

**HALIBURTON, KAWARTHA, PINE RIDGE DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

May 18, 2023

MINUTES

The meeting was convened by Mr. Marshall at 9:30 am at the Health Unit's Lindsay office.

Those in attendance were Messrs. Marshall, Logel, Ryall, and Perry, Mrs. Richardson, Dr. Bocking, Mr. Vrooman, and Mrs. Dickson (Recorder).

Absent with regrets: Mr. Crate and Dr. Hankivsky

Absent with regrets from the Health Unit: Ms. Beaulac

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is situated on the traditional territories of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations. This includes the territories of Treaty 20 and Williams Treaties. We respectfully acknowledge that these Nations are the stewards and caretakers of these lands and waters for all time and that they continue to maintain this responsibility to ensure their health and integrity for generations to come.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit recognizes the many harms done to Indigenous peoples and our collective responsibility to right those wrongs. As an organization that is rooted in a colonial system, we are committed to change, to building meaningful relationships with Indigenous communities and in improving our understanding of local Indigenous peoples as we celebrate their cultures and traditions, serve their communities, and responsibly honour all our relations.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Mrs. Richardson

Seconded by Mr. Ryall

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented, with the exception of 11.5 Property, which will be deferred to a future meeting.

2023-68
carried

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Logel

Seconded by Mr. Ryall

THAT the minutes from the April 20, 2023 meeting be approved.

2023-69
carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING

The Board of Health resumed discussion from the April meeting regarding sub-committees for governance and finance and audit.

The general consensus was that Board members have confidence in the content included in the agenda, and that members appointed by their municipal councils would be challenged to accommodate additional committees into their schedules.

Moved by Mr. Logel

Seconded by Mr. Ryall

THAT the Board of Health establish a test format where it will raise certain issues for more in-depth review when required and THAT this format be reviewed towards the end of the year.

2023-70
carried

6. MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH UPDATES

Healthy Babies Healthy Children/ Healthy Growth and Development:

Adapting programming to meet the needs of families:

- Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT)
 - Integrating CBT skills into the Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program to provide 1:1 counselling support with families.
 - Trained Public Health Nurses in CBT in collaboration with Peterborough Public Health.
 - A 7-week pilot perinatal community-based CBT series is being implemented in collaboration with Trent Hills Family Health Team (Start Date May 16, 2023).
- Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)

- Trained Public Health Nurses and Health Promoters on best practices to screen for IPV and support counselling and or referral to community agencies.

Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) Program Pilot

- NFP is an evidence-based goal-driven, home visiting program aimed to improve prenatal care, quality of parenting and life prospects for mothers.
- Enrolls 1st time pregnant individuals less than 24 years of age and less than 28 weeks gestation who are impacted by the social determinants of health.
- 3 Public Health Nurses are being trained in June to deliver programming.
- The program will be implemented by September 2023 in partnership with Peterborough Public Health.

Healthy Built Environment:

Consultation re: changes to Provincial Land Use Planning Policy

- Province proposing to merge the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) 2020 and A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe into a new Provincial Planning Statement.
- Public health organizations have worked towards the incorporation of policies that support the development of healthy built and natural environments in land use planning.
- Proposed changes to PPS diminish public health related language and the Ontario Public Health Association is preparing a submission to highlight where the policy statement can greater incorporate health impacts of land use planning.
- HKPRDHU planning to submit response in support of OPHA's submission.

Communicable Disease Prevention and Control:

COVID-19

- World Health Organization statement that COVID-19 now an established and ongoing health issue which no longer constitutes a public health emergency of international concern.
- Across HKPR region ongoing low level of community transmission.
- Now focusing on preparedness for next respiratory season.

Communication Services:

- Key messages brief for board members and community partners (attached to the email that this summary was sent with)

Moved by Mr. Logel

Seconded by Mr. Perry

THAT the Medical Officer of Health updates be received for information.

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carried

7. REPORTS

7.1 Sue Shikaze, Health Promoter, Environmental Health, will be presenting to the Board about Climate Change and Public Health

- The Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS) Healthy Environments Program and the Healthy Environments and Climate Change Guideline directs boards of health to “...assess health impacts related to climate change” and “...monitor the impacts of climate change within their jurisdiction to inform local vulnerability plans...”.
- A Climate Change Health Vulnerability Assessment completed for the HKPR District Health Unit area illustrates that climate change is already impacting the health of our residents, especially those most vulnerable.
- Protecting the health of vulnerable groups from present and future climate hazards requires collaborative adaptation planning and action from HKPR District Health Unit and multiple sectors in the community. Development of an Adaptation Action Plan is underway.
- Public health has the opportunity to take a leadership role to address climate-health impacts. We have the skills and expertise to facilitate collaboration across sectors for transformative, equitable action.

Many municipal responsibilities and initiatives contribute to climate change health adaptation. The examples below, which also present opportunities to strengthen municipal – public health collaboration to achieve mutual objectives are:

- Climate change planning (upstream impact that reduces greenhouse gas emissions)
- Land Use Planning and Community Design (reduces risks of heat-related illness, worsened respiratory illness/disease, waterborne illness, and developing skin cancer).
- Emergency Planning and Response (reduces exposure to extreme heat/cold and unsafe water).
- Public works (reduces risks of injuries due to falls, exposure to insects carrying diseases).
- Housing and homelessness (addresses root cause of vulnerability – poor housing)
- Transportation planning (reduces greenhouse gas emissions, road injuries, and encourages physical activity).

Moved by Mrs. Richardson

Seconded by Mr. Logel

THAT the Board of Health receive the presentation and the Climate Change Health Vulnerability and Adaptation Assessment Executive Summary for information.

2023-72

carried

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Summary – Q1-2023 Board of Health Quarterly report

The Board of Health Quarterly Report informs the Board about activities of the organization and allows them to monitor progress and ensure program requirements under the Ontario Public Health Standards are met.

Moved by Mr. Perry

Seconded by Mr. Ryall

THAT the Board of Health receive the Q1-2023 summary for information.

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carried

8.2 Unaudited Operating Statements

Unaudited operating statements have been provided for April 2023. The statements reflect the result of operation for the period that ended April 30, 2023.

In summary, there is a cumulative deficit for the first four months of the fiscal 2023, totaling (\$971,858).

The April operating statement shows that our expenditures for the first four months of the fiscal year was \$124,057 under budget. This indicates that, as a unit, we are exercising fiscal prudence.

Moved by Mr. Logel

Seconded by Mr. Perry

THAT the draft unaudited operating statements for the four-month period ending April 30, 2023 in the amount of \$7,792,510 be received for information.

2023-74

carried

9. BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Ryall briefly updated the Board on the closure of emergency room services at Minden Hospital.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Mr. Perry

Seconded by Mrs. Richardson

THAT the following correspondence be received and filed:

- Thank you Letter from Northumberland County RE: Presentation on Opioid Overdose Crisis
- Association of Local Public Health Agencies – Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health
- Support for Bill S-254, an Act to amend the *Foods and Drugs Act* (warning label on alcoholic beverages)
- Budget 2023 and Oral Health (Advocacy from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies)

2023-75
carried

11. IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Mr. Logel

Seconded by Mr. Ryall

THAT the Board of Health move in-camera to review the closed session minutes from the April 20, 2023 meeting, personnel items, and a property item.

2023-76
carried

Moved by Mr. Perry

Seconded by Mrs. Richardson

THAT the in-camera be dissolved, and the membership return to the Board of Health open session.

2023-77
carried

Moved by Mr. Ryall

Seconded by Mrs. Richardson

THAT the Board of Health approve the in-camera minutes from April 20, 2023.

2023-78
carried

Moved by Mr. Logel

Seconded by Mr. Ryall

THAT the Board of Health approve the employment of Matthew Vrooman, Director of Corporate Services, as discussed under 11.2.

2023-79
carried

Moved by Mrs. Richardson

Seconded by Mr. Ryall

THAT the Board of Health agree to the decision made during in-camera re: item 11.3, personnel item #2, without prejudice to the merits of the case.

2023-80
carried

Moved by Mr. Logel

Seconded by Mr. Ryall

THAT the Board of Health receive the information provided under property item 11.4.

2023-81
carried

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be held at the Port Hope office on June 15, 2023, from 9:30 am – 11:30 am.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Logel

Seconded by Mr. Ryall

THAT the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 11:36 am.

2023-82
carried

Board of Health Chair
Approved June 15, 2023

Recorder