



Wasauksing Health Committee Meeting – Update Session / No Quorum  
Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
5:00pm-7:00pm  
Wasauksing Nursing Station Spiritual Room

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**Community Committee**

**Members:**

Pazhe Rice, Councillor;  
Dora Tabobondung;  
Hali Tabobondung;  
Lisa Tabobondung;  
Elizabeth Taylor;

**Staff Resources:**

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

**Recorder:**

Rachel D. Pegahmagabow,  
Health Director Assistant

**Regrets:**

Karen Chegahno;  
Alaina King, Councillor;  
Meaghan Tabobondung;  
Christina Vasiliou, Councillor;  
Lesley Pilar Welling

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Opening Prayer – Dora Tabobondung

Chair – Deborah Pegahmagabow

Meeting called to order – 5:48pm

**2. Agenda- Review and Acceptance**

**Motion 12-12-23-1**

That the Health Committee reviewed and accepted the December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 agenda with the removal of “4.3 Garage Update” and addition of “4.5 CICA: Canadian Indigenous Cognitive Assessment”

Moved by Elizabeth Taylor

Seconded by Lisa Tabobondung

**3. Minutes- Review and Acceptance**

**Motion 12-12-2023-2**

That the Health Committee reviewed and accepted the minutes from October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Update Session with the edit of the next meeting date in the November Update Session, “Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 12, 2024 at 5:00pm” to be changed to Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 5:00pm”

Moved by Elizabeth Taylor

Seconded by Lisa Tabobondung  
Carried by Consensus

#### 4. Health Director Updates:

##### 4.1 2023-2024 Health Programming:

- NNADAP
  - Parry Sound High School lunches are happening.
  - HIV/Aids Mitt making
  - Whole Life Counselling to start coming to the Nursing Station – NNADAP Worker will be handling the assessments/referrals to Whole Life Counselling.
  
- 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.
  
- Masking:
  - Mandatory masking in effect now in the Nursing Station
  - Medical Transportation and any staff going into client homes will have a new masking policy which states that all staff must wear masks with clients.
  
- Covid/Flu
  - Both covid and flu vaccinations can be taken at the same time.
    - About 96 covid vaccinations given
    - About 85-95 flu vaccinations given
  - Flu kits have been delivered – about 160 kits
    - Audrey-Anna to confirm what has been delivered – 3 homes at Health Committee table have not received the kits as of today.
  
- Community Health Representative
  - Health Fair went really well.
  - Surveillance
    - Many individuals are ill with various illness.
    - Pneumonia vaccine – Health to look into purchasing some vaccines.
  
- CARA:
  - Skating at Humphrey Arena continuing this winter season, starting January 7 to March 10<sup>th</sup> – Every Sunday from 9:30am-11:30am
  - WACC Ice Rink schedule to be sent out to community and posted at WACC.
  - Swimming at Tappatoo is continuing this season from now until May 28, 2024.
  - Girls at Bat gift cards from that program are being delivered to the families, we are trying to encourage the girls to play ball and start a team with the older ladies.
  
- Home and Community Care:
  - 53 clients
  - Updating 3 year plan for HCC
    - Updating palliative care section – increasing numbers

- May add a research component – Dr. Davis is on board and is interest in research of palliative care on First Nations.
- Traditional Healing Program:
  - Ribbon shirt making workshop happening this upcoming weekend (December 9-10, 2023)
- Garage:
  - Cement pad is now where the garage will be built.
  - 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.

#### 4.2 Christmas Events/ Holiday Nursing Schedule

- Christmas Tea:
  - December 20, 2023
  - Location: Administration Meeting Room
  - Health is assisting Chief and Council.
- Nursing Schedule:
  - December 27-29<sup>th</sup> 2023, and January 2-5, 2024
  - Assigned nurses will call into the Administration Reception twice a day and the dates listed above to return calls to clients if required.
  - Complex dressing changes to be completed at the hospital during the two-week closure.

#### 4.3 Staffing Updates:

- Medical Doctor:
  - 3 doctors coming on board:
    - Dr. Hamby: well woman/man/family (starting January)
    - Dr. Elliott: visiting physician (in 2-3 times a month)
    - Dr. Davis: visiting physician / palliative care.
- Delta Desjarlais hired on contract for the CARA position
- NNADAP Worker: hired Melissa McKeown, started on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- Health Administrative Assistant: Reposting
- MWT Navigator: Finalizing applicant's references.
- Registered Dietitian: Natalie, becoming orientated in Wasauksing and will be working with the school and daycare cooks, consulting and counselling for special diets.
- PSW Sierra King returned from Maternity leave.
- Performance Evolutions: Final one completed today.

#### 4.4 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

##### **Motion 12-12-2023-3**

That the Health Committee recognize and agree with the proposal of a Quality Improvement Program for the Primary Care Services we deliver within the Health Department. The Health Committee accepts that the initial E-QIP Community of Practice Quality Improvement Plan for Wasauksing First Nation Health Department will become a standard practice for reporting every fiscal by the Health Department

Moved by Elizabeth Taylor

Seconded by Dora Tabobondung  
Carried by Consensus

#### 4.5 CICA: Canadian Indigenous Cognitive Assessment

- Briefing note to go to Chief and Council for motion
- We have been using the Indigenous Dementia Screening Assessment and it has resulted in positive outcomes for families to start getting support for the individual

##### **Motion 12-12-2023-4**

That the Health Committee recognize and agree with the proposal of the Data Sharing Agreement for the Research Use of Personal Health or Survey Information (anonymous). The Health Committee recognizes that the Director of Health is the Primary Custodian of Wasauksing First Nation Health Data, whose one of their many functions is to protect the integrity and privacy of our data and any process that would evolve from such collaborative research.

Moved by Dora Tabobondung

Seconded by Elizabeth Taylor  
Carried by Consensus

#### 5. Next Meeting: Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 5:00pm

Meeting Adjourned – 7:10pm

Closing Prayer – Dora Tabobondung