



Wasauksing Health Committee Minutes  
Thursday, December 9, 2021  
5:00pm-7:00pm  
Wasauksing Administration Meeting Room

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**Community Committee Members:**

Pazhe Rice;  
Lisa Tabobondung;  
Meaghan Tabobondung;  
Elizabeth Taylor;  
Christina Vasiliou

**Staff Resources:**

Deborah Pegahmagabow, Director of Health

**Recorder:**

Rachel D. Pegahmagabow, Health Director Assistant

**Regrets:**

Skyler Newton;  
Brent Tabobandung, Chief Councillor;  
Dora Tabobondung

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Opening Prayer – Lisa Tabobondung

Chair – Pazhe Rice

Meeting called to order – 5:16pm

**1. Agenda- Review and Acceptance**

That the Health Committee reviewed and accepted the December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Agenda with the addition of Christmas Planning under Health Programming.

Moved by Elizabeth Taylor

Seconded by Lisa Tabobondung

Carried by Consensus

**2. Minutes- Review and Acceptance**

That the Health Committee reviewed and accepted the minutes from November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Moved by Elizabeth Taylor

Seconded by Christina Vasiliou

Carried by Consensus

### 3. Terms of Reference:

Terms of Reference to be shortened.

### 4. Health Director Updates:

#### Program Updates:

- **NNADAP:**

National Addictions Awareness Week:

- School visit had some issues with lighting in the gym for the projector; supplier said they could return in February for Family Day.
- NNADAP was the last event to be held in the HUB.

- **HUB:**

- Windows and siding being removed by Community Members who requested the items.
- Retro fitting the ramp to senior's home, and the counter tops will go in the Health addition.
- Hot water tank is available to someone who needs it.
- **Note: Old school bell is under the hub – TO BE MOVED.**
- The space will become a parking lot.

- **Regional Mental Wellness Program – Ntam Nishnabeg Jigbiig:**

- North: Nipissing First Nation, Dokis First Nation, Wahnapiatae First Nation
- South: Henvey Inlet First Nation, Magnetawan First Nation, Wasauksing First Nation
- Social Worker supervises the Mental Wellness Team, one of the social workers were pulled from primary care for this.
- Model is being presented to the six First Nations- building a program that can be sustained itself with the communities.
- Director of Health to be making a pitch to funders as land based support in wellness programming is important and needed within First Nation communities.
- Now until March MWT is working on competencies, educational life experience, and knowledge. This will be presented to all Health Directors.
- Services for community crisis and land based activities.
- Programming is evolving to meet needs of the communities.

- **Christmas Planning:**

- Christmas Tea for the Elders will be delivered to homes again this year.
  - To have poinsettias and baked goods.
  - School children are painting the delivery bags
- The gift cards for on territory households will be happening this year, information to follow.
- Christmas Health Staff Schedule:
  - No nursing home visits during the holidays
  - No COVID-19 testing throughout the holidays, clients to go to Public Health
  - Staff will call in to reception at 10am and 2pm on the days scheduled for any messages.
    - Kara: Dec 20, 21, 24, 31
    - Vanessa: Dec 29, 30
    - Amanda M.: Dec 22, 23

- **Flu Prep:**

- Kits:
  - Will be delivered to households December 10, 2021
    - Will be delivered regardless of weather as they're in plastic bags.
  - 2 boxes of masks, face shields, and thermometers to be in bags
- Clinics:
  - Drive thru will be happening like last year.
  - Call to book an appointment

**COVID-19 Update:**

- Flow chart on COVID-19 exposure provided to Health Committee, staff, and community.
- Director of Health has drafted a letter if staff/client tests positive and they were present in the Nursing Station.
- ID is now 4 day PCR
  - ID Now: test done here, then goes to Health Unit
  - Antigen: take home tests
- Boosters:
  - Now five months instead of six months between receiving second and third vaccine.
- FNIHB will be doing vaccinations for ages 5-11.
  - Rachel to send dates and times for clinics for youth through Health Unit to Communications
- Emergency Response Team
  - Email ert@wasauksing.ca and doh@wasauksing.ca with summary of event, number of people, and the space size.

**Staffing Update – Health**

- Sally Dokis, North Mental Wellness Team Navigator is on leave.
- Danette Kropf has started as the CDE RN.
- Interviewed 3 nurses, one offer is out and waiting on response.

**Health Building Addition:**

- Testing machine to remain in the c-can
  - Testing machine are for covid-19, strep, and flu.
- Spring 2022 is the projected completion date.

**5. Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 5:00pm**

Meeting Adjourned – 7:05pm

Closing Prayer – Deb Pegahmagabow