

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OPEN MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 1730 hours
Hospital Boardroom / GoToMeeting

Present: Bruce Hawkins, Chair (via telecon) Jim Rowe (via telecon)
Elected Directors: Patricia Willard-Inglis (via telecon) Dan Fenety (via telecon)
(Voting) Richard Males (via telecon) Denise Balch (via telecon)
Pascal Simard (via telecon) Jocelyn Moreno (via telecon)
Georgette Saxton (via telecon)

Ex Officio Directors: Mike Baker, Secretary Erin Montgomery
(Non-Voting) Dr. Colleen Davies (via telecon)

Also Present: Andrew Brown (CFO)

Recording Secretary: Carla Scott

Absent: Dr. Nichole Currie

Quorum - majority of Voting Members or 6 Voting Members

With the recent COVID-19 pandemic and the social distancing guidelines, the Board of Directors meeting is being held virtually via GoToMeeting.

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 1733 hours.
2. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest** - None.
3. **Approval of the Agenda** - The agenda was presented for approval with no objections.
4. **Approval of the Previous Minutes**
The minutes of the Open Board of Directors meeting of April 28, 2020 were taken as read and verified.
5. **Board Chair Report**
Bruce Hawkins' report was circulated for members' information (**Appendix A**). The Annual General Meeting will continue as planned in June by electronic means.
6. **Administration Report**
 - 6.1. **President & Chief Executive Officer's Report**
Pre-circulated for members' review was Mike Baker's report (**Appendix B**) which focused on the current pandemic situation of COVID-19 and the hospitals response. Trend charts were pre-circulated for members' information. The deaths in the region stand at 7-Timmins, 2-Sudbury, 1-North Bay, 0-Timiskaming.

The trend charts showed:

- Deaths - highest count countries, by region, and lower count and local areas

- Cases – Canada & Ontario;
- North Eastern Ontario Health Units - COVID-19 positive cases;
- ICU utilization, hospitalizations, vented patients - assumptions for Temiskaming Hospital;
- Hospital Capacity Overall; and
- Testing by Public Health Unit.

The Regional Assessment Centre (RAC) processes were updated along with the swabbing and screening requirements. Anyone that is symptomatic may be tested, and a asymptomatic person can be tested if they have or may have been exposed to a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case or if they are at risk of being exposed through their employment. Appointments continue to be booked through the Timiskaming Health Unit. The hours of the RAC are monitored and adjusted as required; there is capacity for increased testing.

The ALC situation was discussed and the efforts to move patients to available beds at the Long Term Care Homes.

The COVID-19 Task Force meets weekly and is planning to ramp up services including elective surgeries. A triaging process has been undertaken to ensure priority cases have been completed or scheduled.

Notification was received that considering the current COVID-19 environment, the LHINs and Ontario Health have received Ministry of Health’s endorsement to continue with the extension of the 2020/21 fiscal year SAA for the period of July 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

7. Committees

7.1. Quality & Service Planning Committee

Pre-circulated for members’ information were the minutes of the meeting held on May 13, 2020.

7.2. Medical Advisory Committee

Pre-circulated for members’ information were the minutes of the meeting held on May 12, 2020. Dr. Colleen Davies touched on the COVID triaging process and in-house testing options.

8. Hospital Foundation Report – No report.

9. Correspondence / For Information Purposes

Pre-circulated for information purposes:

- Newspaper Clippings & Facebook Posts

10. In-Camera Business

MOTION 1

Moved by: Richard Males Seconded by: Dan Fenety
That the meeting move in-camera at 1844 hours.

CARRIED

MOTION 2

Moved by: Richard Males Seconded by: Jocelyn Moreno
That the Open Board meeting reconvenes at 1938 hours with no report.
CARRIED

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2019 at 1730 hours in the Hospital Boardroom. The Annual General Meeting will follow at 1900 hours.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1938 hours.

Bruce Hawkins, Chair

Mike Baker, Secretary