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Minutes: March 5, 2026, 10:00 am via Zoom and at the Township of Perry Municipal Office

Present: Rod Ward (Chair), Delynne Patterson, Margaret Ann MacPhail, Vicky Roeder-Martin (Vice- Chair), Sean Cotton, Brad Kneller, Norm Hofstetter, Jim Ronholm, Cheryl Philip, Tom Bryson, Joel Baylis, Courtney Metcalf, David Gravelle, Sandy Zurbrigg, Dr. Sarah Mackinnon, Cheryl Harrison, Sarah Cooke, Deb Raynard, Deb Duce (Secretary)

Regrets: Dr. Sarah MacKinnon

Called to order at 10:00 am by Chair R. Ward

1. 2026-05 Moved by Sean Cotton - Seconded by Delynne Patterson
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adopt the amended minutes from the regular meeting of February 5, 2026. Carried.

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

3. **DELEGATIONS:** None

4. **RESOLUTIONS PASSED:** None

5. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

a) Updates

I. **Almaguin Highlands Family Health Team – Deb Raynard**

- The HCC unattached waitlist is down to sixty-six (66) and the AFHT has hired contractors with MAOHT PC funding to assist with reduction of the internal waitlist.
- Participated in the first round of trauma-informed training with AFT & SDMC and planning for cancer screening sessions.
- AFHT welcomed a new nurse practitioner, and the space is at capacity. They are investing next steps. D. Raynard and S. Cotton will coordinate a meeting for discussion.

II. **MAOHT Recruiter – David Gravelle**

- At the March 17th HHR Task Force member he reported on the budget, events being attended in 2026, recruitment for SDMC.
- Noted that the HHR TF will likely be moving to meeting bi-monthly and is also seeking a new co-chair.

III. MAOHT PFCPAC Partner – Sandy Zurbrigg

- Information about guests at the February PFCPAC meeting, overview of SCOPE a service supporting primary care providers with referrals and information access.
- Other topics include succession planning, MAOHT meeting with Jane Philpott on April 28th, and the agenda for the next MAOHT PCAT meeting which will include the McMurrich Monteith access issue.
- Discussion of inviting Marsha Barnes, MAOHT Strategic Advisor to a future AHHC meeting to discuss some OH and MOH items.

IV. **Introduction of Joel Baylis, Almaguin Family Dental in South River**

- Opened new practice and connecting with communities throughout Almaguin Highlands.
- He will be attending AHHC meeting.

b) Armour Township – Expression of Interest – New Health & Innovation Centres for its property at Pegg’s Mountain Road & Ferguson Road.

- Overview of the EOI that will open March 11th and close April 27.
- Armour Township has purchased the property and donated the land for a health and wellness centre. Looking forward 40 years – what will be needed.
- Seeking input from primary care providers, community members, patient, families & caregivers, and developers.
- Discussion of municipal commitments/steps: costs, funding, fundraising, and agreements, and upcoming election.

c) Update from Space & Building Subcommittee – Meeting on February 23, 2026.

d) Bank Account Statement

- No change from the last month.

e) Progress Report

- Cambridge area dentist keen to come to Almaguin Highlands. Will share email with information.
- Resolution put forward for approval regarding the Mapping of McMurrich Monteith.

2026-07 Moved by Vickey Roeder-Martin - Seconded by Tom Bryson

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council approved members of Almaguin Highlands Health Council advocating for mapping based on postal codes in healthcare related agreements in the Province of Ontario as per physician letter dated [date) in order to correct the omissions of Kearney & McMurrich Monteith.
CARRIED

f) Other Business’

- Good work of the AHHC and the development of the infographic to share with councils and community members.

- ROI (return on investment) discussion of the size requirement for the health and wellness centre, meetings to date, needs, costs, agreements and municipal responsibilities.
- Also scenarios if the AHHC no longer existed.

6. ADJOURNMENT

2026-06 Moved by Norm Hofstetter - Seconded by Jim Ronholm

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adjourn at 11:33 pm to meet again on April 2, 2026, at 10:00 am at Perry Township. Carried.