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Minutes: November 7th, 2024, 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, Tara Schaack (Secretary)

Regrets: Cheryl Philip, Tom Bryson, Luke Preston

Guest: Chris Hope, Denis Duguay, Rebecca Paul, Cheryl Harrison, John Theriault, Sandy Zurbrigg

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

1. 2024-30 Moved by B. Kneller - Seconded by D. Patterson
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adopt the minutes from the regular meeting of October 7th, 2024, as circulated. Carried.

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

3. **DELEGATIONS:** None

4. **RESOLUTIONS PASSED:**

2024-31 Moved by V. Roeder-Martin - Seconded by N. Hofstetter

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council hereby recognizes Sandy Zurbrigg from the Muskoka and Area Ontario Health Team Patient Family Caregiver committee as a non-voting member. Carried.

2024-32 Moved by V. Roeder-Martin – Seconded by B. Kneller

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council hereby accepts Ashley Soundy from Armour Township as the AHC administrator effective immediately. Carried

5. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

a) **MAHC Redevelopment – Current Status and Upcoming Steps**

C. Harrison shared with the Council that the latest submission has been supported by all three parties involved. The submission to Ontario Health and the Ministry of Health is expected to be filed in early November. Once this stage is complete this becomes the ministry's project. Other items noted to the Council were MAOHT is working on a strategic plan that will cover the next 5-10 years, and the MRI machine is arriving in April with a start up as early as spring or summer.

- b) **Announcement of Dr. Jane Philpott as Chair of New Primary Care Action Team**
The Council made an announcement for a congratulations to Dr. Jane Philpott as the Chair of New Primary Care Action Team.
- c) **Consideration for the Health Council Secretary Position**
The Health Council Secretary position was discussed. The Council recognizes the effort of Camille Barr from the Village of Burk's Falls over the past several years as AHHC's administrator. In efforts to balance the workload across participating AHHC members, Armour Township has offered to take over the role with Ashley Soundy (Admin Assistant) moving forward. The Council will re-visit and review at each term. C. Barr will support with this transition.
- d) **Proposed Ownership and Long-Term Funding Model for 150 Huston, Burk's Falls**
Mayor of the Village of Burk's Falls C. Hope spoke to the Council in regard to an ownership model presented by the Village of Burk's Falls where all 10 townships would have ownership of 150 Huston St. If specific municipalities do not want ownership they may opt out. The idea is that there would be a solid base for capital infrastructure improvements as time goes. There were questions answered on what this would look like for each municipality and a report submitted to Council.
- e) **Update Regarding Potential New Health and Wellness Centre**
The Township of Armour has submitted a report to Council on what a potential new build could look like. It includes background, healthcare and local partnerships, services envisioned, current status, and benefits/timing. The Township of Armour will be taking care of the cost of \$17,000 for the conceptual design process which will allow Council to have some concrete feedback and define more exact requirements and determine what real costs are likely to be. This is all noted within the report.
- f) **Progress Report**
No report is available at this time. The report should be available by the next meeting.
- g) **Other Business**
AHFHT updates were provided to the Council. A second nurse practitioner has started this week. They are starting to go through the waitlist over the next 2 weeks and are planning to attach 400-500 patients. Other programs being worked on at this time are Expanded Senior Program, Falls Prevention, Community Connection with Paramedics, Woman's Health Programming, and Hypertension Prevention Program. A new administrator has been hired and is set to start in December. Burk's Falls site is at full staffing capacity, hiring in Sundridge will start soon.

The Council has requested a resolution in regard to supporting equitable wages to be brought to the next meeting by R. Paul.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

2024-32 Moved by S. Cotton - Seconded by D. Patterson

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adjourn at 11:40 am to meet again on December 5th, at 10:00 am at Perry Township. Carried.