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Minutes: March 14, 2022, 1:00pm via Zoom and in person in the AHHC boardroom

Present: Rod Ward (Chair), Tom Bryson, Carol Ballantyne, Cathy Still, Brad Kneller, Dennis Banka, Joe Vella, Barbara Belrose, Marianne Stickland (Vice Chair), Norm Hofstetter, Camille Barr (Secretary)

Guests: Lyle Hall, Tim Bryson

Special meeting called to order at 1:07 pm by Chair R. Ward

1. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1) Discuss the Current State and Progress of the AHH Council Partnership with Muskoka and Area Ontario Health Team (MAOHT)

R. Ward opened the meeting with a slide presentation, charting the Councils journey from 2009 to present day. Additionally, he reminded the Council of a resolution that was passed on June 4, 2021, supporting their partnership with MAOHT. To date great gains have been made in this relationship and both the Burk's Falls and the Sundridge and District Family Health Team support this partnership. A round table discussion occurred and resulted in The Almaguin Highlands Health Council maintaining their alignment with the MAOHT as per previous resolution and respectfully declining the invitation to join the Nipissing Wellness Ontario Health Team.

R. Ward will share meeting minutes from the MAOHT with the AHHC, keeping all apprised of the progress occurring.

2) Discuss the Township of Strong's Resolution to Partner with the Nipissing Wellness Ontario Health Team

R. Ward opened the floor to discuss the Township of Strong's resolution-R2022-093. He reminded Council that the Nipissing Wellness OTH is not yet established, and the concept of 'health hubs' not yet sanctioned. Additionally, it was discussed that a rash decision could have a negative impact considering all the good work that has been done to date.

M. Stickland assured Council that this resolution passed by Strong was not intended to cause concern and was moved by their Council as a “statement of position” to the Ministry of Health. She expressed the goal is to have representation with Nipissing and MAOHT, stating that 40% of their residents access the north for healthcare services.

2. **2022-11** Moved by Cathy Still- Seconded by Tom Bryson
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adjourn at 2:46 pm to meet again on April 1, 2022 at 11:00am. Carried.

Location will be via Zoom or in person.