

## MINUTES

### Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health

Regular Meeting held on May 29, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Kirkland Lake – Timiskaming Health Unit Boardroom

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

**Board of Health Members**

Carman Kidd	Chair, Municipal Appointee for City of Temiskaming Shores
Mike McArthur	Municipal Appointee for City of Temiskaming Shores
Jesse Foley	Municipal Appointee for City of Temiskaming Shores
Casey Owens	Municipal Appointee for Town of Kirkland Lake
Sue Cote	Municipal Appointee for Town of Cobalt, Town of Latchford, Municipality of Temagami and Township of Coleman
Paul Kelly	Municipal Appointee for Township of Larder Lake, Township of McGarry and Township of Gauthier
Kim Gauthier	Municipal Appointee for Township of Armstrong, Township of Hudson, Township of James, Township of Kerns and Township of Matachewan
Merrill Bond	Municipal Appointee for Township of Chamberlain, Municipality of Charlton and Dack, Township of Evanturel, Township of Hilliard and Town of Englehart
Pat Kiely	Municipal Appointee for Town of Kirkland Lake

**Regrets**

Maria Overton	Provincial Appointee
Vacant	Municipal Appointee for Township of Brethour, Township of Harris, Township of Harley, Township of Casey and Village of Thornloe
Vacant	Provincial Appointee

**Timiskaming Health Unit Staff Members**

Dr. Monika Dutt	Medical Officer of Health/CEO
Randy Winters	Director of Corporate Services
Kerry Schubert-Mackey	Director of Community Health

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

***Tobacco, Alcohol & Cannabis: Current Trends & Challenges***

*By Walter Humeniuk and Amanda Mongeon (videoconference)*

Mr. Humeniuk presented an overview of the current trends and challenges regarding tobacco, alcohol and cannabis. Discussed opportunities for the municipalities to open the conversations with community partners in creating solutions, increasing knowledge, enforcing and supporting by-laws with the assistance of the health unit.

Walter Humeniuk and Amanda Mongeon left the meeting at 6:54 pm.

4. **PRESENTATION**

***Board Governance***

*By Tony Hanlon, Ph.D., University of Toronto in Leadership and Governance*

Dr. Hanlon presented an overview of the essential roles of a Board and the existing types of Board. Discussed accountability and challenges with new provincial direction.

Dr. Hanlon left the meeting at 7:58 pm.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION #29R-2019**

Moved by: Mike McArthur

Seconded by: Merrill Bond

Be it resolved that the Board of Health adopts the agenda for its meeting held on May 29, 2019 as presented.

CARRIED

6. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE**

None

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION #30R-2019**

Moved by: Pat Kiely

Seconded by: Jesse Foley

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approves the minutes of April 24, 2019 as presented.

CARRIED

8. **BUSINESS ARISING**

None

9. **FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Dr. Dutt updated the Board on the recent provincial funding direction from the ministry. The latest verbal announcement of no in-year public health cuts will allow the health unit to continue business as usual until further notice. Still awaiting for a formal funding confirmation for year 2019. Uncertain whether budget cuts may occur in January/April 2020.

Dr. Dutt discussed the following motion for Board consideration.

**HIRING FREEZE**

**MOTION #31R-2019**

Moved by: Paul Kelly

Seconded by: Jesse Foley

Be it resolved that the Board Finance Sub-Committee recommends that the hiring freeze be changed to a partial hiring freeze with each current vacancy and future needs to be assessed by the Medical Office of Health/CEO, considering factors such as finances, Board and Provincial direction, and ability to deliver front-line services.

CARRIED

10. **REPORT OF MOH/CEO**

Dr. Dutt reported on various external/provincial committee/community activities attended during the month of May 2019.

a. **MOH/CEO ACTIVITY REPORT**

**MOTION #32R-2019**

Moved by: Merrill Bond

Seconded by: Casey Owens

Be it resolved that the Board of Health acknowledges receipt of the May MOH/CEO Activity Report for information purposes.

CARRIED

**MOH/CEO SERVICE AGREEMENT**

**MOTION #33R-2019**

Moved by: Merrill Bond

Seconded by: Sue Cote

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approves that the MOH/CEO reduce her commitment to a 0.8 FTE, to allow her to spend one day a week with the Mino M'Shiki Indigenous Health Team as of June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

CARRIED

**b. NORTH EAST PUBLIC HEALTH TRANSFORMATION UPDATE**

Dr. Dutt updated the Board on the steering committee's recent developments and activities. The Board discussed and approved the following motion:

**NORTHEAST PUBLIC HEALTH COLLABORATION PROJECT****MOTION #34R-2019**

Moved by: Merrill Bond

Seconded by: Kim Gauthier

*WHEREAS* since November 2017, the boards of health in Northeastern Ontario, namely the Boards for Algoma Public Health, Public Health Sudbury & Districts, Porcupine Health Unit, North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, and Timiskaming Health Unit, have proactively and strategically engaged in the *Northeast Public Health Collaboration Project* to identify opportunities for collaboration and potential shared services; and

*WHEREAS* the *Northeast Public Health Collaboration Project* work to date has been supported by two one-time funding grants from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC); and

*WHEREAS* subsequent to the proposed transformation of public health announced in the April 11, 2019 provincial budget, the work of the Collaboration has been accelerated and reoriented as the *Northeast Public Health Transformation Initiative* with the vision of a healthy northeastern Ontario enabled by a coordinated, efficient, effective, and collaborative public health entity; and

*WHEREAS* the Board understands there will be opportunities for consultation with the MOHLTC on the regional implementation of public health transformation;

*THEREFORE* be it resolved that the Board of Health for Timiskaming is committed to the continued collaboration of the boards of health in Northeastern Ontario and looks forward to ongoing MOHLTC support for this work;

*AND FURTHER* that the Board, having engaged in this work since 2017, anticipates sharing with the MOHLTC its experiences so that other regions may benefit and further anticipates providing to the Ministry its expert advice on public health functions and structures for the North East.

CARRIED

**c. ONTARIO HEALTH TEAMS**

Dr. Dutt updated the Board on the recent engagement with the Ontario Health Team (OHT) application for the Temiskaming area. THU has signed onto an initial OHT application with local partners. There is no further commitment currently given uncertainty with provincial public health planning. THU will continue to work with and support local partners. Dr. Dutt to follow up on application status and committee developments as required.

**11. MANAGEMENT REPORT**

The 2019 Q1 Board Report and Staff List were distributed for information purposes.

**12. NEW BUSINESS****a. PROVINCIAL BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENT UPDATE**

No additional information to report.

**b. LETTER OF SUPPORT – NORTH EAST PUBLIC HEALTH REGIONAL BOUNDARIES****MOTION #35R-2019**

Moved by: Sue Cote

Seconded by: Mike McArthur

That the BOH for Timiskaming send a letter to the Ontario Minister of Health to support the motion passed by the Sudbury and Districts Health Unit which endorses the position of the Board of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, that the organization of their public health services remains intact as they transition to the new regional public health entity. Further that, the BOH for Timiskaming asks that this letter be copied to the local MPP, Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario, the Premier of Ontario, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies and all Ontario Boards of Health.

CARRIED

**c. OPIOID POISONING INFOGRAPHIC**

Opioid report distributed for information purposes. Information and data is being shared with community partners. A surveillance system is currently in place to offer to partners. Continuing relationships to share quality/useful data to assist in reducing numbers and address this ongoing issue.

**13. CORRESPONDENCE****MOTION #36R-2019**

Moved by: Sue Cote

Seconded by: Mike McArthur

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

CARRIED

**14. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health will be held on September 4, 2019 in Englehart at 6:30 p.m.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #37R-2019**

Moved by: Kim Gauthier

Seconded by: Paul Kelly

Be it resolved that the Timiskaming Board of Health agrees to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

CARRIED