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**Minutes: April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Via Zoom**

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

**Regrets:** Norm Hofstetter, Carol Ballantyne, Cathy Still

**Guests:** Jeanette Smith – ACED, Liz Stermseck (Town of Kearney) and Kevin MacLeod

**Secretary:** Erica Kellogg

Call to order at 11:00am by Chair Rod Ward introducing Jeanette Smith as a member of ACED and Liz Stermseck as the Deputy Mayor for the Town of Kearney sitting in as a non-voting member for Carol Ballantyne.

1. 2021-039 Moved by Brad Kneller and Seconded Barbara Marlow

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee adopt the minutes from March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as circulated. Carried.

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

3. **Resolutions passed:** None at this time

4. **Items for Discussion**

- a) R. Ward provided an update regarding the movement on the MAOHT, commenting that he has participated in two meetings to date and things are moving fast. R. Ward continues to advocate for the communities of Almaguin while also working to coloration as a non-voting member. K. MacLeod commented from the BFFHT position that digital integration and the alignment of physicians from Bracebridge to South River is a priority for the OHT's. The same EMR system allows for physicians to interact and report using the same system. BFFHT continue to explore on-line booking through the AHC website. To date, the BFFHT have not committed to the MAOHT. R.Ward noted that there has been no response from the Village of South River or Machar Township regarding the OHT's.
- b) R.Ward introduced Jeanette Smith, commenting on the work and conversations Jeanette has had with members of the AHC Council

regarding support of the AHOHT. M.Stickland provided an AHOHT update as the application continues to develop.

- c) Discussion regarding Lakeland being awarded funding to install Universal Broadband. Member L. Hall's was thanked for his presentation regarding the installation of fibre through the Universal Broadband Fund, from Emsdale to Sundridge. Once completed approximately 1,000 potential customers will have service across 50kms.
- d) Aprils AHHC Status Report, R.Ward discussed the statues update.
- e) Treasure's report: received with no questions.
- f) Other business
  - K. MacLeod informed the Council that the BFFHT in the near future will be administering COVID-19 vaccines to patients of the clinic.

Resolution: 2021-40 Moved by Tom Bryson and Seconded by Barb Marlow  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The Almaguin Highlands Health Centre adjourn at 12:02pm to meet again on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 11:00am. Carried.

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