



MINUTES of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** meeting held on **Thursday, September 05, 2019**, 17:00 hours, Met Auditorium, Met Campus, 1995 Lens Avenue, Windsor, Ontario.

PRESENT:

Dan Wilson, Chair

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| Lynne Watts | Penny Allen | Dr. Wassim Saad (ex-officio, non-voting) |
| Paul Lachance | Anthony Paniccia | Dr. Joslyn Warwaruk (ex-officio, non-voting) |
| Michael Lavoie | Genevieve Isshak | Karen McCullough (ex-officio, non-voting) |
| Arvind Arya | John Leontowicz | David Musyj (ex-officio, non-voting) |
| Patricia France | Cynthia Bissonnette | Dr. Anil Dhar (ex-officio, non-voting) |

STAFF:

Executive Committee

REGRETS:

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| Dr. Larry Jacobs (ex-officio, non-voting) | Dr. Anat Ravid (ex-officio, non-voting) |
| Dr. Laurie Freeman | Pam Skillings |

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 1703 hours with Mr. Wilson presiding as Chair, and Ms. Clark recording the minutes.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new meeting year. As well, he extended a welcome to Dr. Saad as the new COS.

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None noted.

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES – June 06, 2019

The minutes of the June 06, 2019 Board of Directors meetings had been previously distributed.

MOVED by Ms. L. Watts, **SECONDED** by Mr. P. Lachance and **CARRIED** **THAT** the minutes from the June 06, 2019 Board of Directors meetings be approved.

4. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT & CEO:

Mr. Musyj welcomed everyone back from the summer hiatus and referred to his submitted report. Highlights are reflected below:

- **Upcoming influenza season:** In his May Board report, Mr. Musyj had referred to media reports about the influenza season in Australia. That is a good precursor for what we will have in North America. The scale of the influenza outbreak in Australia was much larger than they had experienced in their history. In Ontario, we

feel we should get ready because it will be big year for influenza here as well. The cases in Australia peaked in July and have dropped off dramatically in the last few weeks. Mr. Musyj referred to the chart in his report, which showed a comparison to other years. The influenza season happened a lot sooner for Australia. This leads us to think it will happen here sooner if we follow Australia, and hopefully end sooner than it traditionally does. The good news for Australia was the influenza did not sustain itself, but the bad news was that it arrived early. We will continue to press for early vaccinations. People must also think of those they will come in contact with. You can spread it to someone who cannot handle it.

- **Accreditation:** Mr. Musyj referred to the chart on page four of his report highlighting the work that we have done and what is still in progress. The onsite accreditation will be November 25-29, 2019.
- **Capital Planning update:** There have been many meetings and discussions concerning the capital project that is in front of us. There is a hearing scheduled for Oct 8, 9, and 10 involving the City of Windsor and opponents of the zoning plan for land in the area of the site selected for the new acute care hospital. The hearing will be a review to see if the City was in compliance with zoning regulations. Committee members of the hearing panel are the only ones who can cross examine witnesses. A lot of our local politicians have supported WRH moving ahead with the project.

Recently, there was a meeting of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario where the Minister of Health was in attendance. She talked about how the \$17B will be prioritized on hospital infrastructure and indicated the Ministry will prioritizing projects based on patient safety.

We have accumulated many photos over the years of our Met and Ouellette Campuses (included in report). Also included in the report were two coloured plans for both Met and Ouellette that showed expansion and renovations over the years. Board members stated the colour coding on the maps was very helpful.

Mr. Musyj spoke about the size of the semi-private rooms at Ouellette. If a patient has to be moved out for tests, the bed closest to the door has to be moved out first, and then moved back in. The bathrooms at Ouellette are also very small. A few years ago, the areas around the windows at Ouellette had cracks and cold air was coming in. With the heating and cooling system, there are certain areas on the floors that are very hot just so other areas will be mild. When there have been floods due to pipes breaking in the walls, staff have had to use patient gowns to mop up the water so it doesn't run into the electrical areas. All of that takes away from patient care. When it comes to patient safety issues, we have some of the oldest inpatient floors in the province of Ontario at Ouellette. To still have patient rooms from the 1960's is not tolerable. All we request of the new government is that they just continue the process. We are at best, three years away from being ready. There is a lot of work for us still to do.

Board question: Back to the influenza issue, we do not know when the flu vaccine will be out. Has the Ministry spoken about preparation for the flu season? If it starts early will they help hospitals with surge beds?

Mr. Musyj replied that the Ministry spoke about surge beds for the upcoming season but that has been like that for the last couple of seasons. Hospitals were to develop a plan for flow for the upcoming season. We still have to hear back concerning our submission.

5. SCHULICH REPORT:

Dr. Jacobs sent regrets for the meeting but had submitted his report for information.

6. CONSENT AGENDA: None

7. NEW BUSINESS: None

8. BUSINESS ARISING: None

9. CORRESPONDENCE/PRINTED MATTER:

- Electronic version of the new media report
- The Standard

10. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Thursday, October 03, 2019, Met Auditorium

11. BOARD MEMBERS QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR NOTICES OF MOTIONS:

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, it was

MOVED by Mr. A. Paniccia, **SECONDED** by Mr. A. Arya and **CARRIED THAT** the September 05, 2019 Board of Directors meeting be adjourned at 1724 hours.

Dan Wilson, Chair
Board of Directors

Cheryle Clark
Recording Secretary

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