

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

**November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was convened by Mr. Marshall at 9:36 a.m. at the Health Unit's Lindsay office.

Those in attendance were Messrs. Marshall, Logel, Ryall, and Joyce, Mrs. Richardson (exited at 11:57 a.m.), Dr. Hankivsky (Virtual Attendance, exited at 10:24 a.m.), Dr. Bocking, Mr. Vrooman, and Ms. McWalters (Recorder)

Mr. Crate was absent with regrets.

Mr. Marshall introduced new Board of Health member, Councillor Dan Joyce, who provided the Board with a brief background on himself.

**1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The HKPR 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.

We also recognize that as an organization rooted in a colonial system, we have a responsibility and are committed 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**

The agenda was approved as presented.

Moved by Mr. Ryall

Seconded by Mr. Logel

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

2024-123

carried

### **3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

### **4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The open session minutes from October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, were approved as presented.

Moved by Mr. Logel

Seconded by Mrs. Richardson

THAT the minutes from October 17th, 2024, open session be approved.

2024-124  
carried

### **5. BUSINESS ARISING**

Mr. Logel advised the Board of Health members that Kate Hall, Health Promotor and Vidya Sunil, Epidemiologist, of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPRDHU) presented to the Northumberland Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Detachment Board on the Situational Assessment of the Four Pillar Approach to Addressing the Drug Poisoning Crisis. The presentation was well received, and it is noted that Kate Hall and Vidya Sunil will be presenting to both Northumberland County and the City of Kawartha Lakes councils.

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

Dr. Bocking provided a brief update to the Board of Health during the November 21st meeting. Information shared included that the Ministry of Health has shared an executive summary of feedback that health units provided on the initial draft of the updated [Ontario Public Health Standards \(OPHS\)](#). The next steps are to engage internally and reconvene with some stakeholder groups to incorporate feedback where appropriate, with no timeline for release of the updated OPHS being communicated.

An update related to Fall Respiratory Season, where key messaging was reinforced, such as staying up to date with vaccinations, staying home when sick, and washing high touch surfaces as much as possible. An update was shared related to the first human case of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) to be identified in Canada, specifically British Columbia. Board members were told that the strain of HPAI that has infected the human is similar to that which is causing outbreaks on poultry farms in British Columbia.

Dr. Bocking also shared an update related to the [Association of Local Public Health Agencies \(alPHa\)](#) Annual Fall Symposium, where presentations related to Artificial Intelligence (AI) use

in Public Health, updates from Public Health Ontario, and presentations on public health workforce burnout and public recovery, renewal, and resilience building post pandemic.

Moved by Mr. Ryall

Seconded by Mr. Logel

THAT the Board receive Dr. Bocking's updates for information.

2024-125

carried

## 7. REPORTS

7.1 Fiona Kelly, Director of Foundational Standards, will be presenting an update on the Customer Experience Survey.

The Board of Health received a presentation related to updates on the HKPRDHU Customer Experience Survey. The survey is being promoted internally and externally and is ongoing to ensure data collection is fulsome. To date, 161 surveys have been started, with 97 surveys being completed. From those surveys there is a high percentage of clients indicating that they were satisfied with their overall experience, information was easy to find, they were assisted in a timely manner and treated with courtesy and respect. Some clients noted they were not able to find the information they were looking for, could not access a clinic in a timely fashion, and did not receive a response via email or phone in a timely manner.

The information from the completed surveys will help to shape program and service delivery to ensure clients are receiving the information and supports they need, enforcing HKPRDHU's [Customer Service Pledge](#).

Comments and questions spoke to how the ability to focus on demographics can assist in providing equitable access to all people who interact with HKPRDHU, and identify barriers related to programs and services.

Moved by Dr. Hankivsky

Seconded by Mrs. Richardson

THAT the Board received the presentation and update on the Customer Experience Survey for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

2024-126

carried

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### 8.1 Access to Dental Care for Seniors in Haliburton (Dr. Bocking)

A briefing note was shared with the Board of Health providing information on changes to the [Ontario Seniors Dental Care Plan \(OSDCP\)](#) delivery of services in the County of Haliburton. Recently, the Volunteer Dental Outreach (VDO) clinic in Haliburton has stated that as of January 2025 they will no longer be accepting clients on the OSDCP. This decision was made because of the changing landscape of dental care in Canada, mainly the availability of the new federal [Canadian Dental Care Program \(CDCP\)](#). Seniors, according to the VDO, make up one third of their clientele and most clients that qualify for the VDO qualify for the CDCP. Once on the CDCP, seniors can be seen by participating dental providers for treatment, and the VDO wants to avoid taking away patients from these practices. There are two dental practices in Haliburton Village, less than a five-minute drive from the VDO clinic, who are listed on the CDCP dental provider search tool, as accepting clients on this program.

The VDO stated that they are helping clients sign up for CDCP and confirmed that all clients rostered with them will continue to receive services by VDO and will not be turned away.

Moved by review Mr. Logel

Seconded by review Mr. Ryall

THAT the Board of Health receives this briefing note for information and documented changes to the delivery of the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program in the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit region.

2024-127  
carried

### 8.2 Corporate Services Updates (Matthew Vrooman)

An update was shared by Mr. Vrooman with the Board of Health in which a summary of finances was given. The results from current operations show that revenue received was approximately \$373,841 less than the expected revenue at the end of October 31, 2024. It should be noted that of the \$373,841 revenue shortfall, internal funding of \$416,667 was not transferred into operations thus, revenue from operation is trending higher than expected. Similarly, expenditures for the equivalent period were approximately \$99,000 less than the budgeted amount, after taking the merger related expenses into consideration. Overall year to date expenditures is on par or trending lower than the budgeted amounts with the exceptions being computer support, professional development, fees for service and equipment which are trending above the budgeted amounts; \$22,189, \$46,658, \$51,872 and \$56,201 respectively.

The Board of Health also received the unaudited operating statements for the ten-month period ending October 31st, 2024, in the amount of \$ 18, 324, 998 for information.

Moved by Mr. Logel

Seconded by Mrs. Richardson

THAT the Board of Health receive this briefing note as well as the unaudited operating statements for the ten-month period ending October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, in the amount of \$ 18, 324, 998 for information.

2024-128  
carried

### 8.3 2025 Budget Development (Dr. Bocking)

Dr. Bocking provided a [briefing note](#) with information related to the 2025 Budget Development of HKPRDHU. This budget was presented as a solo budget as part of scenario planning related to ongoing uncertainty of whether the proposed merger with Peterborough Public Health will be approved by the Province. HKPRDHU required the Board of Health to review and approve the solo budget, in the event that a merger with Peterborough Public Health is not approved.

The Board of Health received the briefing note and approved HKPRDHU's proposed 2025 budget in the total amount of \$22,382,353.

Moved by Mr. Ryall

Seconded by Mrs. Richardson

THAT the Board of Health receive the briefing note, 2025 Budget, for information and approve the 2025 budget for a total amount of \$22,382,353.

2024-129  
carried

### 8.4 Board of Health Q3 Summary (Dr. Bocking)

The Board of Health received a [summary of the Q3 2024 Board of Health Quarterly Report](#) for Programs and Services. [The Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services, and Accountability \(Standards\)](#) outline the minimum requirements that boards of health must meet for mandatory health programs and services. There were no areas of concern presented to the Board related to requirements that were partially met.

Moved by Mr. Logel

Seconded by Mrs. Richardson

THAT the Board of Health Q3 2024 Summary of Programs and Services be received for information.

2024-130

Carried

## 9. BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Joyce brought forth business related to his position on the Social Services Committee in the City of Kawartha Lakes. He has received some questions from Michelle Corley, Human Services Manager, Housing after being shared the Situational Assessment on the Four Pillar Approach to Addressing the Drug Poisoning Crisis:

- Will HKPRDHU be sharing the Situational Assessment with the Ministry of Health
- Will this Situational Assessment help to form redirection of possible addiction services
- Can the Situational Assessment ensure addiction services funding with the highest need
- What actions do HKPRDHU think will support those effected by the drug poisoning crisis

Mr. Joyce advised that he would circulate the document containing the questions to Board members, and advised that the Social Services Committee is meeting again in March, so there is ample time to cultivate responses to share.

Dr. Bocking shared information related to how reports such as the Situational Assessment do not always form the basis of policy direction by the province, but the exposure is helpful.

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE (Dr. Bocking)

Moved by Mr. Logel

Seconded by Mr. Joyce

THAT the following correspondence be received for information:

- [Ontario Public Health Directory Update – alPHa](#)
- [Talk to a Stranger Week \(November 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>\)](#)

2024-131

carried

## 11. IN-CAMERA

The in-camera session commenced at 11:18 a.m.

Moved by Mr. Logel

Seconded by Mr. Ryall

THAT the Board of Health move in-camera to discuss legal, property, and personnel matters.

2024-132

carried

Moved by Mr. Logel

Seconded by Mr. Joyce

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

2024-133

carried

Moved by Mr. Ryall

Seconded by Mr. Joyce

THAT the in-camera minutes from October 17th, 2024, closed session be approved.

2024-134

carried

Moved by Mr. Logel

Seconded by Mr. Ryall

THAT information provided under legal item 11.2 be received for information, and the accompanying document be approved and signed. **\*to be amended\***

2024-135

Carried

Moved by Mr. Logel

Seconded by Mr. Joyce

THAT, the information provided under property item 11.3 be approved by the Board of Health.

2024-136

Carried

Moved by Mr. Joyce

Seconded by Mr. Ryall

THAT, subject to the CUPE membership ratifying the Collective Agreement, the Board of Health ratify a two-year Collective Agreement for CUPE members as summarized.

2024-137

Carried

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

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Dalewood Golf and Country Club in Cobourg, and will include the Years of Service Luncheon for HKPR Staff.

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Logel

Seconded by Mr. Ryall

THAT the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

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carried

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Board of Health Chair

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Recorder