

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

**December 7, 2023**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was convened by Mr. Marshall at 9:30 am at the Dalewood Golf Club in Cobourg,

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

**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 Dr. Hankivsky

Seconded by Mr. Logel

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

2023-143

carried

**3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Dr. Hankivsky

Seconded by Mr. Crate

THAT the minutes from the November 16, 2023 meeting be approved.

2023-144  
carried

## **5. BUSINESS ARISING**

### **5.1 Update from Joint Board Merger Exploration Working Group**

Mr. Marshall advised members that the Joint Board Merger Exploration Working Group had its first meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup>. The Working Group is comprised of three members each from the HKPR District Health Unit and Peterborough Public Health, along with both Medical Officers of Health, and both Directors of Corporate Services.

Representatives from Sense & Nous, the consulting firm that is conducting the feasibility assessment, attended the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to review the process with the Working Group.

Since the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, the consultants have facilitated engagement sessions with both Chairs and Medical Officers of Health and are in the process of engaging employees from both health units, in addition to collecting information about assets and liabilities.

The next meeting of the Working Group will be held on December 13<sup>th</sup> in Peterborough.

Moved by Mr. Ryall

Seconded by Mr, Logel

THAT the update regarding the Joint Merger Exploration Working Group be received for information.

2023-145  
carried

### **5.2 Zonnic Nicotine Pouches**

At the November 16<sup>th</sup> Board of Health meeting, staff were directed to prepare a letter to advocate to Health Canada for regulations around nicotine pouches as they can currently be sold anywhere and to any age group.

Since November 16<sup>th</sup>, Canada's Health Minister has pledged that action will be taken to remediate the lack of regulation.

Moved by Mr. Crate

Seconded by Dr. Hankivsky

THAT the update regarding Zonnic Nicotine Pouches be received for information.

2023-146  
carried

## **6. MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH UPDATES**

Dr. Bocking provided an update on the 2023/24 respiratory season to date. Since the beginning of September, there have been 31 COVID-19 outbreaks, 39 hospital admissions and 13 deaths attributed to COVID-19 across HKPR region. There have been 12 lab-confirmed cases of influenza to date this season across HKPR region.

Moved by Dr. Hankivsky

Seconded by Mr. Logel

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

2023-147  
carried

## **7. REPORTS**

The Board of Health received presentations from Public Health Nurses from the Healthy Families Department about the Nurse Family Partnership and the Parenting Philosophy.

The Nurse Family Partnership program is an evidence-based home visiting program for young first-time parents experiencing social or economic disadvantage. Through the partnership program, the relationship between the Public Health Nurse and the parent begins in early pregnancy and continues until the child's second birthday.

The program aims to improve pregnancy outcomes, improve child health and development, and improve parents' economic self-sufficiency.

### Parenting Philosophy

Positive parenting promotes healthy attachment between a caregiver and child. The Health Unit collaborates with local partners in health and other sectors to promote and support parenting strategies that foster positive relationships between caregivers and children.

Through an environmental scan, meetings with partners, and individual client consultations, a [parenting philosophy](#) has been developed to support a consistent family-centered approach to parenting programs throughout the counties of Haliburton and Northumberland, and the City of Kawartha Lakes.

The two key approaches in the philosophy are strength-based and family centered, and the values are trust, partnership, and family first.

In addition to the above reports, the Board received their annual Baby-Friendly Initiative training.

Moved by Dr. Hankivsky

Seconded by Mr. Crate

THAT the presentations on the Nurse Family Partnership and Parenting Philosophy, and the annual Baby-Friendly Initiative training, be received for information.

2023-148  
carried

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### 8.1 Presentation from Bill Kafkis, Account Executive, Mosey & Mosey

Mr. Kafkis explained the Health Unit's group benefit program and the reason for the projected premium increase.

Moved by Mr. Crate

Seconded by Mr. Logel

THAT the presentation from Mr. Kafkis be received for information and the premium increase be accepted.

2023-149  
carried

### 8.2 2024 Budget (and Prioritization of Public Health Programs and Services)

Dr. Bocking presented the proposed 2024 Operating Budget to the Board of Health. Highlights of the Budget included:

- Provincial base contribution reflects a 1% increase applied to the total of our 2023 base plus mitigation funding.
- Municipal contributions reflect a 5% increase from 2023 (note that a 0% increase was issued last year).
- One time funding requests to the province reflect program pressures specifically in the areas of the vaccine program and small drinking water systems.
- Organizational cash surplus in the amount of \$500,000 is proposed to offset ongoing operational pressures related to investments in our strategic plan initiatives as well as local priorities including responding to the drug poisoning crisis.
- Salaries and benefits make up 72% of proposed expenditures.

Moved by Dr. Hankivsky

Seconded by Mr. Logel

THAT the Board of Health approve the 2024 Operating Budget in the amount of \$22,378,169 and FURTHER THAT the Board of Health receive the briefing note, Prioritization of Public Health Programs and Services for information.

2023-150

carried

#### **9. BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

None

#### **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

Moved by Mr. Crate

Seconded by Mr. Logel

THAT the following correspondence be received and filed:

- Considerations for Aligning Federal and Provincial Dental Programs to Improve Oral Health

2023-151

carried

#### **11. IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Moved by Mr. Ryall

Seconded by Mr. Logel

THAT the Board of Health move in-camera to review the closed session minutes from the November 16, 2023 in-camera session, a legal item and a personnel item.

2023-152

carried

Moved by Mr. Ryall

Seconded by Mr. Logel

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

2023-153

carried

Moved by Mr. Crate

Seconded by Mr. Logel

THAT the Board of Health approve the in-camera minutes from November 16, 2023.

2023-154  
carried

Moved by Dr. Hankivsky

Seconded by Mr. Crate

THAT the Board of Health receive the information provided under legal item 11.2.

2023-155  
carried

Moved by Dr. Hankivsky

Seconded by Mr. Crate

THAT the Board of Health receive the information provided under personnel item 11.3.

2023-156  
carried

## **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be held on January 18, 2024 at the Health Unit's Lindsay office from 9:00am – 11:00am.

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Dr. Hankivsky

Seconded by Mr. Crate

THAT the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 11:49 am.

2023-157  
carried

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Board of Health Chair  
Approved January 18, 2024

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Recorder