



## MINUTES

# Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health

Regular Meeting held on November 6, 2024 at 6:30 PM

THU KL Boardroom / Microsoft Teams

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

2. **ROLL CALL**

**Board of Health Members**

Stacy Wight	Chair, Municipal Appointee of Kirkland Lake
Curtis Arthur	Vice-Chair, Provincial Appointee
Jeff Laferriere	Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores (video)
Casey Owens	Municipal Appointee for Town of Kirkland Lake
Brian Bockus	Municipal Appointee for Township of Chamberlain, Charlton, Evanturel, Hilliard, Dack & Town of Englehart
Mark Wilson	Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores (video)
Steve McIntyre	Municipal Appointee for Township of Armstrong, Hudson, James, Kerns & Matachewan (video)
Todd Steis	Provincial Appointee
Cathy Dwyer	Provincial Appointee (video)
Paul Kelly	Municipal Appointee for Township of Larder Lake, McGarry & Gauthier
David Lowe	Provincial Appointee
Guy Godmaire	Municipal Representative for Township of Brethour, Harris, Harley & Casey, Village of Thornloe (video)
Carol Lowery	Municipal Appointee for Town of Cobalt, Town of Latchford, Municipality of Temagami, and Township of Coleman (video)

**Regrets**

(Vacant) Vice-Chair, Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shore

**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

Chair Wight opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION #53R-2024**

Moved by: Paul Kelly

Seconded by: Todd Steis

Be it resolved that the Board of Health adopts the agenda for its regular meeting held on November 6, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED

4. **PRESENTATION: Planet Youth Timiskaming**

*By: Erika Aelterman, Public Health Promoter – Planet Youth*

Erika left the meeting at 6:49 pm.

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

None.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION #54R-2024**

Moved by: Casey Owens

Seconded by: Curt Arthur

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approves the minutes of its regular meeting held on October 2, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING**

None.

7. **REPORTS OF MOH/CEO**

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

- The COVID and flu immunization clinics resumed in-office for the rest of the season. An appointment is required.
- Ongoing outbreaks in long-term care homes and some hospital activity.
- Participating pharmacies are still offering the vaccines.

8. **HUMAN RESOURCES & FINANCE UPDATE**

Randy Winters provided an update for information purposes.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **PHU-THU Merger Update**

Dr. Corneil provided the following merger updates:

- Still awaiting a formal confirmation from the Ministry. Moving forward with ongoing preparation while anticipating an announcement. PHU-THU continues to be advised to work towards the January 1, 2025 effective date.
- Following the announcement:
  - An email to the board and all-staff will follow with a high level update. The union will also be informed.
  - A media release will not be issued. Media statements have been prepared for the Board Chairs and the Medical Officers of Health.
  - A virtual special meeting will be scheduled as soon as more information becomes available. The Ministry requires the final approvals by November 25, 2024.
  - In supporting staff, THU will hold another in-person event at the end of the year. PHU will be doing the same.
  - Board working group will resume discussions on the mandatory governance policies, to be in effect January 1, 2025.
  - Letter to partners and an official media release will follow after both boards affirm support for the merger.
  - The current Board of Health and public appointees will be dissolved as of December 31, 2024.
  - New municipal appointment: a letter to municipalities will be sent tomorrow along with the guidance document.
  - Public appointments: expecting direction on how the appointments moving forward with the new entity.
- The financial budgeting concerns from the municipalities have been expressed on multiple occasions.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

**MOTION #55R-2024**

Moved by: David Lowe

Seconded by: Guy Godmaire

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

CARRIED

11. **IN-CAMERA**

None noted.

12. **RISE AND REPORT**

N/A

13. **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

The board agreed to hold Wednesday, November 13, as a tentative date for the special meeting. To be confirmed when more information is received.

The next regular meeting will be held on December 4, 2024, location to be determined.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #56R-2024**

Moved by: David Lowe

Seconded by: Paul Kelly

Be it resolved that the Board of Health agrees to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:30 pm.

CARRIED

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Stacy Wight, Board Chair  
Rachelle Cote, Recorder