

**HALIBURTON, KAWARTHA, PINE RIDGE DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT  
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

**March 21, 2024**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was convened by Mr. Marshall at 9:36 am at the Health Unit's Lindsay office.

Those in attendance were Messrs. Marshall, Logel, Ryall, Crate, and Perry, Mrs. Richardson (left at 10:27 am), Dr. Hankivsky, Dr. Bocking, Mr. Vrooman, Ms. Beaulac, and Mrs. Dickson (Recorder).

**1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is situated on the traditional territories of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations. This includes the territories of Treaty 20 and Williams Treaties. We respectfully acknowledge that these Nations are the stewards and caretakers of these lands and waters for all time and that they continue to maintain this responsibility to ensure their health and integrity for generations to come.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit recognizes the many harms done to Indigenous peoples and our collective responsibility to right those wrongs. As an organization that is rooted in a colonial system, we are committed to change, to building meaningful relationships with Indigenous communities and in improving our understanding of local Indigenous peoples as we celebrate their cultures and traditions, serve their communities, and responsibly honour all our relations.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Mr. Perry

Seconded by Mr. Ryall

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

2024-032

carried

**3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Mrs. Richardson

Seconded by Mr. Logel

THAT the minutes from the February 15, 2024 open session be approved.

2024-033  
carried

## 5. BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 Motion to approve in-camera minutes from January 18, 2024, and February 5, 2024.

Moved by Mr. Logel

Seconded by Mr. Crate

THAT the in-camera minutes from January 18, 2024 and February 5, 2024 be approved.

2024-034  
carried

5.2 Motion re: intention to pursue a merger with Peterborough Public Health

Moved by Mr. Perry

Seconded by Mr. Ryall

THAT the Board ratify the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Health understands that full and adequate funding for voluntary public health unit mergers will be supported by the Ministry of Health;

WHEREAS, the Board of Health believes that a merger of the HKPRDHU and Peterborough Public Health (PPH) Boards of Health will result in a more effective level of service to all area residents; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health seeks to maintain or enhance the existing partnerships with First Nations in communities served by the Health Units;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Health for HKPRDHU:

- Intends to pursue a merger with the Board of Health for PPH; and
- Agrees to work together to develop a business case and funding proposal regarding the merger, subject to sufficient funding being provided by the Ministry of Health as specifically outlined in the business case; and
- Create a joint Board of Health Merger Steering Committee, with equal membership from both HKPRDHU and PPH, to support the development of a Business Case and guide collaborative work towards a merger.

2024-035  
carried

## 6. MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH UPDATES

### Measles

In December 2023, The World Health Organization reported an alarming 30-fold rise in measles cases in Europe. Since January 1, 2024, 28 measles cases have been reported in Quebec, and 9 cases have been reported in Ontario (2 have no clear exposures (no travel history)). Public Health's response to measles includes prevention (promotion of vaccination), early detection (awareness among health care providers and travellers) and disrupting ongoing transmission through identifying contacts exposed to confirmed cases.

### Solar Eclipse

The role of Public Health with regard to the upcoming solar eclipse is to raise awareness regarding safety considerations (solar retinopathy, and the implications of mass gatherings). The Health Unit has been working with municipalities to make sure that mass gathering response plans are in place.

### Drug Poisoning Crisis

The Health Unit continues to support the Haliburton Kawartha Lakes Northumberland Drug Strategy through data analysis of a survey among people who use drugs and coordinating and hosting monthly meetings.

The Health Unit also maintains the [Opioid Dashboard Report](#), which provides up-to-date information regarding opioid overdoses and deaths in Haliburton County, the City of Kawartha Lakes, and Northumberland County.

Dr. Bocking also updated the Board of Health on a pilot project to support the distribution of test strips for fentanyl and xylazine and two community partner sessions focused on preparation for acute drug poisoning events.

Moved by Mr. Ryall

Seconded by Mrs. Richardson

THAT the Board receive Dr. Bocking's updates for information.

2024-36  
carried

## 7. REPORTS

There are no reports for this meeting due to time restraints.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### 8.1 Merger Exploration Update

#### 8.1.1 Terms of Reference – Joint Board of Health Merger Steering Committee

Mr. Marshall and Dr. Bocking provided a brief update on the merger and presented the Terms of Reference for the Joint Board of Health Merger Steering Committee.

Moved by Mr. Logel

Seconded by Mr. Ryall

THAT the Board receive the update on the merger for information and THAT the Terms of Reference for the Joint Board of Health Merger Steering Committee be approved.

Mr. Perry opposed the motion.

2024-037

carried

### 8.2 Request for Support for Bill C-322 *National Framework for a School Food Program Act*

Dr. Bocking proposed that the Board of Health endorse a letter of support for Bill C-322 *National Framework for a School Food Program Act*. A national policy would set a standard both for securing food for schools and ensuring it is delivered consistently, sustainably, and within a context of transformative action to improve students' health and achievement outcomes and build cultural and economic success.

Moved by Mrs. Richardson

Seconded by Mr. Crate

THAT the proposed draft correspondence to MPs Philip Lawrence and Jamie Schmale in support of Private Member's Bill C-322 *National Framework for a School Food Program Act* be approved and issued.

2024-038

carried

### 8.3 Corporate Services Updates including Unaudited Operating Statements

Moved by Mr. Crate

Seconded by Mr. Logel

THAT the Corporate Services updates be received for information including the unaudited operating statements for the two-month period ending February 29, 2024 in the amount of \$3,587,670.

2024-039

carried

**9. BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

None

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

Moved by Mr. Perry

Seconded by Mrs. Richardson

THAT the following correspondence be received for information:

- Ontario Public Health Association RE: Alcohol Expansion into Convenience, Grocery, and Big Box Stores

2024-040

carried

**11. IN-CAMERA**

Moved by Mr. Perry

Seconded by Mr. Ryall

THAT the Board of Health move in-camera to discuss legal, property, and personnel matters.

2024-041

carried

Moved by Mr. Crate

Seconded by Mr. Perry

THAT the in-camera session be dissolved, and the membership return to the Board of Health open session.

2024-042

carried

Moved by Dr. Hankivsky

Seconded by Mr. Ryall

THAT the in-camera minutes from the February 15, 2024 closed session be approved.

2024-043

carried

Moved by Mr. Logel

Seconded by Mr. Crate

THAT the Board of Health approve the bargaining mandate and associated recommendations.

2024-044

carried

Moved by Mr. Logel

Seconded by Mr. Crate

THAT the Board of Health receive the update provided under legal, personnel, and property item 11.4 for information.

2024-045

carried

## **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be held on April 18, 2024 at the Health Unit's Port Hope office from 9:30 am – 11:30 am.

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Perry

Seconded by Mr. Crate

THAT the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

2024-046

carried

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Board of Health Chair  
April 18, 2024

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Recorder