

A regular meeting of the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit was held on Wednesday, November 24, 2021, via video teleconference. 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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer

Dr. Chirico

Public Health Physician

Dr. Carol Zimbalatti

REGRETS:

Central Appointee

Tanya Vrebosch

RECORDER:

Management Administrative Assistant

Sheri Beaulieu

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Nancy Jacko called the Board of Health meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda for the November 24, 2021, Board of Health meeting was reviewed, and the following motion was read:

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2021/11/01 *Guenther/Backer

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health Agenda, dated November 24, 2021, be approved.

The recorded vote was as follows:

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Dean Backer	x			Jamie McGarvey			
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”

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 23, 2021

The minutes from the Board of Health meeting held on October 27, 2021, were reviewed and the following motion was read:

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2021/11/02 *McGarvey/Butti

Be It Resolved, that the minutes from the Board of Health meeting held on October 27, 2021, be approved as presented.

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”

5.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date: January 26, 2022

Time: To be determined

Place: To be determined

6.0 BUSINESS ARISING

6.1 Personnel COVID-19 Immunization Policy

The Health Unit's Personnel COVID-19 Immunization Policy – OP-POL-9, and related procedure (Personnel COVID-19 Immunization – 6-1), were revised to include Board of Health members under the policy and procedure and were shared with Board members for awareness and required follow-up action, as noted in the policy and procedure.

7.0 REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

The Report of the Medical Officer of Health dated November 24, 2021, was presented to the Board of Health for information purposes.

An additional verbal update from the Medical Officer of Health was also provided. The report included the following:

- The Director of Immunization Strategy is scheduled to retire within the next few days and the Health Unit is indebted to them for the tireless work that has been accomplished behind the scenes to organize and implement one of the largest immunization campaigns in history; the work accomplished has been truly amazing and has literally saved lives
- Locally, case rates have been low, but an increase is anticipated with the significant increase in cases in surrounding areas
- The vaccination program continues along with encouraging the continued use of public health measures to curb the spread of the virus
- The public is also encouraged to stay within the legal limits to gather, and to do a personal risk assessment before participating in social gatherings
- Things to consider would be the size of the gathering and if those attending are fully vaccinated
- The youth vaccine for the 5-11 age group has been approved by Health Canada and the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI)
- The Health Unit has received a supply of the youth vaccine and will begin administering November 25 at youth vaccine clinics; regular immunization clinics will continue as well
- The Health Unit is collaborating with many partners across the entire district to get as many youths vaccinated as soon as possible
- Studies are underway for the development of a vaccine for the 6-month to 4-year-old age group; applications by the drug companies are not expected until the new year
- There are no COVID-19 patients in hospital in the district at present
- The majority of those that have been hospitalized are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated individuals
- Since June 1 of this year, less than 4% of fully vaccinated individuals end up in the hospital and less than 1% end up in ICU
- Vaccination has contributed to less serious illness in outbreaks within the vulnerable population group

- The Health Unit's website has credible information and resources regarding COVID-19 and the vaccines for anyone looking for more information
- With waning immunity, booster doses are being provided to the vulnerable population

8.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

8.1 Personnel Policy, Labour/Employee Relations Committee

A Personnel Policy, Labour/Employee Relations Committee meeting was held on November 24, 2021, prior to the Board of Health meeting.

The following recommendation was presented:

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2021/11/03 *Kidd/McGarvey

Whereas, Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA) collective agreement and the Ontario Public Service Employee Union's (OPSEU) collective agreement expires On March 31, 2022.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that on the recommendation of the Personnel Policy, Labour/Employee Relations Committee, the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit appoint Nancy Jacko and Scott Robertson as back-up if needed, as Board of Health representatives on the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Negotiation Committee for 2022; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, that on the recommendation of the Personnel Policy, Labour/Employee Relations Committee, the Board of Health approve remuneration for this activity in accordance with Board of Health policy #B-F-004 – Remuneration-Board of Health Members.

A 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"

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Board of Health correspondence listed for the November 24, 2021, meeting is made available for review by Board members in the Board of Health online portal.

10.0 NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) 2021 Fall Symposium: Ontario's Public Health System: Response and Recovery - Update

Dr. Chirico and Nancy Jacko attended the November 19, 2021, virtual symposium. A summary of the proceedings was included in the Board of Health agenda package for information purposes.

11.0 IN CAMERA

There was no in camera session.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the Board of Health Chairperson adjourned the Board of Health meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Original Signed by Nancy Jacko
Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson

2022/01/26
Date (yyyy/mm/dd)

Original Signed by Sheri Beaulieu
Sheri Beaulieu, Recorder

2022/01/26
Date (yyyy/mm/dd)
