

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

May 16, 2024

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 Crate, Mrs. Richardson, Dr. Hankivsky, Dr. Bocking, Mr. Vrooman (virtual), and Mrs. Dickson (Recorder).

Mr. Perry was absent with regrets.

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 Mrs. Richardson

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

2024-061

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 18, 2024 open session be approved.

2024-062
carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING

None

6. MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH UPDATES

Dr. Bocking provided the Board of Health with updates on the launch of the Nutritious Food Basket report, enforcement of the *Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)*, and summer preparations.

“Addressing Food Insecurity and Poverty in the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District” 2023 report.

Food insecurity is defined as not having enough money to buy food and increases people’s risk of mental health diagnoses (e.g. depression, social anxiety), infections and chronic diseases (e.g. diabetes, heart disease). Families living on low income (e.g. on social assistance, minimum wage) have little money left over, if any, to pay for other basic expenses. Food charities, such as food banks, offer only temporary solutions to food insecurity; income-based strategies that are long-term and that focus on poverty reduction are needed (e.g. adequate incomes to ensure a minimum standard of living, improving employment standards, increasing social assistance rates, and providing a basic income guarantee).

Two-year rates of food insecurity in the HKPR District area have not changed significantly. Rental costs and cost of the nutritious food basket have gone up, but people’s incomes have not kept pace with general rising prices of goods and services.

Update on enforcement of *Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)*

On March 4th, 3,596 notices were sent to parents/guardians of elementary students (except Grade 3) advising them of missing immunization records. After a joint effort by parents/ guardians, school staff, and Health Unit employees, there were only 663 records outstanding as of May 14th. These 663 students have received suspension notices until their immunization records are up-to-date.

Summer preparations

The Health Protection Division has been preparing for inspections of seasonal premises, vector-borne disease surveillance (e.g. ticks, mosquitos), and emergency preparedness (e.g. extreme heat events, air quality events, power outages, etc.).

Moved by Dr. Hankivsky

Seconded by Mr. Crate

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

2024-63
carried

7. REPORTS

7.1 Richard Ovcharovich, Manager, Health Protection, and Abby Tabaco, Emergency Management Health Hazard Coordinator, provided the Board of Health with a presentation on the Health Unit's role as it relates to the 2024 International Plowing Match.

The International Plowing Match is the largest event of its kind in North America, attracting on average 70,000+ people for a five-day celebration of agriculture and rural living. The event will be held in Lindsay from October 1st to 5th, 2024.

Mass gathering events require collaboration and coordination within the Health Unit and with external stakeholders as there is a potential for injuries and illness, and concentrated crowds place a strain on public health infrastructure and increase demands for services such as infectious disease monitoring, food and water surveillance, and campsite safety. Other areas where the Health Unit has a role in mass gatherings include animal bite response, enforcement of the *Smoke Free Ontario Act*, and ensuring that provisions for the sanitary disposal of solid and liquid waste are in place.

Moved by Mr. Logel

Seconded Mr. Crate

THAT the Board receive the presentation on the 2024 International Plowing Match.

2024-64
carried

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Corporate Services Updates

Moved by Mrs. Richardson

Seconded by Mr. Logel

THAT the unaudited operating statements for the four-month period ending April 30, 2024 in the amount of \$7,527,359 be received for information.

2024-065

carried

8.2 Q1-2024 Board of Health Quarterly Report Summary

The Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services, and Accountability (OPHS) outline the minimum requirements that boards of health must meet for mandatory health programs and services. Dr. Bocking provided a summary of key program achievements for the first quarter of 2024 (January 1st to March 31st) to inform the Board about activities of the organization, and so they can monitor progress of activities and ensure that the program requirements under the (OPHS) are met.

Moved by Dr. Hankivsky

Seconded by Mr. Crate

THAT Q1-2024 Board of Health Quarterly Report Summary be received for information.

2024-066

carried

8.3 2023 Annual Report

Dr. Bocking provided an overview of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit's 2023 Annual Report.

Moved by Dr. Hankivsky

Seconded by Mr. Ryall

THAT the 2023 Annual Report be received for information.

2024-067

carried

9. BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Hankivsky raised Port Hope residents' concerns about the fumes coming from a local factory and asked what the Health Unit's process is to respond to and investigate complaints. Dr.

Bocking advised that complaints would be assessed as health hazard concerns, but that the Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks monitors air quality. Dr. Bocking will have the Health Protection team prepare a more fulsome explanation.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Dr. Hankivsky

Seconded by Mr. Crate

THAT the following correspondence be received for information:

- Canadian Public Health Association – A Public Health Approach to Sex Work
- Association of Local Public Health Agencies – Ontario’s Not-for-Profit Compliance Activities

2024-068

carried

11. IN-CAMERA

Moved by Mr. Crate

Seconded by Mrs. Richardson

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

2024-069

carried

Moved by Mr. Logel

Seconded by Mr. Crate

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

2024-070

carried

Moved by Dr. Hankivsky

Seconded by Mr. Crate

THAT the in-camera minutes from the April 18, 2024 closed session be approved.

2024-071

carried

Moved by Dr. Hankivsky

Seconded by Mrs. Richardson

THAT the information provided under legal, property and personnel item 11.2 be received for information.

2024-072

carried

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be held on June 20, 2024 at the Health Unit's Port Hope office 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 11:11 am.

2024-073

carried

Board of Health Chair
June 20, 2024

Recorder