

**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ALGONQUIN**  
**SOCIAL & HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES**

On Tuesday, December 17, 2019 the Social & Health Services Committee held a meeting.

Council Present:

Mayor Dumas, Chair  
Councillor Sandra Collins  
Councillor Joe Florent  
Councillor Dave Harper  
Councillor Bongo Mike Kalimin  
Councillor Richard Shalla  
Councillor Joey Vermaire

Township Staff Present:

Holly Hayes, CAO/Clerk Treasurer  
Tracy Cannon, Planning & Building Administrator, *Recording Secretary*

Chair of the Social & Health Services Committee, Mayor Dumas called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None**

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by: R. Shalla**

**Seconded by: D. Harper**

To adopt the agenda as prepared for the Social & Health Services Committee meeting of Tuesday, December 17, 2019 as circulated.

**-Carried-**

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mayor Dumas provided an update from the Ministry of Health (MOH) on the Consultations on Modernizing Public Health and Emergency Health Services. As part of Ontario's comprehensive plan to end hallway health care the MOH will be modernizing both public health and emergency health services to meet the evolving needs of communities across Ontario.  
To facilitate renewed discussions that are both open and transparent, the MOH will be hosting consultations led by Jim Pine, acting CAO of Hasting County on how to strengthen and modernize public health and emergency health services. Mr. Pine will be joined in these consultations by Alison Blair, Assistant Deputy Minister of Emergency Health Services and Executive Lead for Public Health Modernization, and Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario. The consultations throughout Ontario have begun in Northern Ontario and will continue in other areas in the future. Mayor Dumas will inform council when consultation dates are known. The Renfrew County and District Public Health Board of which Mayor Dumas is our representative will be submitting a response and welcomes council and staff input.  
Mayor Dumas also highlighted the Key Challenges in both the; Discussion Paper: Public Health Modernization Discussion Paper: Emergency Health Services Modernization. The two discussion papers are available on the MOH webpage.
- Mayor Dumas briefed the committee on District Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) package of December 18, 2019 that contains their budget.
- Discussion regarding Paramedics staying at the EMS Building. Staff has requested DNSSAB to advise their staff not to sleep in the building due to health and safety concerns as the building is not equipped to be used as a residential unit. DNSSAB has expressed they are having a hard time finding accommodations for their staff.

**Moved by: R. Shalla**

**Seconded by: J. Florent**

To adjourn the Social & Health Services Committee meeting of December 17 19, 2019 at 10:50 a.m.

**-Carried-**

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Mayor Jane A.E. Dumas  
Emergency Services Committee Chairperson

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Tracy Cannon, Planning & Building Administrator  
Recording Secretary