



MINUTES

Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health

Regular Meeting held on October 23, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.

New Liskeard – Timiskaming Health Unit Boardroom

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Board of Health Members

Carman Kidd	Chair, Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores
Mike McArthur	Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores
Sue Cote	Municipal Appointee for Town of Cobalt, Town of Latchford, Municipality of Temagami, and Township of Coleman
Kim Gauthier	Municipal Appointee for Township of Armstrong, Hudson, James, Kerns & Matachewan
Patrick Kiely	Vice-Chair, Municipal Appointee for Town of Kirkland Lake
Casey Owens	Municipal Appointee for Town of Kirkland Lake
Paul Kelly	Municipal Appointee for Township of Larder Lake, McGarry & Gauthier
Maria Overton	Provincial Appointee
Jesse Foley	Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores
Caroline Gilbert	Municipal Appointee for Township of Chamberlain, Charlton, Evanturel, Hilliard, Dack & Town of Englehart

Regrets

Vacant	Municipal Appointee for Township of Brethour, Harris, Harley & Casey, Village of Thornloe
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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. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION #50R-2019

Moved by: Mike McArthur

Seconded by: Jesse Foley

Be it resolved that the Board of Health adopts the agenda for its regular meeting held on October 23, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED

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

None.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION #51R-2019

Moved by: Sue Cote

Seconded by: Kim Gauthier

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approves the minutes of its regular meeting on September 11, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING**

None

7. **REPORTS OF THE MOH/CEO**

a. **MOH/CEO REPORT**

Dr. Corneil reviewed his report with the board for information purposes.

b. **NE PUBLIC HEALTH TRANSFORMATION UPDATE**

No update, the Steering Committee is waiting for further ministry direction.

Some leadership teams are continuing with some collaboration work, others remain on hold until additional guidance is provided from the ministry.

Internally, THU will be moving forward with a Change Management Team to prepare staff and management in the anticipation that the government may be moving quickly with changes to the public health system.

c. **ONTARIO HEALTH TEAMS**

Ongoing meetings scheduled to continue to explore.

There are ongoing discussions amongst health units regarding their membership status with Ontario Health Teams. Some have switched their membership to “associate” instead of “partner” due to possible financial implications. Dr. Corneil and Kerry to follow up as required.

8. **MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

a. **Q3 BOARD REPORT**

Distributed for information.

b. **RISK MANAGEMENT REPPORT**

Distributed for information as part of the Q3 ministry reporting requirement.

- c. **2018 ANNUAL REPORT**
Distributed for information.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **NE PUBLIC HEALTH TRANSFORMATION – BOH CHAIR MEETING NOTES/MOTION**
Following the NE BOH Chairs' teleconference held on October 11, 2019, the following motion was passed:

MOTION #52R-2019

Moved by: Pat Kiely

Seconded by: Paul Kelly

WHEREAS in its April 2019 budget, the Government of Ontario announced transformations to the public health system; and

WHEREAS on September 12 and on October 10, 2019, respectively, Deputy Minister Helen Angus announced the new roles of Executive Lead (Assistant Deputy Minister Alison Blair) and of Special Advisor (Mr. Jim Pine) for public health modernization; and

WHEREAS it was communicated that the Special Advisor will play a key role in facilitating discussions between the Ministry of Health, municipal elected officials and administrative leadership on public health and on emergency health services; and

WHEREAS the five Boards of Health in North East Ontario*, having been engaged since 2017 in identifying opportunities for collaboration and potential shared services, remain committed to continued collaboration;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for Timiskaming Health Unit support the request of the Chairs of the five Boards of Health in the North East, namely that the Ministry of Health hold public health consultation sessions that are separate and distinct from the emergency health services consultation sessions and are held in each North East Board of Health catchment area;

AND FURTHER THAT the July 2019 submission to Deputy Helen Angus and Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. David Williams, *Transforming Public Health for the People of Northeastern Ontario*, be shared with Mr. Jim Pine and ADM Blair;

AND FURTHER THAT Mr. Pine be invited to meet with the leadership of the five North East Boards of Health collectively to share the work of the North East Public Health Transformation Initiative and engage further on developing a local public health system that best meets the public health needs of the people of the North East.

* Algoma Public Health, North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Porcupine Health Unit, Public Health Sudbury & Districts, and Timiskaming Health Unit

CARRIED

- b. **INFANT HEARING FINANCIAL SUPPORT – BRIEFING NOTE**
The Board received the Infant Hearing Financial Support – Briefing Note for information purposes. Following a review and assessment of the agreement, the management team has agreed to discontinue the financial assistance across the district.
- c. **VAPING IN TIMISKAMING HEALTH UNIT AREA**
The Board received the Vaping in THU Area – Briefing Note for information. A timely and serious issue across the province. An order was issued by the Ministry in September 2019 for hospitals/physicians to now report illnesses/cases directly to the Chief Medical Officer of Health. Health Canada has also recently issued an alert to the public to report and not ignore symptoms in relation to vaping. Ongoing work continues with the schools and the media but will need further interventions. MOHs are encouraging the government to move quickly on legislation.
- d. **THU STAFF DEVELOPMENT 2019**
The Board received the THU Staff Development 2019 – Briefing Note for information. In alignment with strategic planning and the accountability framework, professional development has been identified as a need to support staff and management through this time of change in public health.
10. **CORRESPONDENCE**
MOTION #53R-2019
Moved by: Mike McArthur
Seconded by: Kim Gauthier
Be it resolved that the Timiskaming Board of Health acknowledges receipt of the correspondence for information purposes.
ai. Editorial Ltr & Response – Board Accountability
a. Editorial Ltr & Response – Stigma & Harm Reduction
CARRIED
11. **IN-CAMERA**
MOTION #54R-2019
Moved by: Kim Gauthier
Seconded by: Casey Owens
Be it resolved that the Board of Health agrees to move in-camera at 7:16 p.m. to discuss the following matters under section 239 (2):
a. In-Camera Minutes (September 11, 2019)
CARRIED
12. **RISE AND REPORT**
MOTION #55R-2019
Moved by: Paul Kelly
Seconded by: Sue Cote
Be it resolved that the Board of Health agrees to rise with report at 7:17 p.m.

IN-CAMERA MINUTES

MOTION #56R-2019

Moved by: Sue Cote

Seconded by: Mike McArthur

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approves the in-camera minutes of meeting held on September 11, 2019 as presented.

CARRIED

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION #57R-2019

Moved by: Kim Gauthier

Seconded by: Casey Owens

Be it resolved that the Board of Health agrees to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:19 p.m.

CARRIED

Carman Kidd, Board Chair

Rachelle Cote, Recorder