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Minutes: February 6, 2025 at 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, Jim Ronholm, Cheryl Philip, Tom Bryson, Ashley Soudy (Secretary)

Regrets: Brad Kneller, Norm Hofstetter

Guest: Rocco Frangione

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

1. 2025-03 Moved by Tom Bryson - Seconded by Margaret Ann MacPhail
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adopt the minutes from the regular meeting of January 9, 2025, as circulated. Carried.

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

3. **DELEGATIONS:** None

4. **RESOLUTIONS PASSED:**

2025-04 Moved by Vicky Roeder-Martin – Seconded by Cheryl Philip
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council approves the revised Terms of Reference for the Almaguin Highlands Health Council as discussed and amended dated January 2025. Carried.

2025-05 Moved by Tom Bryson – Second by Vicky Roeder-Martin
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council hereby recognize Shawn Jackson as the new representative on AHC for the Village of Sundridge, replacing Luke Preston. Carried.

5. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

a) Update on the recent Primary Care funding announcement

Chair R. Ward gave a brief overview of Dr. Jane Philpott taking over the lead for Ontario's Primary Care Action Team and funding received by the province.

b) Municipal Updates on 2023 Deficit Cost Recovery for Burk's Falls

Chair R. Ward confirmed that the Township of Armour has fully paid the 2023 deficit invoice received from Burk's Falls for the 150 Huston health centre building. A discussion followed on how other municipalities are handling their invoices. J. Ronholm

inquired about the 2024 amounts, their expected receipt, and emphasized that new proposals for the building should focus on future planning rather than past issues. Questions were raised about future budgeting for the health centre and the financial expectations for each council. Clarification is needed regarding funding requirements for the 150 Huston Street building. Additionally, general inquiries about long-term planning were addressed, and discussions continued regarding rent options for MAHC at the facility.

c) Other Business

R. Ward provided a brief overview of Nicole Porter from the Alzheimer Society of Muskoka and her proposed presentation on “Dementia Friendly Communities” and “Finding Your Way.” He suggested it would be beneficial to have the ASM present at AHHC meeting. Nicole Porter is aiming to schedule the presentation for April or May, and council will be updated on potential dates.

Chair R. Ward gave a verbal update regarding the property on Peggs Mountain Road. The Township of Armour has acquired the property for a proposed future site for the Fire Department. Greystone Project Management was contacted to draw up site plan proposals and they have included one with a Fire hall and Health Centre. 5 options were provided. Discussion regarding ideas for the future use and needs of the community occurred. Discussion regarding a private partner to help fund the building of the facility and what an investor partnership would like look. R. Ward will keep the AHHC posted on future updates regarding the property.

S. Cotton expressed concerns about the conclusion of meetings, particularly how directions are established and the need for potential resolutions to provide clearer guidance for members. A general discussion followed on the best approach moving forward.

6. ADJOURNMENT

2025-06 Moved by Vicky Roeder-Martin - Seconded by Tom Bryson

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adjourn at 11:04 am to meet again on March 6, 2025 at 10:00 am at Perry Township. Carried.