



Wasauksing Health Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
5:00pm-7:00pm  
Wasauksing Nursing Station Spiritual Room

---

**Community Committee**

**Members:**

Karen Chegahno;  
Pazhe Rice, Councillor;  
Lisa Tabobondung;  
Meaghan Tabobondung;  
Elizabeth Taylor;  
Christina Vasiliou, Councillor;  
Lesley Pilar Welling

**Staff Resources:**

Audrey-Anna Colson,  
Community Health Rep;  
Deborah Pegahmagabow,  
Director of Health

**Recorder:**

Rachel D. Pegahmagabow,  
Health Director Assistant

**Regrets:**

Alaina King, Councillor;  
Hali Tabobondung;  
Dora Tabobondung

---

Opening Prayer – Lesley Pilar Welling

Chair – Pazhe Rice

Meeting called to order – 5:12pm

**2. Agenda- Review and Acceptance**

**Motion 10-10-23-1**

That the Health Committee reviewed and accepted the October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Agenda.

Moved by Elizabeth Taylor

Seconded by Lesley Pilar Welling  
Carried by Consensus

**3. Minutes- Review and Acceptance**

**Motion 10-10-23-2**

That the Health Committee reviewed and accepted the minutes from July 11<sup>th</sup>,  
2023.

Moved by Lesley Pilar Welling

Seconded by Elizabeth Taylor  
Carried by Consensus

#### 4. Health Director Updates:

##### 2023-2024 Health Programming:

- Surveillance:
  - Health is interested in the communicable disease aspect of absences in the school and daycare. Looking for clusters (anything that could close the school and daycare) and trends (fall/spring upticks in spread)
  - Collecting absenteeism data from the school and daycare. Data collection had a slow start and there is currently a large amount of insignificant data (no reason given for absence), currently assessing different avenues to collect data.
- Covid/Flu
  - Clinics have started – Wednesdays and Thursdays. Look to the health website (wasauksing.health), social media pages, and the newsletter for dates
  - Both covid and flu vaccinations can be taken at the same time.
  - Flu kits to be sent out this Fall to households on WFN.
- Head Lice
  - Increased presence of this pest, it is not a communicable disease but can spread secondary infections, etc if not dealt with.
- CARA:
  - Summer programming is completed- Mixed League Slo-Pitch, assisted with the Men's Fastball- 7 youth on the team, the families are now fundraising to move forward with next years fastball.
  - The old water building belongs to the Education Dept., Health will be clearing out CARA items, and then the keys will be handed to Education Dept.
    - To connect with youth group and social once gone through items and have additional equipment CARA no longer needs.
  - **Action Item: Pilar to see DOH about countertop in old water building**
- Home and Community Care:
  - 53 clients on roster: Meals on Wheels continuing for clients that require them; palliative Care, 40+ alarms for falls; home care bathing; installing safety devices; will continue to have limited winter supports.
- Health Fair:
  - Approximately 140 people attended.
- Traditional Healing Program:
  - Increase in making salves, teas, and medicine picking
  - Esstin McLeod to return to make a bunch of sought after medicines this Fall.
  - Programming continues
  - Faith providing traditional counselling
  - Awaiting word on increase in dollars.
- New Protocol re: Masking in Health:

- Masking in clinical area is mandatory. No wandering of non-staff from one area to another area.
- Garage:
  - To be used for Mental Wellness Team and programming supplies
  - Electricity and water will install in the spring
- Mental Wellness Team:
  - Continues to provide support to 6 First Nations- Wasauksing, Dokis, Wahnapiatae, Magnetewan, Henvey, and Nippissing.

**Staffing Updates:**

- Medical Doctor: Posted until filled. Received some interest.
- NNADAP Worker- Social Worker: Posted until filled. DOH and other staff will work on NNADAP week; DOH to complete PSHS lunches – once a month now.
- Health Administrative Assistant: Posted until filled. Received several applicants, will be reaching out to schedule interviews
- MWT Navigator: Posted until filled. No applicants at this time.
- Meeting with Registered Dietitian. Contract to begin and review of administrative documents. Will start in January on-site.
- Renewed contract with PSW and HCC-Maintenance Support
- 1 PSW to return from Maternity leave.
- 1 performance evaluation to be completed.
- Competencies Chart:
  - To be implemented into all positions in Health over time.
    - Job postings/ job descriptions; performance evaluations; etc.

**Quality Improvement Plan:**

- Work plan completed and sent to the Ministry of Health Primary Care Division
- Will be providing an overview and briefing needing a motion from Chief and Council to be sent to the Ministry of Health- Primary Care Division.
- It's anticipated that there will be collecting of data in November/December 2023 and February/ March 2024.
- Will be breaking the work plan into Aim/Measure and Aim/Change for easier reading
- Pamphlets; Communication to community going out along with questionnaires that are currently being drafted.

**5. Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 5:00pm**

Meeting Adjourned – 6:30pm

Closing Prayer – Lesley Pilar Welling