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**Minutes:** Special Meeting- October 10, 2024, 10:00 am via Zoom

Present: Rod Ward (Chair), Delynne Patterson, Margaret Ann MacPhail, Sean Cotton, Norm Hofstetter, Brad Kneller, Keven Beaucage (for Cheryl Philp), Camille Barr (Secretary)  
Regrets: Vicky Roeder-Martin, Cheryl Philip, Luke Preston, Tom Bryson, Jim Ronholm  
Guest: None

Called to order at 10:01 am by Chair R. Ward

**1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OF INTEREST:** None

**2. DELEGATIONS:** None

**4. RESOLUTIONS PASSED:** None

**5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

a) MAHC Redevelopment Announcement and Communications

Council discussed the recent announcement MAHC made. The announcement was that a motion will be made to the MAHC Board of Directors on October 10 recommending that the MAHC redevelopment Stage 1.3 move forward with an increase in the number of net new beds at the Bracebridge site by 10. The cost increase will be between \$45-50-million including an estimated additional \$10-million Local Share.

Chair R.Ward drafted statements that could be used should the AHHC be asked for comment by media or other. Discussion occurred as to whether the comments needed to be more formal or involve individual local share councils, as well if formal comment needed to be made to MAHC. Clarification was offered in that there was no written formal statement being made however that could be prepared if the AHHC desired. Chair R. Ward reached out to Bobbie Clark of MAHC. Bobbie confirmed no more comment was needed from AHHC.

The meeting wrapped up with AHHC reconfirming their commitment is status quo. No more money will be committed above what individual councils have committed, and that AHHC supports the project.

Chair R. Ward shared he was asked for comment by the North Bay Nipissing News and it was provided based on the 5 bullet points shared via email.

S. Cotton and Chair R. Ward will attend the MAHC Board meeting this evening for the motion.

**6. ADJOURNMENT:** Almaguin Highlands Health Council adjourned at 10:17 am