

**HALIBURTON, KAWARTHA, PINE RIDGE DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
June 17, 2021**

MINUTES

The meeting was convened by Mr. Elmslie at 9:31 am via Microsoft Teams.

Those in attendance were Messrs. Elmslie, Cane, Crate (left at 11:00 am), Marshall, and Henderson, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Roberts (left at 11:00 am), Dr. Bocking, Mrs. Vickery, Mrs. Tremblay, and Mrs. Dickson.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Mr. Henderson

Seconded by Mrs. Brown

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

2021-74
carried

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

3. ADOPTION OF REGULAR MINUTES

Moved by Mrs. Robertson

Seconded by Mr. Cane

THAT the regular minutes of the Board of Health meeting held on May 20, 2021 be approved and signed electronically.

2021-75
carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Provincial Appointees

The Board of Health has seats for two more provincial appointees. Interested parties can apply, and the Board can choose to endorse their applications, but ultimately the decision is approved and ordered by the Lieutenant Governor.

Moved by Mrs. Robertson

Seconded by Mrs. Brown

THAT staff proceed with the process of advertising for provincial appointees.

2021-76
carried

5. **MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH UPDATES**

Core Programs and Services

As previously indicated, although greater than 80% of Health Unit resources have been dedicated to responding to COVID-19, some essential services such as case and contact management of other reportable diseases, Healthy Babies Healthy Children, harm reduction and responding to health hazards/complaints, have continued. Over the last month environmental health services have scaled-up in order to support responding to loosening public health restrictions and upcoming summer programming. These services include: food premise inspections (year-round and seasonal); pre-opening inspections of recreational water outdoor pools, whirlpools, and splash pads; beach sampling; pre-opening inspections of recreational camps; small drinking water system inspections for seasonal water systems coming back on-line; vector borne diseases – West Nile Virus - mosquitoes trapping and active tick surveillance; and migrant farm inspections.

In addition, planning is underway to bring other health protection services back online closer to the fall. These services include: the School Based Immunization Program; *Immunization of School Pupils Act* enforcement (includes required immunization for day care attendance); “No Family Doctor” clinics for immunization of young children (<5 years), to begin in July with one clinic per month; and annual Fridge inspections of all pharmacy and physician offices for vaccine storage and handling for the Universal Influenza Immunization Program and COVID 19 vaccine roll-out.

COVID-19 Response

Epidemiology Update

There are currently 12 cases of COVID-19 in the City of Kawartha Lakes, 6 in Northumberland, and no cases in Haliburton. With regard to the two recent outbreaks, one was declared over yesterday, and the outbreak at the Central East Correctional Centre will be declared over today.

As of Monday, June 14th, 121,575 people in the HKPR region have received their first dose of vaccine. 71% of residents 12 years of age and over have received their first dose.

Our region is a step behind hot spot areas right now due to those areas being prioritized for vaccine allocation. However, we are receiving a huge influx of vaccine over the next couple of weeks. We will be receiving 9,300 of Pfizer per week and upwards of 7,000 doses of Moderna for next week.

Vaccine Roll-Out

HKPRDHU staff continue to coordinate the ongoing roll-out of COVID-19 vaccination across all three geographic regions of the Health Unit. Many municipal,

community, and health sector partners are supporting the roll-out through multiple avenues.

As of June 10, HKPRDHU has implemented the following:

- 98 mass immunization clinics (10 in partnership with primary care teams)
- 56 mobile clinics (directed towards vulnerable populations and other congregate care settings)
- 1st and 2nd dose “clinics” for 20 long-term care homes
- 1st and 2nd dose “clinics” for 21 retirement homes

Mass Immunization Clinic Evaluation Plan and the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Survey

Foundational Standards staff have been working on the implementation of the COVID-19 Mass Immunization Clinic Evaluation Plan. The objectives of the evaluation are to:

- Maximize the amount of vaccine distributed at each Health Unit clinic through efficient administration;
- Maximize vaccine uptake in priority populations by reducing barriers to clinic participation; and
- Maximize vaccine uptake by addressing vaccine confidence and by engaging community leaders and partners in clinic planning and implementation.

The objectives above will help to achieve the desired vaccine coverage rate and minimize the mortality and morbidity associated with COVID-19.

One of the key evaluation data sources, the Client Experience Survey was launched recently and is live on the Health Unit’s website. The survey link is being promoted at clinic sites, as well as on social media. Results of the survey will help identify potential opportunities for improvement.

Moved by Mrs. Brown

Seconded by Mrs. Roberts

THAT the MOH Updates be received for information.

2021-77
carried

6. REPORTS

There will be no staff presentation this month due to the unavailability of staff.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Year-End Audited Financial Statements

Richard Steinginga, Baker Tilly, Auditor, addressed the Board of Health to review the 2020 Year-End Audited Financial Statements. Mr. Steinginga communicated in his review

that there were no weaknesses or deficiencies or illegal or improper acts that needed to be noted for the Board's attention; and that there were no related party transactions that need to be disclosed.

Moved by Mr. Crate
THAT the 2020 Audited Financial Statements be approved, and all associated documentation be signed electronically.

Seconded by Mr. Henderson
2021-78
carried

7.2 Q1-2021 Board of Health Quarterly Report for Programs and Services under the Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services and Accountability

Moved by Mrs. Richardson
THAT the Q1-2021 Board of Health Quarterly Report for Programs and Services be received for information.

Seconded by Mr. Crate
2021-79
carried

7.3 Q1-2021 Board of Health Quarterly Report for COVID-19 Activities

Moved by Mr. Henderson
THAT the Q1-2021 Board of Health Quarterly Report for COVID-19 Activities be received for information.

Seconded by Mrs. Richardson
2021-80
carried

7.4 Operating Statements

Moved by Mrs. Roberts
THAT the draft non-audited Operating Statements for the five-month period ending May 31, 2021 in the amount of \$9,143,538 be received for information.

Seconded by Mr. Crate
2021-81
carried

8. BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Mrs. Brown
THAT the following correspondence be received for information and filed:

Seconded Mr. Marshall
2021-82
carried

- Memos from the Minister of Health and the Chief Medical Officer of Health RE: Amended Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services and Accountability

