

## MINUTES

# Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health

Regular Meeting held on June 12, 2024 at 6:30 PM

THU NL Boardroom / Microsoft Teams

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1. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm.

2. **ROLL CALL**

**Board of Health Members**

Stacy Wight	Chair, Municipal Appointee of Kirkland Lake
Jesse Foley	Vice-Chair, Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shore ( <i>video</i> , 6:49 pm)
Jeff Laferriere	Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores
Curtis Arthur	Provincial Appointee
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 ( <i>video</i> )
David Lowe	Provincial Appointee
Casey Owens	Municipal Appointee for Town of Kirkland Lake
Todd Steis	Provincial Appointee ( <i>video</i> )
Cathy Dwyer	Provincial Appointee

**Regrets**

Brian Bockus	Municipal Appointee for Township of Chamberlain, Charlton, Evanturel, Hilliard, Dack & Town of Englehart
Mark Wilson	Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores
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

**Timiskaming Health Unit Staff Members**

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

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION #35R-2024**

Moved by: Paul Kelly

Seconded by: David Lowe

Be it resolved that the Board of Health adopts the agenda for its regular meeting held on June 12, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED

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

None.

5. **2023 DECEMBER YEAR-END/LAND CONTROL AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**MOTION #36R-2024**

Moved by: David Lowe

Seconded by: Casey Owens

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approves the December Year-End and Land Control Audited Financial Statements for year 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

6. **TDAS INAUGURAL ANNUAL REPORT**

Erin Cowan presented an overview of the up-to-date progress and accomplishments of the Timiskaming Drug and Alcohol Strategy committee. The [report](#) was also shared for information purposes.

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION #37R-2024**

Moved by: Jesse Foley

Seconded by: Curtis Arthur

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approves the minutes of its regular meeting held on May 1, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED

8. **BUSINESS ARISING**

None noted.

9. **REPORTS OF MOH/CEO**

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

- Shared a brief overview of the alpha conference, June 5-7, 2024. Health units invested in voluntary mergers are going well. No further clarity on the provincial approval timelines to date.
- Ontario Public Health Standards' review has been challenging. Erin Cowan is leading

the survey response back to the province. Will keep the board updated as more information becomes available.

- [Wildfire-related air quality](#) information: the status is now updated twice a week on THU's website. Will continue to issue important alerts as needed.
- Cassandra Plante will be taking on the temporary role of Manager of Infectious Diseases/VPD.

10. **HUMAN RESOURCES & FINANCE UPDATE**

Randy Winters provided an update for information purposes.

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **PHU-THU Merger Update**

Dr. Corneil provided the following merger updates:

i. Minutes: BOH Merger Working Group

Minutes of meeting held on March 19, 2024, were shared for information purposes.

ii. Briefing Note: BOH Composition – Revised Proposal

**MOTION #38R-2024**

Moved by: Casey Owens

Seconded by: Jesse Foley

Be it resolved the Board of Health approves the revised Board of Health composition for the merged local health agency as presented.

CARRIED

iii. PHU Motion: PHU-THU BOH Composition

PHU's motion was shared for information purposes.

iv. Ministry Letter: Voluntary Merger Process

Shared the ministry letter, dated May 29, 2024, acknowledging PHU-THU's merger process and the upcoming provincial support in strengthening public health for the area communities.

b. **CLOSURE – TIMMINS PHO LABORATORY**

**MOTION #39R-2024**

Moved by: Jeff Laferriere

Seconded by: David Lowe

**WHEREAS** the Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health recognizes the importance of access to diagnostic services for many community members across our vast region;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health endorse the correspondence from Porcupine Health Unit and urge the government to further consider other opportunities before closing the Timmins public Health Laboratory site; and

**FURTHER THAT** a copy of the letter of support be sent to the Minister of Health, PHO President/CEO, Premier of Ontario, Chief Medical of Health, and the Ontario Boards of Health.

CARRIED

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**  
**MOTION #40R-2024**

Moved by: Jeff Laferriere

Seconded by: Mark Wilson

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

CARRIED

13. **IN-CAMERA**  
None noted.

14. **RISE AND REPORT**  
N/A

15. **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**  
The next regular meeting will be held on September 4, 2024 at 6:30 pm in Kirkland Lake.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**  
**MOTION #41R-2024**  
Moved by: Paul Kelly  
Seconded by: Jeff Laferriere  
Be it resolved that the Board of Health agrees to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:48 pm.

CARRIED