



MINUTES

Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health

Regular Meeting held on November 5, 2014 at 6:30 P.M.

Englehart Medical Centre Boardroom

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Board of Health Members

Carman Kidd	Chair, Mayor of Temiskaming Shores
Mike McArthur	Councillor, Temiskaming Shores
Merrill Bond	Councillor, Charlton & Dack, representative for Town of Englehart, township of Evanturel, Chamberlain, Hilliard
Norm Mino	Councillor, Town of Kirkland Lake
Sherri Louttit	Public Appointee
Audrey Lacarte	Municipal Appointee, Townships of Brethour, Harris, Harley & Casey, Village of Thornloe
Merdy Armstrong	Municipal Appointee, Townships of Larder Lake & McGarry, Township of Gauthier
Tony Antoniazzi	Vice-Chair, Councillor, Town of Kirkland Lake
Sue Nielsen	Councillor for Town of Cobalt, representative for Town of Latchford, Municipality of Temagami, and Township of Coleman)
Jamie Morrow	Councillor, Temiskaming Shores (<i>Teleconference</i>)

Regrets

Louise Hayes	Municipal Appointee, Township of Armstrong, Hudson, James, Kerns & Matachewan
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Timiskaming Health Unit Staff Members

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

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION #72R-2014

Moved by: Merrill Bond

Seconded by: Tony Antoniazzi

Be it resolved that the Board of Health adopts the agenda for its regular meeting held on November 5th, 2014 as presented.

CARRIED

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

None.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION #73R-2014

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 October 1, 2014, as presented.

CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING**

6a **Resolution 01-2014 – Continued Publically Funded Oral Care Services**

Copy of the resolution was distributed to the Board for information.

6b **KL Heating Complaints By-Law Follow-Up**

Dr. Spruyt informed the Board that Mrs. Allick will be bringing the issue to council once their new members have been appointed. Mrs. Allick would like the opportunity to discuss with her council regarding the recommended amendments to the by-law #78-069. Dr. Spruyt has offered to provide a briefing note and clarification regarding THU's mandate which does not include responding to heating complaints. THU would like to see the transition occur as quickly as possible and can offer our equipment to the town in order to respond and address heating complaints.

7. **FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

Minutes of meeting held on September 25, 2014 were distributed for information. Mr. Winters informed that the 2014 Public Health & Related Program budget was approved and received today from the Ministry with a 2% increase.

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

MOTION #74R-2014

Moved by: Merdy Armstrong

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

Falls Prevention Survey

A screening tool survey was being offered to all seniors attending the influenza clinics this year. The tool is a generic assessment that clients can bring back to their physician to discuss potential risks. Volunteers from Rising Stars assisted in the survey administration.

Clarification was provided in regards to a complaint received from the Cobalt Influenza clinic.

Municipal Candidate Survey – Poverty Project

Some feedback was expressed by the Board members regarding their views on answering the survey. Many communicated that the following was not appropriate: the timing of the survey (during an election period), having the results posted on the website, some felt they were not in a position to answer (not involved with social services), more related to a county-municipality, newspapers published some information, some did not fill out the survey due to most of the questions required some knowledge, no space to provide comments. Dr. Spruyt clarified that the survey was part of a provincial project amongst all health units. The questions were created centrally for all HU to share. It was done to increase awareness with an opportunity for the candidates to provide their answer. The Board recommended to bring all future political exercise/statement for discussion at the Board.

Ministry Letter – PHU Reporting Requirements

Due to a few incidents where there was a delay of an infectious disease being released to the public, the Ministry is now requesting earlier notification of outbreak investigations. HU are required to disclose more detailed information to the public. In previous incidents, the press had gotten involved prior to all contacts being notified. The Ministry is encouraging health units to become more transparent in order to maintain confidence in Ontario's public health sector.

9. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

The 2014 Q3 Board Report and the staff list were reviewed by the Board for information.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution #02-2014 – Regulating The Manufacture, sale, Promotion, Display of E-Cigarettes

MOTION #75R-2014

Moved by: Mike McArthur

Seconded by: Jamie Morrow

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approves the Board of Health #02-2014 as presented.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION #76R-2014

Moved by: Merdy Armstrong

Seconded by: Tony Antoniazzi

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

- Windsor-Essex County Health Unit:

Motion to request the Ministry to maintain clinical preventive oral health services in the OPHS under current eligibility criteria.

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health:

Letter to the Minister Matthews to encourage the Province of Ontario to introduce clear implementation and investment plans to ensure the goals of the new strategy; **Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy, Realizing Our Potential 2014-2019** and to urge the

government to increase basic social assistance to an amount that is adequate to cover basic living expenses including the cost of healthy eating.

Grey Bruce Health Unit:

Motion to support the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, urging the province to take positive action to meet current needs of our population with respect to access to emergency dental care.

CARRIED

12. **IN-CAMERA**

MOTION #77R-2014

Moved by: Merrill Bond

Seconded by: Sue Nielsen

Be it resolved that the Board of Health agrees to move in-camera at 7:38 p.m. to discuss the following matters under section 239 (2):

- a. Approval of In-Camera Minutes (October 1, 2014)
- b. Update on Illegal Septic System
- c. Elk Lake Nursing Station
- d. Personal Matters about an Identifiable Individual

CARRIED

13. **RISE AND REPORT**

MOTION #78R-2014

Moved by: Mike McArthur

Seconded by: Norm Mino

Be it resolved that the Board of Health agrees to rise with report at 7:55 p.m.

In-Camera Minutes

MOTION #79R-2014

Moved by: Merrill Bond

Seconded by: Audrey Lacarte

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approves the in-camera minutes of meeting held on October 1, 2014 as presented.

CARRIED

14. **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

The next Board of Health meeting will be held on January 21, 2015 in Kirkland Lake.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION #80R-2014

Moved by: Tony Antoniazzi

Seconded by: Audrey Lacarte

Be it resolved that the Board of Health agrees to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m.

CARRIED