

A regular meeting of the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit was held on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 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  
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Central Appointee  
Eastern Appointee

Karen Cook  
Sara Inch  
Jamie Lowery  
Dave Wolfe  
Rick Champagne (*Chairperson*)

**Parry Sound District:**

Northeastern Appointee  
Southeastern Appointee  
Western Appointee

Blair Flowers  
Marianne Stickland  
Jamie McGarvey (*Vice-Chairperson*)

**Public Appointees:**

Tim Sheppard

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Acting Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer  
Executive Director, Clinical Services  
Executive Director, Community Services  
Management Administrative Assistant, Facilities Operations  
and Information Technology  
Executive Assistant, Office of the Medical Officer of Health/  
Executive Officer

Dr. Carol Zimbalatti  
Shannon Mantha  
Louise Gagné  
Amanda Horn  
Nelly Bothelo

**REGRETS:**

Central Appointee  
Western Appointee  
Public Appointee

Maurice Switzer  
Jamie Restoule  
Gary Guenther

**RECORDER:**

Management Administrative Assistant

Shelly Maki

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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 6:18 p.m.

## 2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda for the June 28, 2023, Board of Health meeting was reviewed, and the following motion was read:

### **Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2023/06/01 \*Cook/Flowers**

***Be It Resolved***, that the Board of Health Agenda, dated June 28, 2023, 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 McGarvey	X		
Karen Cook	X			Jamie Restoule	R		
Blair Flowers	X			Marianne Stickland	X		
Gary Guenther	R			Maurice Switzer	R		
Sara Inch	X			Dave Wolfe	X		
Jamie Lowery	X			Tim Sheppard	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 26, 2023

The minutes from the Board of Health meeting held on April 26, 2023, were reviewed and the following motion was read:

### **Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2023/06/02 \*Wolfe/McGarvey**

***Be It Resolved***, that the minutes from the Board of Health meeting held on April 26, 2023, be approved as presented.

The recorded vote was as follows:

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

<b>Name:</b>	<b>For:</b>	<b>Against:</b>	<b>Abstain:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>For:</b>	<b>Against:</b>	<b>Abstain:</b>
Rick Champagne	X			Jamie McGarvey	X		
Karen Cook	X			Jamie Restoule	R		
Blair Flowers	X			Marianne Stickland	X		
Gary Guenther	R			Maurice Switzer	R		
Sara Inch	X			Dave Wolfe	X		
Jamie Lowery	X			Tim Sheppard	X		

*"Carried"*

**5.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Date: September 27, 2023

Time: To be determined

Location: To be determined

**6.0 BUSINESS ARISING**

Dr. Zimbalatti, Acting Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer, and Rick Champagne, Board of Health Chairperson, reported on their recent attendance at the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA) Annual General Meeting and Conference 2023.

Points of note included:

- Keynote speaker, Dr. Eileen De Villa, Medical Officer of Health for Toronto Public Health, highlighted current and future challenges related to the pandemic, and expressed confidence in public health's ability to address these challenges.
- Dr. Jim Chirico was awarded Emeritus membership by the Council of Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) for his contributions to public health.
- Resolutions on the following topics were passed at the combined business meeting and resolutions session:
  - An amendment to the constitution to increase the number of votes that public health units with populations over 1,000,000 (currently three health units) are allocated.
  - Recommending a renewed smoking and nicotine strategy in Ontario.
  - Advocating for strengthened building codes to prevent respiratory infections.
  - Supporting the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)'s call to action on housing and homelessness and call upon the Province of Ontario to work with ALPHA, AMO, and other partners to develop an action plan to end homelessness.
  - Monitoring food affordability and inadequacy of social assistance rates.
- Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health, and Dr. Christopher Simpson, Executive Vice President, and Chief Medical Officer of Health at Ontario Health, took

part in a panel discussion on “What’s Next” following the pandemic. Some emerging themes included:

- Recognition that Public Health and acute care scaled up quickly to respond to the pandemic,
  - The goal to use sharper instruments in future emergencies (as opposed to blunt instruments like lockdowns and school closures),
  - The need to keep the government accountable for funding gaps and gaps in emergency planning,
  - The need to move away from disease/sick care to health promotion and illness prevention,
  - Being able to collect and use quality and timely data, and moving away from indicators of volume and focusing instead on quality and effectiveness of interventions, and
  - The need to turn the tide on mis/disinformation as a key challenge affecting the health of populations.
- Board of health leaders continue to advocate for increased public health funding at the provincial level; and
  - Several medical officers of health continue to advocate for a hybrid Association of Local Public Health Agencies Annual General Meeting and Conference delivery model that allows virtual attendance to reduce costs for northern health units while maintaining the networking value of in-person meetings.

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

The Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the June 28, 2023, meeting was presented to the Board of Health for information purposes.

Comments and questions were taken and answered.

Dr. Zimbalatti and Louise Gagné provided additional information about the Icelandic Model noted on page 4 of the report:

- The model was developed in Iceland in 2005 in response to negative youth trends related to substance/alcohol/cigarette use and lack of connection to home by sponsoring youth to participate in after school activities supervised by adult role models and providing parents with opportunities to collaborate on ways to enhance a sense of community for youth. The model is based on collecting and using robust evidence to develop interventions at a community level.

- Planet Youth has exported this model globally whereby they facilitate data collection, data analysis, and community-lead interventions; and it has been adopted through an agreement with them by many locations including several in Canada.
- The Public Health Agency of Canada is very interested in the model, and Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer, recently moderated a conference in Ottawa supporting it.
- Public health units do not need to lead the project as demonstrated in Lanark County where the program was spearheaded by the Rotary Club.
- Porcupine Health Unit has signed on with Planet Youth, and Timiskaming Health Unit is very interested, which may offer collaborative opportunities with shared school boards.
- Following some preliminary meetings in our districts, this health unit is close to obtaining buy in from all district school boards, and many community partners and organizations have expressed interest in participating or providing monetary support.
- Signing on with Planet Youth involves a five-year commitment at an approximate cost of \$40,000 plus additional costs for interventions, and funding ideally for a coordinator as well. Funding for interventions and coordinator role does not necessarily default to the project lead organization, and all costs are not the sole responsibility of the lead.
- This is not a provincially funded project, however there may be some provincial dollars available. Additionally, there are federal dollars available, as well as cost-sharing opportunities with community partners and municipalities, and in-kind financial support from interested organizations.

The Board of Health requested more information at the next regular meeting in the form of a presentation and/or briefing note describing the business case, how this model could look locally, and recommended actions.

## **8.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **8.1 Personnel Policy, Labour/Employee Relations Committee**

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

The following motion was read:

#### **Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2023/06/03 \*Lowery/Wolfe**

*Whereas, Dr. Carol Zimbalatti was appointed as full-time Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit by the Board of Health at the Board of Health meeting held on April 26, 2023; and*

**Whereas,** An Employment Contract needs to be negotiated between the Health Unit and Dr. Carol Zimbalatti.

**Therefore Be it Resolved,** That the Personnel Policy, Labour/Employee Relations Committee recommends that the Board of Health approves the creation of an ad hoc committee of the Board of Health called “Employment Contract Negotiations - Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer Ad Hoc Committee”, and the Chair of the Personnel Policy, Labour/Employee Relations Committee will call a meeting in August to review the draft contract with the Personnel Policy, Labour/Employee Relations Committee and get approval by the Board of Health; and

**Furthermore Be It Resolved,** That the Personnel Policy, Labour/Employee Relations Committee recommends the Board of Health approves the following members of the Employment Contract Negotiations - Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer Ad Hoc Committee: Josée Goulet, Rick Champagne, and Jamie Lowery; and

**Furthermore Be It Resolved,** That the Personnel Policy, Labour/Employee Relations Committee recommends the Board of Health approves remuneration for activities related to this ad hoc committee in accordance with Board of Health policy #B-F-004 – Remuneration, Board of Health Members.

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 McGarvey	X		
Karen Cook	X			Jamie Restoule	R		
Blair Flowers	X			Marianne Stickland	X		
Gary Guenther	R			Maurice Switzer	R		
Sara Inch	X			Dave Wolfe	X		
Jamie Lowery	X			Tim Sheppard	X		

“Carried”

## 9.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Board of Health correspondence listed for the June 28, 2023, meeting is made available for review by Board members in the Board of Health online portal.

## 10.0 NEW BUSINESS

### 11.0 IN CAMERA

There was no in camera session.

## 12.0 ADJOURMENT

Having no further business, the Board of Health Chairperson adjourned the Board of Health meeting at 6:55 p.m.

*Original signed by Rick Champagne*

*2023-08-16*

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Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson

Date (yyyy/mm/dd)

*Original signed by Shelly Maki*

*2023-08-16*

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Shelly Maki, Recorder

Date (yyyy/mm/dd)