

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS HEALTH SERVICES

Minutes of the 27th Annual General Meeting, held by Zoom Video Conferencing, June 22, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Board Members present:

David O'Brien, Board Chair
Jane Adams, Vice-Chair
Veronica Nelson, Acting President and CEO
Jeff Gollob, Past Chair
Scott Addison
Sharon Kaasalainen
Diana McNiven
Irene Odell
Ted Parent
Don Pierson
Charlotte Snider
Dr. Norm Bottum, Chief of Staff

Administration:

Darlene Moore, VP, Support Services/CFO
Michel Henry (Executive Assistant/Recorder)
Elaine Fockler, Interim CNE

1.0 Call To Order

Chair of the Board, David O'Brien, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m., noting the meeting was duly constituted and a quorum of members of the Corporation present. There were seven (7) Voting Members present. There were 141 people present via the Zoom virtual meeting platform. Chair O'Brien provided opening remarks, welcomed all to the meeting and read aloud the Traditional Land Acknowledgment.

"We gather on ancestral lands, the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabe and the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people and in the territory covered by the Williams Treaties which have been inhabited for thousands of years – as territories for hunting, fishing, gathering and growing food. The intent and spirit of the treaties that form the legal basis of Canada bind us to share the land "for as long as the sun shines, the grass grows and the rivers flow."

2.0 Minutes of 2022 Annual General Meeting

MOTION: Moved by Charlotte Snider, seconded by Don Pierson
THAT the minutes of the 26th AGM, held June 23, 2022 be accepted.

Carried

3.0 2022-2023 Auditor's Report

Andrea Hewlitt attended the meeting on behalf of HHHS' Auditing Firm, Grant Thornton. Full copies of the Audited Financial Statements, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023 were provided with the agenda. Confirmation was given that the financial statements of Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) were presented fairly in all material respects in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards.

MOTION: Moved by Ted Parent, seconded by Jeff Gollob
THAT the Auditors' report of the Financial Statements of the Corporation for the year ended March 31, 2023 be taken as read and received.

Carried

4.0 2022-23 Audited Year-End Financial Statements

Referring to the pre-circulated Audited Finance Statements, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023, which were pre-circulated with the agenda, Chair of the Finance Committee and Treasurer, Irene Odell, spoke to the very challenging year. Chief Financial Officer, Darlene Moore, provided a full report on the financial position of Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

MOTION: Moved by Ted Parent, seconded by Jeff Gollob
THAT the Financial Statements of the Corporation for the year ended March 31, 2023 be approved.

Carried

5.0 Appointment of the Auditors for 2023-24

MOTION: Moved by Jeff Gollob, seconded by Charlotte Snider
THAT BDO Canada LLP be appointed auditors of the Corporation until the termination of the next Annual General Meeting, at a rate of remuneration to be fixed by the Board of Directors.

Carried

6.0 Report of the Corporation

HHHS Acting President and Chief Executive Officer, Veronica Nelson, using a PowerPoint presentation, provided a report that included highlights of the Strategic Plan's four pillars of the organization: Investing in our People; Advancing Partnerships; Building our Capacity to Thrive; Transforming the Health Services Experience. The new purpose statement, part of the new Strategic Plan for HHHS, was shared: To Optimize Health and Wellbeing in Haliburton County.

MOTION: Moved by Jane Adams, seconded by Don Pierson
THAT the Report of the Corporation be received.

Carried

7.0 Report of the Chief of Staff

Dr. Norm Bottum, Acting Chief of Staff highlighted the outstanding job that was performed by the staff at Haliburton Highlands Health Services in protecting patients from COVID-19, with no deaths directly related to the virus. It was further reported that although the health system is under stress compounded by the lack of primary care in the area, physician and nursing recruitment along with increased training and enhancement of hospital services such as CT Scan will show those looking for work that Haliburton is a strong, progressive and modern health care community in addition to a being a great place to live and work. Dr. Bottum encouraged continued support of all local resources from home care to long-term care, primary care and the Hospital corporation.

MOTION Moved by Charlotte Snider, seconded by Sharon Kaasalainen
THAT the Report of the Chief of Staff be received.

Carried

8.0 Report of the Foundation

Chair O'Brien expressed appreciation for the Minden Health Care Auxiliary who continue to support the Hospital and community as they have for many years.

HHHS Foundation's Executive Director, Melanie Klodt Wong, introduced members of the Foundation's Board of directors who were present, and she recognized the support of a very generous community. Through a PowerPoint presentation, she provided a summary of the Foundation's activities of 2022-2023, acknowledging it was a very successful year for fundraising, providing funds for the nurse call system, new blood bank fridge, staff education support, smart IV pumps and more.

Chair O'Brien thanked Melanie Klodt Wong and the HHHS Foundation board, staff, and volunteers for their contributions and efforts to raise funds for HHHS.

9.0 Report of the Nominating Committee (Election of Directors)

Nominating Committee Director, Jane Adams, provided highlights of the Nominating Committee's report, which was included with the agenda package. The following recommendations were brought forward from the Nominating Committee and Board.

MOTION: Moved by Don Pierson, seconded by Charlotte Snider
THAT David O'Brien, Diana McNiven, Irene Odell, Mark Bell, John Herald and Kurtis Bishop be elected Directors of the Corporation for the terms indicated or until their successors be elected or appointed in accordance with the Corporate By-law.

Carried

10.0 Recognition

Chair O'Brien thanked the Chiefs of Staff, physicians, and all HHHS staff for their contributions of the past year.

The deeply appreciated contributions of outgoing Board Members Scott Addison and Jeff Gollob were recognized by the Board Chair, along with outgoing community representative on the Finance Committee Kelly Mitchell.

11.0 CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The Chair noted the business of the 2022-2023 Annual General Meeting had concluded and declared the meeting terminated.

Secretary