



**Northwestern
Health Unit**

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**BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE
NORTHWESTERN HEALTH UNIT**

MINUTES of the Special Board of Health Meeting
April 15, 2024
Virtual

PRESENT: Doug Lawrance, Janelle Zacharias, Wendy Brunetta, Lucille MacDonald
Bob Bernie, Trudy Sachowski, Bekkie Vineberg, Jamie Kristoff

IN ATTENDANCE:

Marilyn Herbacz, CEO
Kit Young Hoon, MOH
Lindsay Koch

GUESTS: Greg Lamothe & Gregory Runke – MNP LLP

REGRETS:

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Doug Lawrance called the special meeting to order at 1:00pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion / Resolution: # 24-2024 CARRIED	L. MacDonald B. Vineberg
THAT the Agenda for the Board of Health meeting dated April 15, 2024 be approved.	

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None declared.

4. CLOSED SESSION

Motion / Resolution: # 25-2024 CARRIED	W. Brunetta J. Kristoff
THAT pursuant to section 239 of the <i>Municipal Act</i> , the Board of Health move to an in camera session at 1:02pm to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the Board (1 item: Voluntary Merger Assessment Report) 	

Greg Lamothe and Gregory Runke left the meeting at 2:58pm

Motion / Resolution: # 26-2024 CARRIED	J. Kristoff L. MacDonald
THAT the Board of Health close its in camera session and return to open session at 2:58pm	

As a result of MNP’s presentation of the Voluntary Merger Assessment Findings Report in closed session, and the discussion that followed, the Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit comes out of its closed session with the following resolution:

<p>Motion / Resolution: # 27-2024 CARRIED</p>	<p>L. MacDonald T. Sachowski</p>
<p>WHEREAS the Boards of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit (NWHU) and Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU) each passed resolutions in November 2023 to work together on a joint RFP process and viability assessment of a voluntary merger of the two health units; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Voluntary Merger Assessment Committee was struck and was comprised of the Chair, Vice Chair, and Medical Officer of Health from each health unit, as well as NWHU’s CEO and TBDHU’s Director of Corporate Services, and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Voluntary Merger Assessment Committee, along with MNP LLP have since undertaken a process of consultation, engagement, and evaluation of a voluntary merger of the two health units, resulting in the confidential Viability Assessment Findings Report dated April 8, 2024, delivered to the NWHU and TBDHU Boards of Health; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Viability Assessment Report did not indicate viability for a merger between NWHU and TBDHU;</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit does not support a merger of the two health units, and will not proceed with a business case;</p> <p>AND FURTHER, THAT the Viability Assessment Report and this resolution be shared with the Ministry of Health.</p>	

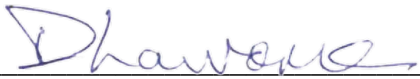
5. NEXT MEETING DATE
Regular Meeting: May 3, 2024 at 8:30am

6. ADJOURNMENT
The Chair accepted a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:01pm

BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE NORTHWESTERN HEALTH UNIT:

CONFIRMED AS WRITTEN

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MEETING CHAIR, BOARD OF HEALTH



RECORDER