

A regular meeting of the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit was held on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, via teleconference. The meeting was open to the public and live streaming of the proceedings was provided for the media and public through a link on the Health Unit’s website.

PRESENT:

Nipissing District:

Central Appointee	Karen Cook
Central Appointee	Sara Inch
Central Appointee	Jamie Lowery (<i>Vice-Chairperson</i>)
Central Appointee	Maurice Switzer
Central Appointee	Dave Wolfe
Eastern Appointee	Rick Champagne (<i>Chairperson</i>)
Western Appointee – Nipissing District	Jamie Restoule

Parry Sound District:

Northeastern Appointee	Blair Flowers
Southeastern Appointee	Marianne Stickland
Western Appointee	Jamie McGarvey

Public Appointees:

Tim Sheppard
Catherine Still

REGRETS:

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer	Dr. Carol Zimbalatti
Executive Assistant, Executive Director’s Office	Christine Neily
Acting Program Manager Oral Health and Vision Screening	Julie Patenaude-Bouffard

Recorder

Executive Assistant, Office of the Medical Officer of Health	Ashley Lecappelain
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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Health members joined the meeting in person from the Nipissing Room at 345 Oak Street West, North Bay, Ontario, and virtually via Teams video conference.

Rick Champagne, Board of Health Chairperson called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Jamie McGarvey joined the Board of Health meeting at 5:04 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda for the September 25, 2024, Board of Health meeting was reviewed, and the following motion was read:

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2024/09/01 *Flowers/Lowery

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health Agenda, dated September 25, 2024, be approved.

The recorded vote was as follows:

RECORDED VOTE FOR CIRCULATION: Yes / No (Please circle one)

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Rick Champagne	x			Jamie Restoule	x		
Karen Cook	x			Tim Sheppard	x		
Blair Flowers	x			Marianne Stickland	x		
Sara Inch	x			Catherine Still	x		
Jamie Lowery	x			Maurice Switzer	x		
Jamie McGarvey	x			Dave Wolfe	x		

“Carried”

3.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 Board of Health Minutes – June 26, 2024

The minutes from the Board of Health meeting held on June 26, 2024, were reviewed and the following motion was read:

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2024/09/02 *Cook/Still

Be It Resolved, that the minutes from the Board of Health meeting held on June 26, 2024, be approved as presented.

The recorded vote was as follows:

RECORDED VOTE FOR CIRCULATION: Yes / No (Please circle one)

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Rick Champagne	x			Jamie Restoule	x		
Karen Cook	x			Tim Sheppard	x		
Blair Flowers	x			Marianne Stickland	x		
Sara Inch	x			Catherine Still	x		

Jamie Lowery	x	Maurice Switzer	x
Jamie McGarvey	x	Dave Wolfe	x

“Carried”

5.0 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Date: November 27, 2024

Time: to be determined

Place: to be determined

6.0 BUSINESS ARISING

There was no discussion under Business Arising.

7.0 REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

The Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the September 25, 2024, meeting was presented to the Board of Health for information purposes.

Questions and comments were received and addressed.

8.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Board of Health correspondence listed for the September 25, 2024, meeting is made available for review by Board members in the Board of Health online portal.

10.0 NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Meeting Schedule 2024 – Revised

Revisions to the Board of Health meeting schedule were presented to the Board for their review and approval.

Having no discussion related to the proposed revisions to the Board of Health meeting schedule, the following motion was read:

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2024/09/03 *Switzer/Stickland

Whereas, that in accordance with Board of Health Bylaw Section III, #51, the Board of Health approved the regular meeting schedule for the year 2024 at the January 24, 2024, Board meeting, and subsequently revised at the September 25, 2024, Board of Health meeting; and

Whereas, revisions to the previously approved Board of Health meeting schedule were required as follows:

DATE	MEETING	TIME
January 24 <i>*This date is carried over from the 2023 approved schedule: for information only</i>	Board of Health Meeting	5 – 7 p.m.
March 6	Finance and Property Committee Board of Health	5 – 7 p.m.
March 11	Board of Health	5 – 7 p.m.
April 24	Personnel Policy, Employee/Labour Relations Committee Finance and Property Committee Board of Health	5 – 7 p.m.
June 26	Finance and Property Committee Board of Health	5 – 7 p.m.
September 25	Personnel Policy, Employee/Labour Relations Committee Finance and Property Committee Board of Health	5 – 7 p.m.
October 16	Board of Health	5 – 7 p.m.
November 27	Personnel Policy, Employee/Labour Relations Committee Board of Health	5 – 7 p.m.
December 4	Finance and Property Committee Board of Health	5 – 7 p.m.
January 22, 2025	Finance and Property Committee Board of Health	5 – 7 p.m.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that in accordance with Section #51 of the Board of Health Bylaws that the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit approve revisions to the 2024 Board of Health meeting schedule, as presented.

RECORDED VOTE FOR CIRCULATION: Yes / No (Please circle one)

Name: For: Against: Abstain: Name: For: Against: Abstain:

Rick Champagne	x	Jamie Restoule	x
Karen Cook	x	Tim Sheppard	x
Blair Flowers	x	Marianne Stickland	x
Sara Inch	x	Catherine Still	x
Jamie Lowery	x	Maurice Switzer	x
Jamie McGarvey	x	Dave Wolfe	x

“Carried”

Julie Patenaude-Bouffard joined the Board of Health meeting at 5:14 p.m.

10.2 Oral Health Motion

An amendment was proposed by Jamie McGarvey to include Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association, and member municipalities in official correspondence related to this proposed resolution. The amendment was agreed upon.

The following motion was read:

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2024/09/04 *Lowery/ McGarvey

Whereas, due to the higher earnings potential in private practice, the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) faces difficulties in recruiting dentists, as the compensation packages offered in public health are less competitive than those in private practice; and

Whereas, the demand for basic dental services in the district is very high. Despite its relatively small size, the Health Unit offers one of the larger Oral Health programs among health units in Ontario. This includes the highly-utilized Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (provincially mandated) and provision of a Low-Income Adult Dental Program (not mandated but based on local need) contributing to the large size of the Oral Health Program in addition to the Healthy Smiles Ontario program (mandated for low-income children and youth); and

Whereas, it is not yet known how or if the Federal dental program will impact the need and level of service in local communities; and

Whereas, equity-seeking populations tend to have complex dental, social and logistical needs, which require more intensive clinical and administrative resources. These challenges drive up the cost of oral care provision, dissuading private practitioners from accepting equity-seeking clients; and

Whereas, there is no central coordination of dental services across the province to ensure that the oral health workforce matches need, and that remuneration models and rates encourage equitable access to basic care across Ontario; and

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the North Bay Parry Sound District Board of Health (Board of Health) recommends that the Ministry of Health develop a provincial oral health strategy that includes a remuneration model for dentists designed to promote equitable access to basic preventive and treatment dental services throughout the province (whether delivered privately or in concert with public organizations); and

Furthermore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health recommends that the Ministry of Health undertake an evaluation of the current funding model for Oral Health services to inform the above-recommended provincial oral health strategy; and,

Furthermore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health provide correspondence of these resolutions to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Ontario Minister of Health), Dr. Kieran Moore (Chief Medical Officer of Health), Victor Fedeli, MPP (Nipissing), Graydon Smith, MPP (Parry Sound-Muskoka), John Vanthof, MPP (Timiskaming-Cochrane), Michael Sherar (President and CEO of Public Health Ontario), Ontario Boards of Health, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA), **Association of Municipalities of Ontario, The District of Parry Sound Municipal Association, and member municipalities.**

Julie Patenaude-Bouffard answered questions that arose preceding the reading of the motion, clarifying key points and providing information about the current service capacity and numbers served by the Health Unit.

RECORDED VOTE FOR CIRCULATION: Yes / No (Please circle one)

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Rick Champagne	x			Jamie Restoule	x		
Karen Cook	x			Tim Sheppard	x		
Blair Flowers	x			Marianne Stickland	x		
Sara Inch	x			Catherine Still	x		
Jamie Lowery	x			Maurice Switzer	x		
Jamie McGarvey	x			Dave Wolfe	x		

“Carried as amended”

10.3 Endorsement of the [Perspectives from Northern Ontario for the Public Health Funding Review letter](#) from Northern Medical Officers of Health to the Chief Medical Officer of Health of Ontario

An amendment was proposed by Jamie McGarvey to include Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association, and member Municipalities in official correspondence related to this proposed resolution. The amendment was agreed upon.

The following motion was read:

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2024/09/05 *Still/Wolfe

Whereas, the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Ministry of Health are undertaking a review of the funding approach for local public health agencies; and

Whereas, many factors such as the geography, dispersed population, and less robust infrastructure and service availability in northern Ontario drive up the cost of delivering public health services; and

Whereas, residents of northern Ontario in general have poorer health outcomes compared to their southern counterparts, including a more than 50% higher average avoidable mortality rate¹, and a 300% higher rate of opioid-related deaths²; and

Whereas, the Perspectives from Northern Ontario on the Public Health Funding Review letter outlines many of the equity considerations related to the funding approach for local public health agencies in northern Ontario;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit endorses the aforementioned letter; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, that copies of this resolution and the letter be sent to the Dr. Kieran Moore (Chief Medical Officer of Health), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Ontario Minister of Health), Elizabeth Walker (Executive Lead, Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health), Boards of Health of Ontario, the Honourable Vic Fedeli (MPP, Nipissing), the Honourable Graydon Smith (MPP, Muskoka-Parry Sound), the Honourable John Vanthof (MPP, Timiskaming-Cochrane), **Association of Municipalities of Ontario, The District of Parry Sound Municipal Association, and member municipalities.**

RECORDED VOTE FOR CIRCULATION: Yes / No (Please circle one)

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Rick Champagne	x			Jamie Restoule	x		
Karen Cook	x			Tim Sheppard	x		
Blair Flowers	x			Marianne Stickland	x		
Sara Inch	x			Catherine Still	x		
Jamie Lowery	x			Maurice Switzer	x		
Jamie McGarvey	x			Dave Wolfe	x		

“Carried as amended”

10.4 Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA) 2024 Fall Symposium

¹ Public Health Ontario, "Potentially Avoidable Mortality Health Equity Snapshot," [Online]. Available: <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/Data-and-Analysis/Health-Equity/Avoidable-Mortality-Health-Inequities>. [Accessed 29 July 2024].

² Ontario Drug Policy Research Network and Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion (Public Health Ontario). Characteristics of substance-related toxicity deaths in Ontario: Stimulant, opioid, benzodiazepine, and alcohol-related deaths. Toronto, ON: Ontario Drug Policy Research Network; 2023.

Notice of and invitation to attend the alPHa 2024 Fall Symposium scheduled for November 6-8, 2024, was provided to Board of Health members.

The following motion was read:

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2024/09/06 *Wolfe/McGarvey

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health authorizes two Board Member(s) to attend the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) 2024 Fall Symposium, Section Meetings, and workshops to be held online, November 6-8, 2024.

RECORDED VOTE FOR CIRCULATION: Yes / No (Please circle one)

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Rick Champagne	x			Jamie Restoule	x		
Karen Cook	x			Tim Sheppard	x		
Blair Flowers	x			Marianne Stickland	x		
Sara Inch	x			Catherine Still	x		
Jamie Lowery	x			Maurice Switzer	x		
Jamie McGarvey	x			Dave Wolfe	x		

“Carried”

10.5 Second Quarter Financial Statements – June 1 to June 30, 2024

The second quarter financial statements were provided to the Board of Health for information purposes.

A proposal was made for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Finance department to review the School Health Standard total.

10.6 Second Quarter Medical Officer of Health Expenses – June 1 to June 30, 2024

The second quarter expenses for the Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer were provided to the Finance and Property Committee for information purposes.

10.7 Education Session – Budget Planning and Reporting

An education session on budget planning and reporting is scheduled for October 16, 2024. Information regarding this session was provided to the Board.

11.0 IN CAMERA

There was no in camera.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the Board of Health Chairperson adjourned the Board of Health meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Original Signed by Jamie Lowery

2024/10/16

Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson

Date (yyyy/mm/dd)

Original Signed by Ashley Lecappelain

2024/10/16

Ashley Lecappelain, Recorder

Date (yyyy/mm/dd)