



MINUTES

Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health

Regular Meeting held on June 8, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

New Liskeard THU Office / Microsoft Teams

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
Mike McArthur	Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores
Casey Owens	Municipal Appointee for Town of Kirkland Lake
Paul Kelly	Municipal Appointee for Township of Larder Lake, McGarry & Gauthier
Curtis Arthur	Provincial Appointee
Sue Cote	Municipal Appointee for Town of Cobalt, Town of Latchford, Municipality of Temagami, and Township of Coleman
Nina Wallace	Municipal Appointee for Township of Chamberlain, Charlton, Evanturel, Hilliard, Dack & Town of Englehart

Regrets

Kim Gauthier	Municipal Appointee for Township of Armstrong, Hudson, James, Kerns & Matachewan
Jesse Foley	Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores
Patrick Kiely	Vice-Chair, Municipal Appointee for Town of Kirkland Lake
Vacant	Municipal Appointee for Township of Brethour, Harris, Harley & Casey, Village of Thornloe

Timiskaming Health Unit Staff Members

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

3. **Presentation: School Health**

by Amanda Mongeon, Manager of Community Health & Angela Labonté, School Public Health Nurse

Amanda Mongeon provided an overview of the work in comprehensive school health at THU and an update on the current work done with schools. See briefing note, item 10c, for more information.

Amanda Mongeon and Angela Labonté left the call at 6:51 p.m.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION #23R-2022

Moved by: Casey Owens

Seconded by: Curtis Arthur

Be it resolved that the Board of Health adopts the agenda for its regular meeting held on June 8, 2022, as presented.

CARRIED

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION #24R-2022

Moved by: Mike McArthur

Seconded by: Casey Owens

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approves the minutes of its regular meeting held on June 8, 2022, as presented.

CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING**

None

7. **REPORTS OF MOH/CEO**

Dr. Corneil provided a summary of the local COVID-19 situation and other related updates.

Masking mandate: expiring on June 11, 2022. Individual ministries to provide further direction to businesses/organizations.

Monkeypox: province monitoring and health units preparing in case of surge, not a risk to the area at this time.

Public Health Modernization: there are possible ongoing discussions regarding the province resuming its plan to amalgamate the 35 health units into 10 regional health entities. Sharing for awareness. More information to follow as it will become available.

8. **HUMAN RESOURCES & FINANCE UPDATE**

A human resources and financial report was submitted for information purposes.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **[Briefing Note: Call for Decriminalization of the Personal Use of Drugs](#)**

MOTION #25R-2022

Moved by: Mike McArthur

Seconded by: Curtis Arthur

Be it resolved:

1. **THAT** the Timiskaming Board of Health endorse the Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington (KFLA) Drug Strategy Advisory Committee's [online petition](#) to reduce the

harms to those who use illicit drugs. The petition to the House of Commons calls upon the Government of Canada to:

- a. Decriminalize the use of drugs for personal use,
- b. Support the provinces in their efforts to respond to the drug poisoning crisis, and
- c. Create a dedicated stakeholder-advised Standing Committee to respond to Canada's drug poisoning crisis that supports harm reduction, prevention, and treatment options for people who use substances.

- and that this be communicated to the Timiskaming Alcohol & Drug Strategy Steering Committee and the KLFA Drug Strategy Advisory Committee for their information.
2. **THAT** the Timiskaming Board of Health support the call on the federal government to decriminalize the possession of all illicit drugs for personal as an evidence-informed approach that acknowledges that substance use is a health issue and not one of morality, will power or criminal justice and, further that the federal government support the immediate scale up of prevention, harm reduction, and treatment services and that this be communicated in writing to The Honourable Federal Minister of Health with copies to the following Local MPs, Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, Association of Local Public Health Agencies
 3. **AND FURTHER THAT** the Timiskaming Board of Health endorse the letter from Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) to the Ontario Minister of Health ([Appendix A](#)) in response to the Opioid Crisis province-wide (recommendations 1 – 7), and that this be communicated in writing to the Ontario Minister of Health with copies to the following Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Local MPPs, Timiskaming Drug and Alcohol Strategy, Association of Local Public Health Agencies.

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- b. [BOH Briefing Note: Recovery Planning](#)
The Timiskaming Board of Health receive the briefing note for information.
- c. [BOH Briefing Note: Comprehensive School Health](#)
The Timiskaming Board of Health receive the briefing note for information.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**
MOTION #26R-2022

Moved by: Sue Cote

Seconded by: Casey Owens

Be it resolved the Board of Health acknowledges receipt of the [correspondence](#) for information purposes.

CARRIED

10. **IN-CAMERA**

MOTION #27R-2022

Moved by: Mike McArthur

Seconded by: Nina Wallace

The Board of Health agrees to move in-camera at 7:21 pm to discuss the following matters under section 239 (2):

- Employees Negotiations

CARRIED

11. **RISE AND REPORT**

MOTION #28R-2022

Moved by: Sue Cote

Seconded by: Paul Kelly

The Board of Health agrees to rise with report at 7:27 pm.

IN-CAMERA MINUTES

MOTION #1C-2022

Moved by: Curtis Arthur

Seconded by: Mike McArthur

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approves the in-camera minutes of meeting held on May 4, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED

12. **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

The next Board of Health meeting will be held on September 7, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in New Liskeard.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION #29R-2022

Moved by: Nina Wallace

Seconded by: Paul Kelly

Be it resolved that the Board of Health agrees to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:29 p.m.

CARRIED