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**Minutes: March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Via Zoom**

**Present:** Dennis Banka, Rod Ward, Cathy Still, Tom Bryson, Barbara Marlow and Lyle Hall, Brad Kneller

**Regrets:** Norm Hofstetter, Kevin MacLeod, Carol Ballantyne, Marianne Stickland

**Guests:** None

**Secretary:** Erica Kellogg

Call to order at 11:00am by Chair Rod Ward.

1. 2021-036 Moved by Tom Bryson and Seconded Barbara Marlow

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee adopt the minutes from February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and Special Meeting of February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as circulated. Carried.

2. **Delegations:** None at this time

3. **Resolutions passed:**

2021-037 Moved by Lyle Hall and Seconded Cathy Still

**Items 4(a) WHERE AS** Information regarding confusion surrounding the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee's mandate and mission has been received; and

**WHERE AS** The Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee advocates regionally for the improvement and expansion of services related to Health Care throughout the Almaguin Highlands region; and

**FURTHER MORE** The Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee shall remove the wording "Centre" to separate the activities of the Committee from the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre building; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee shall now be known as the "Almaguin Highlands Health Council. Carried

4. **Items for Discussion**

- a) Updates from MAOHT; R.Ward informed the Committee he has attended his first meeting with MAOHT. Although R.Ward is participating in discussions

with MAOHT, work will continue on the Almaguin OHT as information gathered will be impactful as OHT's continue to develop. R.Ward will reach out to a local news reporter to provide an update on the Committees efforts regarding the areas OHT application. R.Ward recommended a community member to participate in the Patient Family Caregiver Partners Advisory Committee for MAHC. R.Ward will be reaching out to the Machar Township and Village of South River to engage them in the Committees activities, specifically the OHT's.

- b) Digital Health: E. Kellogg informed the Committee that work is being done to investigate the benefit and cost of Wi-Fi within the building. The proposal is to support virtual care through Wi-Fi access. Initial discussions with an IT business have indicated cost for infrastructure may be high. Information on how the service could be utilized along with who would administer passwords or logins needs to be gathered. L. Hall requested that information be shared with the SSJ Medical Centre as virtual care benefits all communities. Information will be brought back to the Committee in April after the Village of Burk's Falls Council has received a report from the Health Centre Manager.
- c) AHHC Committee re-branding: discussed the confusing regarding the Committees inclusion of the "Centre" and the appearance the Committee is affiliated with the AHHC building. A resolution was passed to remove the word "Centre" in place of "Council", to separate the Committee's activities from the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre building in Burk's Falls, see Res. 2021-37.
- d) February AHHC Status Report, R.Ward discussed the statues update.
- e) Treasure's report:received with no questions.
- f) Other business
  - C. Still informed the Committee that the Village of Burk's Falls Council is focused on a 10-year plan for the building which includes how best to recruit for more services.
  - C. Still also informed the Committee that as the area's representative for MAHC Local Share Working Group, the Group is awaiting Ministry approval to move to the next stage. Currently Huntsville and Bracebridge Hospital Foundations have committed a total of \$20 Million of the required \$74. Million. The next meeting scheduled for the Working Group is set for June.
  - L. Hall informed the Committee the SSJ Arena will be used for COVID-19 vaccinations when the NBPS District Health Unit announces it's rollout.
  - L. Hall confirmed that renovations to the SSJ Medical Centre will proceed.
  - C. Still informed the Committee the Paramedicine Program has secured on-going funding and the service will continue. The Paramedicine Programs has decreased the call volume for local EMS.
  - B. Kneller inquired about OTN funds received from the municipalities, asking why funds are being placed in a reserve for a renovation with no action on a renovation. R.Ward asked for information to follow up with Municipality of Magnetawan regarding the concerns.

Resolution: 2021-38 Moved by Barb Marlow and Seconded by Tom Bryson

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The Almaguin Highlands Health Centre adjourn at 11:41am to meet again on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 11:00am. Carried.