



Minutes of the Board of Health Special Meeting
 Thursday, June 6, 2019
 Videoconference
 Board Room/Room C
 458 Laurier Blvd., Brockville/25 Johnston Street, Smiths Falls
 5:05 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

Present:

Doug Malanka, Chair	Toni Surko
Candace Kaine, Vice Chair	Anne Warren
Bill Dobson	Ray Young
Jeff Earle	Regrets: Sherryl Smith
Peter McKenna	Paula Stewart, Medical Officer of Health
Doug Struthers	Heather Bruce, Executive Assistant

Paul Armstrong, IT Supervisor, QCIS	Rebecca Kavanagh, Manager, HLD
Cathy Del Mei, Manager, HLD	Jane Lyster, Director - CHP
Jackie Empey, Business Manager, QCIS	Elaine Murkin, Manager, HLD
Jane Hess, Director, HLD	Yves Decoste, Wayne Lowrie, Louis Reeves, Debbie Steele

1. Call to Order

Doug Malanka called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The group discussed acknowledging the 75th Anniversary of D-Day along with the Traditional Land Acknowledgement Statement.

2. Traditional Land Acknowledgement Statement

Doug Malanka read the Traditional Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda items were reviewed.

Motion: That the agenda of the June 6, 2019 Special Meeting be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried.

4. Conflict of Interest Declaration

None declared.

5. New Business

5.1. Regional Public Health Entity (RPHE)

Paula Stewart prepared a briefing note outlining several proposed options for a RPHE which would include the LGLDHU. The Board has a key role to play in the consultation with other Boards of Health to identify which option(s) would best meet the needs of the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark communities.

5.1.1. Boundaries

Paula Stewart advised that the Ministry proposal is based on the Ministry of Children and Youth Services four regions plus Toronto. The East Region was divided in two and the LGLDHU is in a region going from Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington all the way east which includes Ottawa.

The Medical Officers of Health have prepared a proposal (Southeastern Regional Public Health Entity) which would include their four Health Units (Eastern Ontario; Leeds, Grenville and Lanark; Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington; and Hastings Prince Edward). At the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus the suggestion was made to propose an Eastern Ontario Public Health Unit comprised of all rural Counties from Peterborough, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge and east to the Quebec border (7 health units in total). Our Senior Leadership Team also developed a proposal called the East Regional Public Health Entity that would include the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit, Eastern Ontario Health Unit, and Renfrew and District Health Unit – all bordering on Ottawa.

Doug Struthers clarified the motion at the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) advising that the intent of the motion was to be supportive of rural health units and that they not be connected directly with Ottawa region – it is too big. They would like to hear from all the Health Units before the next Wardens' Caucus meeting on July 16, 2019 about how to best to support their recommendation.

The Board discussed who could help lobby the government on the preferred RPHE. Both AMO and ALPHA were agreed to. As well, Robin Jones, past Warden and a member of EOWC, is another opportunity for someone to advocate for our position.

Setting up an ad hoc committee of the Board was discussed to ensure all of the separated towns are involved.

Motion: That Option 1 (Southeastern Regional Public Health Entity) and Option 3 (East Regional Public Health Entity) be reviewed by the ad hoc committee and recommendations made to the Board.

Motion Carried.

Motion: That the Board of Health strike an ad hoc committee to work with Dr. Stewart, Medical Officer of Health/CEO, on the transition of the LGLDHU to a Regional Public Health Entity. Members on the ad hoc committee will be Peter McKenna, Candace Kaine, Jeff Earle, Anne Warren, Toni Surko and Doug Malanka.

Motion Carried.

The terms of reference for the ad hoc committee were discussed. There should be representation from both the Governance and Finance Committees with a mix of municipal and provincial representation. The mandate of the committee will be to look at consultation, boundaries, governance, funding, management structure, administrative savings, programs and services and fixed assets.

This group will be formed now until April 1, 2020 or later depending on when the RPHE is formed. The committee will report to the Board on a regular basis.

ACTION: A terms of reference will be prepared for review and approval at the June 20, 2019 Board of Health meeting.

Paula Stewart thanked the Board for their enthusiasm and willingness to work together during this transition.

5.2. 2019 Budget

When this meeting was initially called the province announced that changes to the funding formula for municipalities would take place in 2019. This however has changed and funding for 2019 will remain as in 2018.

6. Time, Date and Location of Next Meeting:

- Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 4:00 pm by videoconference

7. Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

Motion Carried.

Doug Malanka, Chair

Date

Heather Bruce, Executive Assistant

Date

c: Board members