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**Minutes:** June 3, 2022, 11:00am via Zoom and in the AHHC boardroom

Present: Rod Ward (Chair), Carol Ballantyne, Brad Kneller, Dennis Banka, Joe Vella, Cathy Still, Tom Bryson, Camille Barr (Secretary)

Guests: Kevin MacLeod (BFFHT), John Wilson (Councillor Burk's Falls)

Regrets: Barbara Belrose, Norm Hofstetter, Marianne Stickland (Vice Chair)

Called to order at 11:25 am by Chair R. Ward

1. 2022-15 Moved by Carol Ballantyne- Seconded by Tom Bryson  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adopt the minutes from the regular meeting of May 6, 2022, as circulated. Carried.
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **DELEGATIONS:** None.
4. **RESOLUTIONS PASSED:** Resolution regarding the *Terms of Reference* was presented and tabled until the September meeting.
5. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**
  - 1) **Bruce Campbell recognition**  
Bruce and Christine Campbell attended the first portion of the meeting where Council recognized Bruce for all his years of service to improving healthcare in Almaguin Highlands. Bruce was presented with the plaque naming the boardroom in his honour. A press release was completed and will be sent to Metroland Media for posting electronically. Congratulations to Bruce.
  - 2) **Terms of Reference**

R. Ward presented the draft *Terms of Reference* to Council as per last meeting, opening the floor for comment. J. Vella requested that consideration be given to non-elected officials' being representatives at the table, shared that there may be times when an engaged community member in a municipality would be the appropriate fit. As the representative would need to report back to the municipal council they represent, they would use a format like a staff report for this sharing. R. Ward will investigate this further.

C. Still asked for the resolution to be tabled at this time and that the draft first be provided to the Village to review and then to legal as the building is the municipality's asset.

The terms were placed on hold with R. Ward asking that they be moved along sooner rather than later to have in place prior to the next term of Council. C. Still and R. Ward will continue to connect over the summer regarding the progress of the *Terms of Reference*.

**3) Updates from MAOHT:**

R. Ward provide Council with a report summarizing the work of the 3 MAOHT working groups and committees. The three are: Collaboration Steering Committee, the Digital Working Group, and the Health Human Resource Working Group. Each groups activities can be found in the summary report which will be provide each AHHC meeting.

**4) Receipt of account balance- 2022 to date:**

C. Barr provided Council and Clerks (via email) an overview of the account up to 2022. It was asked if the account was OTN funds only. C. Barr believed so however committed to providing an answer to this post meeting, after a discussion with the Village Treasurer.

**5) Monthly Progress Report:**

Brief overview of the AHHC progress report for June was completed. Added items this month were that the AHHC is now a part of the MAOHT Health Human resources Working Group and Sundridge and BFFHT participate in digital pilot projects to support patient care. In discussion regarding the E-Referral Program that the BFFHT will be piloting, J. Vella asked that the group not lose sight that there is still a large population in which access to digital bookings will not work for due to internet services. K. MacLeod said that they understand this and that by phone appointment booking will continue as an option.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

C. Barr shared that the Village continues to work to fill vacant space in the medical building and have shown the facility to an audiologist and a dentist. No commitments made at this point.

R. Ward brought forward that as the two new hospitals (Bracebridge and Huntsville) begin to break ground, the issue of hospital capital 'local share' will become more of a focus. AMO is working on a better formula for local shares.

Resolutions to have McMurrich-Monteith and Kearney added to the Burk's Falls Family Health Team Catchment were sent to the Ministry of Health (Christine Elliot).

B. Kneller addressed an article in the paper that contained misinformation and clarified that Magnetawan knows residents use the facility. B. Kneller asked K. MacLeod for current numbers of patrons using the BFFHT as per last meeting. K. MacLeod will provide these numbers for the September meeting.

B. Kneller asked if the agenda and minutes can be shared with municipal clerks. As the minutes are already shared, Secretary will additionally send the Clerks the agendas.

B. Kneller inquired about the BFFHT renovations and if there was a long term plan for the building. Council clarified that a long term plan is being developed. K. MacLeod confirmed they continue to work to find a final solution to the renovations.

6. 2022-16 Moved by Tom Bryson- Seconded by Cathy Still  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adjourn at 12:13pm to meet again on September 2, 2022 at 11:00am. Carried.  
Location will be in person at the AHHC and by Zoom.