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**Minutes:** February 2, 2023, 10:00 am via Zoom and in the AHHC boardroom

Present: Rod Ward (Chair), Tom Bryson, Delynne Patterson, Margaret Ann MacPhail, Brad Kneller, Jim Ronholm, Vicky Roeder-Martin, Chris Hope, Fraser Williamson (Vice Chair), Camille Barr (Secretary)

Regrets: Cheryl Philip

Guests: Cheryl Harrison (President and CEO MAHC), Moreen Miller (Board Chair MAHC), Kevin MacLeod (ED BFFHT)

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

\* Adjustments were made to the agenda- N. Kunkel, Clerk, Village of Burk's Falls to attend March meeting of Council and resolution added to regarding OTN expense.

1. 2023-03 Moved by C. Hope - Seconded by F. Williamson  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adopt the minutes from the regular meeting of January 5, 2023 as amended. Carried.
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OF INTEREST:** None
3. **DELEGATIONS:** Cheryl Harrison, CEO and President of MAHC and Moreen Miller, Board Chair for MAHC presented to Council. They shared a review of MAHC for 2022, the concept and rationale for the two new hospital builds, what the current stage looks like, engagement to date, and information on local share. There is a survey that can be completed on site selection for Bracebridge, due February 20:  
[www.mahc.ca/siteselection](http://www.mahc.ca/siteselection)  
Cheryl and Moreen answered questions the Council had. They will attend the AHHC meetings quarterly to provide updates.

**4. RESOLUTIONS PASSED:**

2023-04 Moved by C. Hope - Seconded by T. Bryson

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Almaguin Highlands Health Council approves payment to the Burk's Falls Family Health Team in the amount of \$1,113.00 for drawings completed by Duncan Ross Architect for OTN renovations. Carried.

**5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**A) MAOHT Recruitment Funds Request- Update**

In response to Resolution 2022-28 (MAOHT Health Human Resource Recruiter financial support) eight official resolutions of support were received to date. These are from Magnetawan, Armour, Perry, Ryerson, McMurrich-Monteith, Sundridge, Strong, and Burk's Falls. MAHC (for the MAOHT) will be invoicing individual councils that have supported the request.

**B) MAOHT Request for Representative- Home and Community Care Modernization Working Group**

The MAOHT has asked if a member of the AHHC would join their Home and Community Modernization Working Group. The group will focus efforts on understanding the current model for home and community care and what the modernization of service will look like. D. Patterson, C. Hope, and M. MacPhail all put their names forward. R. Ward will let MAOHT know there is interest. Additionally, he will review the MAOHT committees Council is currently involved in and how they may be shared amongst the Council.

**C) Hospital 'Local Share' Update**

Meetings have been occurring to discuss and prepare for the expected 'local share'. Although no specific numbers have been provided members have been doing what they can to project what it may be and the impact.

R. Ward will prepare a presentation to bring to member municipal councils in March sharing information learned by sitting at various tables so that together Almaguin may be united in its approach to the 'local share'.

**D) Progress Report**

R. Ward reviewed the January 2023 Progress Report for the Council.

**E) Other business**

K. MacLeod shared that the FHT will be taking on new additional space for their practice in the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre. They have explored the vacant space on the ground level of the east wing. Moving services from the upper level to all on one ground level will provide greater accessibility to patients. Having more space will allow for programming to grow and student to study and practice.

2023- 05 Moved by C. Hope - Seconded by F. Williamson

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adjourn at 11:56 am to meet again on March 2, 2023, at 10:00 am. Carried.

Location will be in person at the AHHC unless notified otherwise.