

A regular meeting of the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit was held on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, via teleconference. Audio live streaming of the proceedings was provided for the public.

**PRESENT:**

**Nipissing District:**

Central Appointee

Dave Butti

Central Appointee

Nancy Jacko (*Chairperson*)

Central Appointee

Stuart Kidd (*Vice-Chairperson*)

Central Appointee

Scott Robertson

Eastern Appointee

Dean Backer

Western Appointee

Dan Roveda

**Parry Sound District:**

North Eastern Appointee

Blair Flowers

South Eastern Appointee

Marianne Stickland

Western Appointee

Jamie McGarvey

**Public Appointees:**

Gary Guenther

Mike Poeta

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer

Dr. Chirico

Master of Public Health Student

Dr. Carol Zimbalatti

Executive Director, Finance

Isabel Churcher

Director, Immunization Strategy

Andrea McLellan

**REGRETS:**

Central Appointee

Tanya Vrebosch

**RECORDER:**

Management Administrative Assistant

Sheri Beaulieu

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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

In keeping with public health measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Health meeting was held electronically. The meeting was live-streamed to the public through a link provided on the Health Unit's website.

Nancy Jacko called the Board of Health meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda for the June 23, 2021, Board of Health meeting was reviewed and the following motion was read:

**Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2021/06/01 \*Guenther/McGarvey**

***Be It Resolved***, that the Board of Health Agenda, dated June 23, 2021, be approved.

The recorded vote was as follows:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>For:</b>	<b>Against:</b>	<b>Abstain:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>For:</b>	<b>Against:</b>	<b>Abstain:</b>
Dean Backer	x			Jamie McGarvey	x		
Dave Butti	x			Scott Robertson	x		
Blair Flowers	A			Dan Roveda	x		
Gary Guenther	x			Marianne Stickland	x		
Nancy Jacko	x			Tanya Vrebosch	R		
Stuart Kidd	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 – April 28, 2021**

The minutes from the Board of Health meeting held on April 28, 2021, were reviewed and the following motion was read:

#### **Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2021/06/02 \*Robertson/Kidd**

***Be It Resolved***, that the minutes from the Board of Health meeting held on April 28, 2021, be approved as presented.

The recorded vote was as follows:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>For:</b>	<b>Against:</b>	<b>Abstain:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>For:</b>	<b>Against:</b>	<b>Abstain:</b>
Dean Backer	x			Jamie McGarvey	x		
Dave Butti	x			Scott Robertson	x		
Blair Flowers	x			Dan Roveda	x		
Gary Guenther	x			Marianne Stickland	x		
Nancy Jacko	x			Tanya Vrebosch	R		
Stuart Kidd	x						

*“Carried”*

### **5.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Date: September 22, 2021

Time: To be determined

Place: To be determined

## **6.0 BUSINESS ARISING**

There was nothing under Business Arising.

## **7.0 REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**

The Report of the Medical Officer of Health dated June 23, 2021, was presented to the Board of Health for information purposes.

An additional verbal update from the Medical Officer of Health, and the Director of the Immunization Strategy was also provided. The report included the following:

- There have been 57 new cases in the district in the last 7 days; there are 8 people in hospital at present
- There have been a total of 562 COVID-19 cases in the district since the onset of the pandemic
- The Delta variant has been identified in 19 of the cases to date; further results of variant of concern testing are pending
- The number of cases identified as the Delta variant in the Province is increasing; this variant is highly transmissible
- Approximately 37% of the district's cases are associated to an outbreak, 26% are close contact related, 14% of the cases are still under investigation, and 2% are associated with travel
- Of the current cases, 46% of the cases are between the ages of 20 – 39 and 33% are between the ages of 40 – 59
- An outbreak was declared last week at the North Bay Jail
- To date, 32 of the new cases are associated to the Jail outbreak
- No cases related to this outbreak have been hospitalized
- Mobile testing continues to address health equity considerations
- Mobile pop-up vaccination clinics are underway to ensure that all clients that want to be vaccinated are able to receive it
- The current immunization status of adults in the district is 72% with one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and 23% of adults fully immunized
- While the vaccine will help, the best way to reduce the spread of the virus is to continue to follow public health measures and Provincial guidelines
- Immunization of youth ages 12-17 is well underway with 51% in the district receiving their first dose; second doses are scheduled to start August 9
- The Ministry target is to have 80% of youth fully vaccinated before the start of the 2021 school year

- Immunization clinics continue to be well attended across the district; clinics are increased as the vaccine supply increases
- A total of 103,170 doses of vaccine have been distributed to date

Comments expressing appreciation for the hard work and tremendous collaboration in addressing the needs of communities were provided to the Health Unit staff and management.

Questions from the Board members were taken and addressed.

## **8.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT**

There were no committee meetings prior to the Board of Health meeting.

## **9.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

Board of Health correspondence listed for the June 23, 2021, meeting is made available for review by Board members in the Board of Health online portal.

## **10.0 NEW BUSINESS**

### **10.1 Temporary Lending Agreement**

#### **Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2021/06/03 \*Butti/Stickland**

***Whereas, the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) has a current Credit Facility with the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) in the amount of \$500,000 for overdraft protection and loan purposes; and***

***Whereas, the Credit Facility was approved by the Board of Health for the Health Unit on April 23, 2014, and amended on December 23, 2015; and***

***Whereas, the Health Unit is incurring unusual costs as a result of the COVID-19 immunization strategy and is experiencing cash flow shortages; and***

***Whereas, the Health Unit has applied for additional one-time funding for the costs related to the COVID-19 immunization strategy to the Ministry of Health (Ministry); and***

***Whereas, the one-time funding request for the above-noted extraordinary costs is currently in the approval process with the Ministry; and***

***Whereas, the RBC has agreed to offer the Health Unit a Temporary Lending Agreement for six months for an additional \$1,000,000 under the current Credit Facility, at the same interest rate.***

**Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit approve the Temporary Lending Agreement in the amount of \$1,000,000 for six months with RBC.

The recorded vote was as follows:

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Dean Backer	X			Jamie McGarvey	X		
Dave Butti	X			Scott Robertson	X		
Blair Flowers	X			Dan Roveda	X		
Gary Guenther	X			Marianne Stickland	X		
Nancy Jacko	X			Tanya Vrebosch	R		
Stuart Kidd	x						

**“Carried”**

## 10.2 Public Health Funding for 2022

The following motion was read:

### **Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2021/06/04 \*McGarvey/Guenther**

**Whereas**, the Government of Ontario in its budget of April 11, 2019, initiated a Public Health Modernization process which included a change in municipal cost-sharing from 25% of mandatory public health programs covered by municipalities to 30% of almost all public health programs based on 2018 third quarter spending levels; and

**Whereas**, on August 21, 2020, the Ministry of Health (Ministry) announced that provincial mitigation funding would be provided to offset the increase to municipal cost-sharing for 2020 and 2021; and

**Whereas**, the COVID-19 pandemic, which started in early 2020, has further affected municipalities’ ability to pay levy increases, it has stalled modernization processes, increased the cost-of-living, and affected the health and well-being of the public, and more specifically, public health clients and staff.

**Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit supports returning to the 2018 cost-sharing formulas at 25%/75%, with 100% provincially funded programs; and

**Furthermore Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Health supports mitigation funding continue for 2022 to eliminate the additional financial burden of a 42-50% levy increase to the Health Unit’s 31 member municipalities if it is not possible to return to the 2018 cost-sharing formula with 100% provincially funded programs; and

**Furthermore Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Health requests the 2022 public health funding include increases to reflect, cost-of-living increases, public health program changes related to ongoing COVID-19 response, and funding to assist with program and community recovery efforts; and

**Furthermore Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Health requests a base funding increase to fund an Associate Medical Officer of Health to support the Medical Officer of Health with the continual demands of 24/7 on call coverage that have been highlighted throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**Furthermore Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Health instructs the Medical Officer of Health and Senior Management to write a letter to the Minister of Health detailing the financial and organizational pressures on public health, including outlining the urgency for establishing the funding levels for 2022 to assist public health and community budget planning.

The recorded vote was as follows:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>For:</b>	<b>Against:</b>	<b>Abstain:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>For:</b>	<b>Against:</b>	<b>Abstain:</b>
Dean Backer	x			Jamie McGarvey	x		
Dave Butti	x			Scott Robertson	x		
Blair Flowers	x			Dan Roveda	x		
Gary Guenther	x			Marianne Stickland	x		
Nancy Jacko	x			Tanya Vrebosch	R		
Stuart Kidd	x						

“Carried”

### 10.3 First Quarter Financial Statements – January 1 to March 31, 2021

The first quarter financial statements were provided to the Board of Health for their information.

### 10.4 First Quarter Medical Officer of Health Expenses – January 1 to March 31, 2021

The Medical Officer of Health expenses for the second quarter were provided to the Board of Health for their information.

### 10.5 Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) 2021 Annual General Meeting

The following motion was read followed by an update of the alPHa annual general meeting attendees:

**Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2021/06/05 \*Robertson/Butti**

**Whereas**, on June 8, 2021, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA) held its 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM), virtually; and

**Whereas**, a Board of Health meeting was not scheduled in order to approve attendance prior to the AGM; and

**Whereas**, two Board of Health members participated in the virtual AGM on June 8, 2021.

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit approve attendance of Stuart Kidd and Jamie McGarvey in the virtual 2021 ALPHA AGM; and

**Furthermore Be It Resolved**, that expenses related to attending the ALPHA 2021 AGM be paid in accordance with Board of Health Remuneration Policy, #B-F-004.

“Carried”

Dr. Chirico, Stuart Kidd, and Jamie McGarvey all participated in the 2021 ALPHA Annual General Meeting.

A brief overview of the sessions attended was provided. Some topic areas included in the update were as follows:

- Advancing public health through the Ontario Health data platform; a presentation by Dr Jane Philpott.
- Pandemic lessons for public health’s journey from Public Health Ontario.
- Perspectives on the pandemic response and what it means for Ontario’s public health system going forward from the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr David Williams.
- The concept of learning health systems in the context of what COVID-19 has taught us on the importance of timely and useful information to inform decision making.
- An update on the total number of COVID-19 vaccine doses provided to date by the soon-to-be new Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr Kieran Moore
- Legal matters to be cautious of and an overview of Board of Health responsibilities
- Presentation on post-pandemic communities, which emphasized that communities will not be the same coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic

## 11.0 IN CAMERA

There was no in camera session.

## 12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Minutes: Board of Health

Date: June 23, 2021

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Having no further business, the Board of Health Chairperson adjourned the Board of Health meeting at 6:02 p.m.

*Original Signed by Nancy Jacko*

*2021/10/27*

Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson

Date (yyyy/mm/dd)

*Original Signed by Sheri Beaulieu*

*2021/10/27*

Sheri Beaulieu, Recorder

Date (yyyy/mm/dd)