

MINUTES

Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health

Regular Meeting held on September 4, 2024 at 6:30 PM

THU KL Boardroom / Microsoft Teams

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

2. **ROLL CALL**

Board of Health Members

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| Stacy Wight | Chair, Municipal Appointee of Kirkland Lake |
| Jesse Foley | Vice-Chair, Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shore (<i>video</i>) |
| Jeff Laferriere | Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores (<i>video</i>) |
| Curtis Arthur | Provincial Appointee (<i>video</i>) |
| Carol Lowery | Municipal Appointee for Town of Cobalt, Town of Latchford, Municipality of Temagami, and Township of Coleman (<i>video</i>) |
| Casey Owens | Municipal Appointee for Town of Kirkland Lake |
| Brian Bockus | Municipal Appointee for Township of Chamberlain, Charlton, Evanturel, Hilliard, Dack & Town of Englehart |
| 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</i>) |
| Todd Steis | Provincial Appointee (<i>video</i>) |
| Cathy Dwyer | Provincial Appointee (<i>video</i>) |

Regrets

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| Mark Wilson | Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores |
| David Lowe | Provincial Appointee |
| Paul Kelly | Municipal Appointee for Township of Larder Lake, McGarry & Gauthier |

Timiskaming Health Unit Staff Members

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| 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 |

Brian Bockus, municipal appointee for Township of Chamberlain, Charlton & Dack, Evanturel, Hilliard and Town of Englehart was welcomed to the meeting.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION #42R-2024

Moved by: Casey Owens

Seconded by: Guy Godmaire

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

CARRIED

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

None.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION #43R-2024

Moved by: Jesse Foley

Seconded by: Casey Owens

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

CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING**

None noted.

7. **REPORTS OF MOH/CEO**

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

- Discussed a suspect rabies case from the southern area that was acquired in the Timiskaming district. There has not been a human case in Ontario since 1967. Anticipating a lot of media attention, therefore planning media communications accordingly. The situation remains a low risk for the general population.
- Discussed a WNV case in a Timiskaming resident. The acquisition is from down south. Multiple deceased birds have been confirmed to carry the WNV. Messaging has been issued to frontline workers and preparing communications for the general public.
- Ongoing COVID activity throughout the district. A booster vaccination campaign is ramping up for the Fall/Winter season.

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:

- i. Minutes: BOH Merger Working Group
Minutes of meeting held on May 22, 2024, were shared for information purposes.
- ii. Backgrounder: BOH Composition
Document was shared for information purposes.
- iii. Guidance Document – Shared Municipal Seats on the Board of Health

MOTION #44R-2024

Moved by: Steve McIntyre

Seconded by: Brian Bockus

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approves the Guidance Document-Shared Municipal Seats on the Board of Health as presented, and;

Further that the document be shared with the obligatory municipalities.

CARRIED

b. Northern MOH Letter on Funding Review

MOTION #45R-2024

Moved by: Guy Godmaire

Seconded by: Jeff Laferriere

Be it resolved that the Timiskaming [Board of Health supports](#) the Northern MOH letter on funding review as presented, and;

Further that the letter be shared with:

- Local municipalities
- District Members of the Provincial Parliament
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- Northern Health Units
- Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health & Assistant Deputy Minister
- Liz Walker, Executive Lead, Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health
- Colleen Kiel, Director, Public Health Strategic Policy, Planning and Communications Branch
- Brent Feeney, Director, Accountability and Liaison Branch
- Fiona Kouyoumdjian, Associate Chief Medical Officer of Health Wajid Ahmed, Associate Chief Medical Officer of Health

CARRIED

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

MOTION #46R-2024

Moved by: Casey Owens

Seconded by: Todd Steis

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 next regular meeting will be held on October 2, 2024 at 6:30 pm in New Liskeard.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION #47R-2024

Moved by: Guy Godmaire

Seconded by: Curt Arthur

Be it resolved that the Board of Health agrees to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:12 pm.

CARRIED

Stacy Wight, Board Chair
Rachelle Cote, Recorder