



## MINUTES

# Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health

Regular Meeting held on October 2, 2024 at 6:30 PM

THU NL Auditorium / Microsoft Teams

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

2. **ROLL CALL**

**Board of Health Members**

Jeff Laferriere	Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores
Curtis Arthur	Provincial Appointee
Casey Owens	Municipal Appointee for Town of Kirkland Lake (Video)
Brian Bockus	Municipal Appointee for Township of Chamberlain, Charlton, Evanturel, Hilliard, Dack & Town of Englehart
Mark Wilson	Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores
Steve McIntyre	Municipal Appointee for Township of Armstrong, Hudson, James, Kerns & Matachewan ( <i>video</i> )
Todd Steis	Provincial Appointee
Cathy Dwyer	Provincial Appointee
Paul Kelly	Municipal Appointee for Township of Larder Lake, McGarry & Gauthier ( <i>video</i> )
David Lowe	Provincial Appointee

**Regrets**

Guy Godmaire	Municipal Representative for Township of Brethour, Harris, Harley & Casey, Village of Thornloe
Carol Lowery	Municipal Appointee for Town of Cobalt, Town of Latchford, Municipality of Temagami, and Township of Coleman
Stacy Wight (Vacant)	Chair, Municipal Appointee of Kirkland Lake 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

Dr. Corneil opened the meeting at 6:30 pm in Chair Wight's absence.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION #48R-2024**

Moved by: Mark Wilson

Seconded by: Cathy Dwyer

Be it resolved that the Board of Health adopts the agenda for its regular meeting held on October 2, 2024, as amended.

- Move 10b to #4.

CARRIED

4. **RESIGNATION NOTICE & VICE-CHAIR APPOINTMENT**

**MOTION #49R-2024**

Moved by: Cathy Dwyer

Seconded by: David Lowe

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approves the resignation of Jesse Foley per letter received from the City of Temiskaming Shores, dated September 30, 2024.

CARRIED

Note: Temiskaming Shore will be holding the vacancy until the current uncertainty is resolved and more information is received.

**VICE-CHAIR APPOINTMENT**

Moved by: Cathy Dwyer

Seconded by: Mark Wilson

Be it resolved that the Board of Health appoints Curtis Arthur as Vice-Chair for the remainder of year 2024.

CARRIED

5. **PRESENTATION:** Weight Inclusive Approach

*By: Cristina Benea, Public Health Dietitian*

Cristina left the meeting at 6:52 pm.

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

None.

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION #50R-2024**

Moved by: Jeff Laferriere

Seconded by: Todd Steis

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approves the minutes of its regular meeting held on September 4, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED

**8. BUSINESS ARISING**

Rabies case update: the rare situation did not generate as much media attention as anticipated. All parties involved were clear on not commenting with further patient details. Frontline partners received communications in case of further exposures and recommended treatment. There is increasing evidence in bats to be followed. The ongoing risk in the area is the same as in previous years at this time.

**9. REPORTS OF MOH/CEO**

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

- THU will be rolling out the COVID immunization clinics next Monday. Less partners supporting community vaccinations this year. Encouraging persons 65+ to attend. Some pharmacies are continuing to offer the vaccine.
- RSV: supply being distributed to the district nursing homes. Recommended for pregnant mothers, infants and seniors.
- School team working with the Porcupine Health Unit to support school vaccinations.
- The Icelandic Model team was a successful recipient in receiving a grant for the next 3 years. A public announcement to follow.

**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:

- A formal confirmation from the Ministry has not been received to date. Seven other health units are also waiting for their merger application confirmation. The Board merger group is currently on hold until the next steps are confirmed. PHU-THU continues to be advised to work towards January 1, 2025. Currently facing three budget scenarios due to the lack of clarity from the ministry. Large implications to consider should the merger not go through in January 2025.
- A letter was sent to the ministry requesting an urgent approval for the merger and some recommendations to consider while reviewing the funding formula for the northern areas.
- Also not clear on when the Ontario Public Health Standards review will be completed.
- Successful all-staff PHU-THU events were held in Timmins on Sept 9 & 10.
- Staff feedback continues to be received and ongoing concerns addressed.
- Looking to present draft budget proposals per the current situation in November to the Finance Sub-Committee. Municipalities to be notified as soon as possible once more information is received.
- Anticipating CA negotiations to take place in mid-January.

- b. [Q2 2024 Board Report Report](#) shared for information purposes.
- c. [aPHa Fall Symposium](#)  
Conference details were shared. Interested members to notify Rachelle prior to October 30, 2024.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

**MOTION #51R-2024**

Moved by: Casey Owens

Seconded by: David Lowe

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 November 6, 2024 at 6:30 pm in Kirkland Lake.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #52R-2024**

Moved by: Paul Kelly

Seconded by: Todd Steis

Be it resolved that the Board of Health agrees to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:54 pm.

CARRIED