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**Minutes: February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Present:** Norm Hofstetter, Brad Kneller, Barbara Marlow, Cathy Still, Marianne Stickland, Dennis Banka, Rod Ward, Lyle Hall, Carol Ballantyne

**Regrets:** Tom Bryson

**Guests:** Sandra Dalglish (Executive Director BFFHT)

Call to order at 10:00am by Chair Bruce Campbell.

R. Ward joined the meeting 10:01am.

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2020-004 Moved by Brad Kneller and Seconded Carol Ballantyne

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee adopt the minutes from January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as circulated. Carried.

2. Delegation: None at this time.

3. Items for Discussion;

a) Almaguin Saves Huntsville Hospital (ASHH) meeting minutes from January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Young at Heart Seniors Centre.

- Committee members discussed the minutes including a request to establish a sub-committee within AHHC to lobby MPP support for health care advancement. In addition to the AHHC members, Bob MacPhail will be invited to participate in a meeting with MPP Miller, date to be determined.

2020-006 Moved by Barb Marlow and Seconded Norm Hofstetter

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee approves a sub-committee of the below Almaguin Highland Health Centre Committee members to lobby for support from MPP Norm Miller regarding Almaguin Highlands Health Care.

- 1) Cathy Still
- 2) Marianne Stickland
- 3) Rod Ward

Carried

- b) OHT meeting invitation for February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at the Near-North Enviro-Education Centre in the Village of Sundridge.
  - Committee members received the invitation and confirmed attendance for the Chair B. Campbell, Councillor M. Stickland (OHT application) and Councillor R. Ward (Business Plan)
- c) Support Resolutions for a District Wide Ontario Health Team
  - Resolutions from the Township of Armour and Village of Sundridge were received.
- d) Report by AHHC Secretary regarding Ontario Health Team submissions received.
  - The report was received with thanks.
- e) M. Stickland provided an update on the AHHC 2020 survey.
  - A total of 416 surveys have been completed.
- f) Highspeed Internet Update
  - R. Ward provided the Committee with an update on efforts to secure highspeed internet within Almaguin. There will be 12 new towers established, to complete a total of 26 in service. Service improvement will commence 2021- 2022.
- g) Physician Recruitment Incentives
  - C. Still informed the Committee that the retiring BFFHT physician has three prospective physicians interested in the Burk's Falls practice. As an incentive the Village of Burk's Falls will request from the catchment municipalities a financial contribution to support the purchase of equipment, computer upgrades and a specific number of free months rent. The Village of Burk's Falls will provide a resolution with the request for support at the next regular meeting of Council.
- h) Treasures report
  - The financial statement was received. Commentary was made regarding the current balance of the account. A suggestion was made to request/inform municipalities that contributed to the OTN funds that such funds will be utilize by the Committee to support services.
  - Suggestions for use included the expansion of the current OTN office to allow for a larger space that is more conducive to patient screening.
- i) Other business
  - Members discussed the continuation of municipal contributions to the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre as the Centre is subsidized solely by the Village of Burk's Falls; however, services are available to all municipalities within the Almaguin Highlands. The Committee authorized the Secretary to draft a letter addressing continued support to be considered at the next regular AHHC meeting.
  - L. Hall informed the Committee of NOAH's progress on the senior apartment complex in the Village of Sundridge.

#### 4. RESOLUTIONS PASSED

Resolution: 2020-05 Moved by Brad Kneller and Seconded by Carol Ballantyne  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee authorize the Treasurer to issue payment to the Village of Burk's Falls in the amount of \$465.00 dollars to rectify an account error made in 2019. Carried.

Resolution: 2020-07 Moved by Carol Ballantyne and Seconded by Barbara Marlow  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The Almaguin Highlands Health Centre adjourn at 10:50am to meet again on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 10:00am. Carried.