

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approves the in-camera minutes of meeting held on January 27, 2016, as presented.

CARRIED

12. **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

The next Board of Health meeting will be held on April 6, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in Englehart.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION #25R-2016

Moved by: Jesse Foley

Seconded by: Sue Cote

Be it resolved that the Board of Health agrees to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Carman Kidd, Board Chair

Rachelle Cote, Recorder