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Health Unit**

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**BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE
NORTHWESTERN HEALTH UNIT**

MINUTES of the Regular Board of Health Meeting
March 26, 2021
Electronic Meeting

PRESENT: Doug Lawrance – Chair, Shayne MacKinnon, Trudy Sachowski, Sharon Smith, Jim Belluz, Nicole Brown, Wendy Brunetta, Sally Burns, Jerry O’Leary

IN ATTENDANCE:

Marilyn Herbacz, CEO
Kit Young Hoon, MOH
Lindsay Koch

GUESTS:

REGRETS:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Doug Lawrance called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion / Resolution: # 44-2021 CARRIED	W. Brunetta S. MacKinnon
THAT the Agenda for the Board of Health meeting dated May 7, 2021 be approved.	

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None declared.

4. CHAIR’S ACTIVITY REPORT

Doug Lawrance offered a moment to each member to provide a brief update on how things are looking in their respective community. Many members shared their positive experiences volunteering their time at mass immunization clinics across the region, and their appreciation for NWHU staff who are working hard to make each clinic a success.

5. MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING, MARCH 26, 2021

Motion / Resolution: # 45-2021 CARRIED	T. Sachowski S. MacKinnon
THAT the Minutes of the Northwestern Health Unit Board of Health meeting held March 26, 2021 be approved.	

6. IN CAMERA

Motion / Resolution: # 46-2021 CARRIED	J. O’Leary W. Brunetta
<p>THAT the Board of Health moves to an in camera session at 8:49am to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations (1 item – Job Classifications) 	

Motion / Resolution: # 47-2021 CARRIED	S. Burns S. Smith
<p>THAT the Board of Health move out of in-camera at 8:58am and resume the regular meeting.</p>	

Motion / Resolution: # 48-2021 CARRIED	J. Belluz N. Brown
<p>WHEREAS the COVID-19 Pandemic has resulted in most Northwestern Health Unit Staff being redeployed to the COVID-19 Response and Vaccination Clinics and this work requires additional support beyond the current capacity of Northwestern Health Unit,</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union (COPE) Local 521 has agreed in principal to adding this support,</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit approves the addition of a COVID-19 Immunizer and Registered Practical Nurse (RPN) to the COPE Group B Classification to assist with COVID-19 Vaccine Administration,</p> <p>AND FURTHER, THAT the Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit authorizes the CEO to execute a Letter of Understanding with COPE to add language reflecting these additions to the Collective Agreement as appropriate.</p>	

7. aPHa Update

7.1 aPHa Representative Report

2021.05.07-7.1 Trudy Sachowski – the report will be kept on file.

The Board engaged in some discussion about Public Health Modernization and communications.

Motion / Resolution: #49-2021 CARRIED	J. Belluz N. Brown
<p>THAT the Board of Health receive the following report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021.05.07-7.1 aPHa Representative report April 2021 	

7.2 alPHa Northwest Representative

At its February meeting, the Board of Health passed a resolution to nominate Trudy Sachowski for the position of North West Representative on alPHa’s Board of Directors. The term of the position is two years and therefore the Board passed a resolution reflecting this change.

Motion / Resolution: #50-2021 CARRIED	S. MacKinnon S. Burns
THAT the Board of Health nominate Trudy Sachowski as North West Representative on the alPHa Board of Directors for the June 2021 to June 2023 term.	

7.3 alPHa AGM and Conference

alPHa’s AGM and Conference will be held virtually on June 8, 2021. Northwestern Health Unit is this year’s co-host and have been working alongside alPHa to create what is shaping up to be a great program. All members are encouraged to attend with fees to be paid by Northwestern Health Unit.

Motion / Resolution: #51-2021 CARRIED	S. Smith W. Brunetta
<p>THAT the Board of Health approve the following member to register for the 2021 alPHa AGM and Conference to be held virtually on June 8, 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doug Lawrance • Sharon Smith • Trudy Sachowski • Nicole Brown • Jim Belluz • Jerry O’Leary • Shayne MacKinnon • Sally Burns • Wendy Brunetta <p>Registration fees to be paid by the Northwestern Health Unit.</p>	

8. CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION

8.1 CEO & Finance Report *Marilyn Herbacz, CEO. Reference #2021.05.07-8.1 The report will be kept on file.*

Marilyn Herbacz spoke to her written report and the organization’s current financial position, in addition to sharing some photos of the new Dental space in Ignace.

Marilyn shared her appreciation for Sexual Health and Harm Reduction Manager, Gillian Lunny, who was recently appointed to the Ontario Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS for a four year term, noting that Gillian has been working on provincial committees for many years, and was sought out by this committee to join. The Board echoed Marilyn’s appreciation and offered their congratulations.

Motion / Resolution: # 52-2021 APPROVED	S. MacKinnon S. Smith
THAT the Board of Health receive the following Corporate Administration reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021.05.07-8.1 CEO & Finance Report 	

9. PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS

10.1 Medical Officer of Health Update - *Dr. Kit Young Hoon shared a presentation highlighting COVID-19 related work. The Presentation will be kept on file.*

Dr. Young Hoon’s presentation highlighted current case numbers, noting that nearly every community within the NWHU area has had cases recently, vaccination rates and information about enforcement and related orders.

Motion / Resolution: # 53-2021 CARRIED	W. Brunetta S. MacKinnon
THAT the Board of Health receive the following Public Health Program reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021.05.07-9.1 Medical Officer of Health Update 	

10. AMENDMENTS: None.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE

- Friday, May 28, 2021 via GoTo Meeting at 8:30am

12. ADJOURNMENT

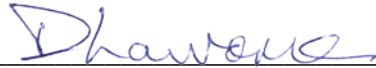
The Chair accepted a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:06am.

Motion / Resolution: # 54-2021 CARRIED	S. MacKinnon W. Brunetta
THAT the Board of Health Meeting of March 26, 2021 be adjourned at 11:06am.	

BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE NORTHWESTERN HEALTH UNIT:

CONFIRMED AS WRITTEN

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MEETING CHAIR, BOARD OF HEALTH



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