



BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING: FEBRUARY 15, 2023

TIME OF MEETING: 1:00 PM

PLACE OF MEETING: FIRST FLOOR BOARDROOM

CHAIR: MR. DON SMITH

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Grant Arnold
Mr. Ken Boshcoff
Ms. Cindy Brand
Ms. Kasey Etreni
Mr. Paul Malashewski
Mr. James McPherson
Mr. Jim Moffat
Ms. Donna Peacock
Mr. Don Smith
Mr. Mark Thibert
Ms. Kristine Thompson

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Dr. Janet DeMille, Medical Officer of Health and
Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Lance Dyll, Director – Corporate Services
Ms. Diana Gowanlock, Director – Health Protection
Ms. Shannon Robinson, Director – Health Promotion
Ms. Kandace Belanger, Manager of Street Outreach
and Sexual Health
Ms. Sarah Stevens, Executive Assistant and
Secretary to the Board of Health
Ms. Tammy Lee Royer, Administrative Assistant –
Health Protection

REGRETS:

Mr. Todd Wheeler

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

2. ATTENDANCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair conducted a roll call and confirmed quorum.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Resolution No. 12-2023

Moved By: J. McPherson

Seconded By: J. Moffat

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Board of Health Meeting to be held on February 15, 2023, be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

5. INFORMATION SESSION

5.1 Street Outreach Program

Ms. Veronica Proper, Nurse Practitioner, and Ms. Charlotte Foster, Outreach Worker, were in attendance and provided a power point presentation on the work of the Street Outreach Program to the Board of Health and responded to questions from the Board.

6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1 Thunder Bay District Board of Health

The Minutes of the Thunder Bay District Board of Health (Annual and Regular Session) Meeting held on January 18, 2023, were presented for approval.

Resolution No. 13-2023

Moved By: J. Moffat

Seconded By: J. McPherson

THAT the Minutes of the Thunder Bay District Board of Health (Annual and Regular Session) Meeting held on January 18, 2023, be approved.

CARRIED

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

8. BOARD OF HEALTH (CLOSED SESSION) MEETING

(The Closed Session was moved up to follow Agenda Approval)

Resolution No. 14a-2023

Moved By: J. McPherson

Seconded By: J. Moffat

THAT the Board of Health move into a closed session for the specific purpose of educating or training the members.

(*Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, c.25, S. 239 (3.1))

CARRIED

At 1:13 PM, the Board of Health moved into a Closed Session.

At 1:44 PM, the Board of Health moved out of Closed Session to resume regular business. The following individuals also joined the meeting:

- Ms. Kandace Belanger, Manager of Street Outreach and Sexual Health
- Ms. Veronica Proper, Nurse Practitioner
- Ms. Charlotte Foster – Outreach Worker

8.1 Closed Session Report

The Board of Health Chair reported that information relative to education and training of the members had been provided in the Closed Session.

9. DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

9.1 Board of Health Policy and Procedure

A memorandum from Dr. J. DeMille, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer, dated February 15, 2023, relative to approval of the revised Board of Health Self Evaluation policy and procedure was presented, along with draft versions of the Self Evaluation policy and procedure.

Resolution No. 15-2023

Moved By: J. Moffat

Seconded By: K. Thompson

THAT we recommend that Board of Health Policy and Procedure Number BH-02-06 be approved, as

9. DECISIONS OF THE BOARD (Continued)

9.1 Board of Health Policy and Procedure (Continued)

recommended by the Board of Health ad hoc Policy Committee.

AND THAT this policy and procedure be hereby adopted and included in the Policy Manual of the Board of Health of the Thunder Bay District Health Unit.

CARRIED

9.2 HIV Anonymous Testing Program

Report No. 05-2023 (Sexual Health) relative to providing the Board of Health with the proposed HIV Anonymous Testing Program Budget from the AIDS Bureau of the Ministry of Health, was presented.

Resolution No. 16-2023

Moved By: J. McPherson

Seconded By: K. Thompson

THAT with respect to Report No 05-2023 (Sexual Health and Harm Reduction), we recommend that the application of the 100% funded HIV Anonymous Testing Program Budget totaling \$60,271 be approved for submission to the Ministry of Health;

AND THAT The Director of Corporate Services and Manager of Finance be authorized to complete any administrative requirements of the budget submission process as required.

CARRIED

9.3 Funding Advocacy – Infectious Disease Programming

Report No. 06-2023 (MOH/CEO) relative to recommendations for advocacy for additional resources to address the burden of infectious disease in the Thunder Bay District Health Unit was presented. Dr. J. DeMille, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer, provided further comments on the matter and responded to questions from the Board.

9. DECISIONS OF THE BOARD (Continued)

9.3 Funding Advocacy – Infectious Disease Programming (Continued)

Resolution No. 17-2023

Moved By: J. Moffat

Seconded By: J. McPherson

THAT with respect to Report No. 06-2023 (MOH/CEO) we recommend that the Chair, on behalf of the Board of Health, send a letter to the Minister of Health, regarding the increased burden related to infectious diseases in TBDHU and the need for additional resources to address this;

AND THAT a copy of the letter also be sent to the Executive Lead for Public Health, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, and local Members of Provincial Parliament.

CARRIED

10. COMMUNICATIONS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 MOH/CEO Report

Report Number 07-2023 (MOH/CEO) relative to providing the Board of Health with updates and information regarding the Thunder Bay District Health Unit was presented for information.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on March 15, 2023.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 18-2023

Moved By: J. McPherson

Seconded By: K. Thompson

THAT the Board of Health meeting held on February 15, 2023, be adjourned at 2:30 PM.

CARRIED