

MINUTES

Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health

Regular Meeting held on September 6, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

Timiskaming Health Unit – Kirkland Lake Boardroom / Microsoft Teams

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

2. **ROLL CALL**

Board of Health Members

Stacy Wight	Chair, Municipal Appointee of Kirkland Lake
Casey Owens	Municipal Appointee for Town of Kirkland Lake
Mark Wilson	Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores (<i>Video</i>)
Jeff Laferriere	Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores
Curtis Arthur	Provincial Appointee
Guy Godmaire	Municipal Representative for Township of Brethour, Harris, Harley & Casey, Village of Thornloe
Steve McIntyre	Municipal Appointee for Township of Armstrong, Hudson, James, Kerns & Matachewan (<i>Video, 6:54 pm</i>)
Carol Lowery	Municipal Appointee for Town of Cobalt, Town of Latchford, Municipality of Temagami, and Township of Coleman (<i>Video</i>)
Paul Kelly	Municipal Appointee for Township of Larder Lake, McGarry & Gauthier
David Lowe	Provincial Appointee (<i>Video</i>)
Cathy Dwyer	Provincial Appointee
Todd Steis	Provincial Appointee (<i>Video</i>)

Regrets

Jesse Foley	Vice-Chair, Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores
Gord Saunders	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
Erin Cowan	Director of Strategic Services and Health Promotion
Rachelle Cote	Executive Assistant

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION #40R-2023

Moved by: Paul Kelly

Seconded by: Jeff Laferriere

Be it resolved that the Board of Health adopts the agenda for its regular meeting held on September 6, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

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

None.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION #41R-2023

Moved by: Casey Owens

Seconded by: Curtis Arthur

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approves the minutes of:

- Regular meeting held on June 7, 2023, as presented.
- Special meeting held on August 10, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING**

N/A

7. **REPORTS OF MOH/CEO**

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

Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS):

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is doing a full review of the OPHS. More details to follow.

Air Quality Monitors: THU is continuing to advocate for additional reporting units for the north region. Through a federal environmental assessment pilot project initiative, THU is distributing purple air monitors to municipalities who express interest. To date, there is adequate coverage in the north and south part of the district and no current representation for the central part of Timiskaming.

8. **HUMAN RESOURCES & FINANCE UPDATE**

Randy Winters provided an update for information purposes.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **2023 Mid-Year Board Report**

Report distributed for information purposes.

b. **Letter of Support: Contraceptive Universal Coverage**

MOTION #42R-2023

Moved by: Jeff Laferriere

Seconded by: Mark Wilson

Be it resolved THAT the Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health recognizes the importance of access to contraception and menstrual products for all Ontarians; and

Further that the Board encourages the Provincial government to cover the cost of all contraceptive options for all Ontario residents; and

Further that the Premier of Ontario and Deputy Premier be so advised.

CARRIED

c. **Briefing Note: Ontario Vape Tax**

MOTION #43R-2023

Moved by: Curtis Arthur

Seconded by: Paul Kelly

Be it resolved that the Board of Health endorse the Alliance for a Tobacco-Free Ontario (ATFO) policy recommendation that the Government of Ontario participate in the federal government's vape tax framework to deter access to vape products among young people; and

Further that, a copy of this endorsement be forwarded to the Alliance for a Tobacco-Free Ontario (see Appendix A).

CARRIED

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

MOTION #44R-2023

Moved by: Guy Godmaire

Seconded by: Casey Owens

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

CARRIED

a. **BOH GOVERNANCE TRAINING**

The Board discussed and agreed to participate in a joint training session with the North Bay Parry Sound / Sudbury and Districts Health Units. Board members to express their interest. Rachelle to coordinate the response. More details to follow.

11. **IN-CAMERA**

MOTION #45R-2023

Moved by: Paul Kelly

Seconded by: Jeff Laferriere

Be it resolved the Board of Health agrees to move in-camera at 7:04 pm to discuss the following matters under section 239 (2):

- MOH Update – Confidential Matter
- In-Camera Minutes – Special Meeting (August 10, 2023)

CARRIED

12. **RISE AND REPORT**

MOTION #46R-2023

Moved by: Guy Godmaire

Seconded by: Paul Kelly

Be it resolved the Board of Health agrees to rise with report at 7:33 pm.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING

MOTION #2C-2023

Moved by: Jeff Laferriere

Seconded by: Curtis Arthur

Be it resolved the Board of Health approves the in-camera minutes of the special Board meeting held on August 10, 2023.

CARRIED

13. **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

The next Board of Health meeting will be held on October 11, 2023 at 6:30 pm in New Liskeard.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION #47R-2023

Moved by: Cathy Dwyer

Seconded by: David Lowe

Be it resolved that the Board of Health agrees to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:34 pm.

CARRIED