

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

April 18, 2024

MINUTES

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

Those in attendance were Messrs. Marshall, Logel, Ryall, Crate, and Perry (joined virtually at 9:45 am – left at 11:00 am), Mrs. Richardson, Dr. Hankivsky, Dr. Bocking, Mr. Vrooman, 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 Mr. Logel

Seconded by Dr. Hankivsky

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

2024-047

carried

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Crate

Seconded by Mrs. Richardson

THAT the minutes from the March 21, 2024 open session be approved.

2024-048
carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING

None

6. MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH UPDATES

Dr. Bocking provided the Board of Health with updates on enforcement of the *Immunization of School Pupils* Act, vaccine preventable diseases (measles, pertussis), and the COVID Vaccine Spring Campaign.

First notice of missing immunization records was sent to families of elementary students (with the exception of Grade 3) on March 4th. As of April 15th, 2,162 records are still missing. Suspension notices will be sent out on April 29th and actual suspensions will begin on May 14th for students whose records are still not up to date.

Dr. Bocking shared that April is Oral Health Month and highlighted the essential role oral health plays in overall health and also made the Board aware of other campaigns the Health Unit is running on social media with regard to emergency preparedness for spring floods and preventing tick bites and Lyme disease.

Moved by Dr. Hankivsky

Seconded by Mr. Logel

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

2024-49
carried

7. REPORTS

7.1 Matthew Vrooman, Director of Corporate Services, will be providing the Board of Health a presentation on Cyber Security

Mr. Vrooman provided the Board of Health with a comprehensive presentation on cyber security.

Moved by Dr. Hankivsky

Seconded by Mr. Crate

THAT the Board receive Mr. Vrooman's presentation on cyber security for information.

2024-50
carried

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Chief Medical Officer of Health Annual Report (Dr. Bocking)

On March 28, 2024, The Annual Report of the Chief Medical Officer of Health (2023), Balancing Act: An All-of-Society Approach to Substance Use and Harms (the report) was released. This report calls for a comprehensive, coordinated, all of society approach to address the urgent public health issue of the rising rates of substance use and related harms in Ontario. It calls for an investment in upstream approaches (i.e. building stronger families, improving mental health, and building stronger communities) that will prevent substance use issues before they occur, while still supporting downstream approaches that help mitigate the harms of substance use (i.e. education, regulatory measures, and harm reduction interventions). It also acknowledges that substance use, and related harms is an issue that cannot be solved by public health alone, and that it needs all of society to effectively address it.

The Board of Health endorsed that a letter of support for the report be sent to be sent to the Premier, Minister of Health for the province of Ontario, and MPPs Laurie Scott and David Piccini.

Moved by Mr. Ryall

Seconded by Dr. Hankivsky

THAT the Board of Health receive the information outlined in CMOH's 2023 Annual Report and FURTHER THAT a letter of support for the Report be sent to the Premier, Minister of Health for the province of Ontario and local MPPs.

2024-051
carried

8.2 Corporate Services Updates including Unaudited Operating Statements (Matthew Vrooman)

Moved by Dr. Hankivsky

Seconded by Mr. Crate

THAT the updates from Corporate Services be received for information including the unaudited operating statements for the three-month period ending March 31, 2024 in the amount of \$5,827,622.

2024-052

carried

9. BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Mr. Logel

Seconded by Mrs. Richardson

THAT the following correspondence be received for information:

- alPHa's response to the Chief Medical Officer of Health's 2023 Annual Report

2024-053

carried

11. IN-CAMERA

Moved by Dr. Hankivsky

Seconded by Mr. Ryall

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

2024-054

carried

Moved by Mr. Crate

Seconded by Mrs. Richardson

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

2024-055

carried

Moved by Mr. Crate

Seconded by Mr. Ryall

THAT the in-camera minutes from the March 21, 2024 closed session be approved.

2024-056
carried

Moved by Mr. Logel

Seconded by Mr. Crate

THAT the information provided under legal item 11.2 be received for information.

2024-057
carried

Moved by Dr. Hankivsky

Seconded by Mr. Logel

THAT the Board of Health receive the update regarding bargaining under legal item 11.3 for information.

2024-058
carried

Moved by Mr. Crate

Seconded by Mr. Ryall

THAT the Board of Health receive the update under legal item 11.4 for information.

2024-059
carried

Moved by Dr. Hankivsky

Seconded by Mrs. Richardson

THAT the Board of Health receive the update under legal, property, and personnel item 11.5 for information.

2024-060
carried

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be held on May 16, 2024 at the Health Unit's Lindsay office from 9:30 am – 11:30 am.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Logel

Seconded by Dr. Hankivsky

THAT the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

2024-060

carried

Board of Health Chair
May 16, 2024

Recorder