



## MINUTES

### Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health

Regular Meeting held on June 3, 2020 at 4:30 P.M.

Teleconference

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1. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

**Board of Health Members**

Carman Kidd	Chair, Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores
Patrick Kiely	Vice-Chair, Municipal Appointee for Town of Kirkland Lake
Mike McArthur	Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores
Jesse Foley	Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores
Maria Overton	Provincial Appointee
Casey Owens	Municipal Appointee for Town of Kirkland Lake
Paul Kelly	Municipal Appointee for Township of Larder Lake, McGarry & Gauthier
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

**Regrets**

Vacant	Municipal Appointee for Township of Brethour, Harris, Harley & Casey, Village of Thornloe
Vacant	Municipal Appointee for Township of Chamberlain, Charlton, Evanturel, Hilliard, Dack & Town of Englehart

**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. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 2019 DECEMBER YEAR-END**

**MOTION #23R-2020**

Moved by: Jesse Foley

Seconded by: Sue Cote

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approves the 2019 Audited Financial Statements for the December Year-End as presented.

CARRIED

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION #24R-2020**

Moved by: Paul Kelly

Seconded by: Casey Owens

Be it resolved that the Board of Health adopts the agenda for its regular meeting held on June 3, 2020 as presented.

CARRIED

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

None.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION #25R-2020**

Moved by: Maria Overton

Seconded by: Mike McArthur

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approves the minutes of its regular meeting held on April 22, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED

7. **BUSINESS ARISING**

None

8. **REPORTS OF MOH/CEO**

a. **MOH-CEO ACTIVITY REPORT**

Dr. Corneil provided a brief summary of the local COVID-19 situation. Discussed the following points of interests;

- Locally, no report of active cases since a month ago. Credit to team and communities for respecting public health measures.
- District absorbed first wave well, communities to remain vigilant.
- Swab surveillance program at Northdale Manor, complete, all results are negative.
- Ontario Health is moving forward with an asymptomatic swab surveillance of staff in LTCHs, to be done twice in the month of June. Program and swab distribution now coordinated by OH (former NELHIN) no longer public health. THU continuing to support as required. Held numerous meetings to provide guidance and direction for process.
- Ongoing focus on testing, with loosened criteria and more lab capacity. Anyone in a high-risk profession or believes to have been exposed, may seek testing. Discussed ongoing issues with asymptomatic swabbing.
- THU is continuing to promote and encourage symptomatic individual to seek testing.
- A provincial asymptomatic swab initiative for the congregate group settings (Community Living and Pavillion) is underway over the next few weeks.
- Promoting public health messaging on website and social media.
- Province may be moving towards a regional approach for low risk areas; decision

making and modified restrictions to apply to specific regions.

- Groups of 5 still in place.
- Supporting and providing ongoing guidance to operators of day camps, schools, campgrounds, municipal beaches, workplaces and lodging cabin rentals.
- Management working on the expansion of HU services.

**COVID and Other Program Quarterly Highlights**, Kerry Schubert-Mackey, Director of Community Health

- Ongoing weekly calls with community partners re: vulnerable populations impacted by covid-19 mental health/addictions support, food security, violence prevention.
- THU conducted rapid local situation assessments and evidence reviews and guidance created re: stay-home measures and those living in low-income access to transportation, technology/digital divide,
- Funding options available – THU assisting with the coordination of community support where applicable.
- Promotion of our local public health staff heroes through the OPHA provincial campaign.
- Ongoing work with health and inequities, harm reduction, sexual health services, immunizations, adapting approach to reach new Moms, families. Work of CDPWB and IPSM continues with reframing focus on COVID-19.
- Planning evaluation regarding the pandemic response is underway.
- Identify local relevance re: violence and racism.
- Covid Connection Line – 65 volunteers reached out, 19 requests supported. This included supporting City of TS Senior Food Gift Cards – targeting groups in need.
- Routine BOH quarterly highlights/statistics postponed to September (Q2).

9. **HUMAN RESOURCES/FINANCE UPDATE**

Randy Winters provided a finance update and a summary of recent human resources initiatives in relation to COVID-19.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **BASIC INCOME FOR INCOME SECURITY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND BEYOND MOTION #26R-2020**

Moved by: Kim Gauthier

Seconded by: Patrick Kiely

***BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Board of Health endorses the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's (SMDHU) call for the federal government to take swift and immediate action on the evolution of the CERB Benefit into legislation for a basic income as an effective long-term response to the problems of income insecurity, persistent poverty and household food insecurity; as well as a response to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; ***AND FURTHER THAT*** Prime Minister Trudeau, Deputy Prime Minister Freeland and Minister Morneau, Timiskaming's MPs, MPPs and Chief Medical Officer of Health and all Ontario boards of health are so advised.

CARRIED

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

**MOTION #27R-2020**

Moved by: Sue Cote

Seconded by: Kim Gauthier

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

CARRIED

12. **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

The next Board of Health meeting will be held on September 2, 2020. Time and meeting format to be determined at a later date.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #28R-2020**

Moved by: Mike McArthur

Seconded by: Paul Kelly

Be it resolved that the Board of Health agrees to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:54 p.m.

CARRIED

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Carman Kidd, Board Chair

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Rachelle Cote, Recorder