



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

**Memo No.**  
Memo 2024-M-196

**Memorandum to Council**

**Subject:** NEPHU Board Appointment

**Agenda Date:** November 14, 2024

**Attachments:**

**RECOMMENDATION**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Temagami approves the nomination of Councillor Carol Lowery to the NEPHU Board of Health for the Rural South region, or, if declined, proceeds with the outlined nomination process for other candidates as necessary.

**INTRODUCTION**

With the upcoming merger of the Timiskaming Health Unit and the Porcupine Health Unit to form the Northeastern Public Health Unit (NEPHU), a new Board of Health will be established effective January 2025. The Rural South region, which includes Temagami and several neighboring municipalities, is entitled to one representative on this new board. This report outlines the proposed process for Temagami to nominate a candidate for this position, prioritizing Councillor Carol Lowery as a preferred nominee due to her experience and prior service on the Health Unit's Board.

**RECOMMENDED NEXT STEPS FOR NOMINATION PROCESS**

**1. Councillor Carol Lowery as Initial Nominee**

- **Action:** Given Councillor Carol Lowery's active involvement on the Health Unit's Board prior to the merger, Council should first offer her the opportunity to continue in this role on the NEPHU Board of Health. Councillor Lowery's experience and familiarity with public health governance make her an ideal candidate to ensure continuity and effective representation for Temagami on the new board.

**2. Public Announcement of Nomination Opportunity (if required)**

- **Date:** Week of November 11, 2024
- **Action:** Should Councillor Lowery decline the nomination, the Municipal Clerk will publicly announce the open nomination period to the Temagami community. This could include council meetings, social media, and the municipal website to ensure broad awareness.

### **3. Collection of Nominations (if required)**

- **Period:** November 11 – November 24, 2024
- **Action:** Accept nomination forms from interested and eligible residents, provided Councillor Lowery has declined. Nominees must reside within the Rural South region and may be a member of the public, a councillor, or a municipal staff member. All nominations should be submitted to the Municipal Clerk's Office by November 24 at 4:00 pm.

### **4. Verification of Nominees**

- **Period:** November 25 – November 27, 2024
- **Action:** The Municipal Clerk's Office will verify that any nominees meet the eligibility requirements and complete the nomination form accurately.

### **5. Compilation of Nominations**

- **Date:** November 28, 2024
- **Action:** If additional nominations are required, forward the verified list of nominees to Dan Thibeault of Armstrong by the November 28 deadline. Dan will compile the nominations from all Rural South municipalities and share the complete list.

### **6. Council Voting and Resolution**

- **Period:** December 1 – December 11, 2024
- **Action:** If multiple candidates are nominated, the Municipality of Temagami Council will hold a meeting to review and vote on the preferred candidate. In the case of a tie, the heads of council in the Rural South region will conduct a tie-breaking vote by majority.

### **7. Final Announcement and Documentation**

- **Date:** By December 13, 2024
- **Action:** Send the Council's resolution to Dan Thibeault in Armstrong. The selected candidate will be formally announced to the municipalities and the NEPHU, and all related documentation will be forwarded for record-keeping.

### **CONSIDERATIONS FOR COUNCIL**

- Skills and Qualifications of Appointees: It is recommended that Council consider candidates' skills, knowledge, and commitment to public health governance. Councillor Lowery's background and previous role provide her with a strong foundation to effectively represent the Rural South region on the NEPHU Board.
- Commitment Requirements: The appointed representative will need to actively participate in board meetings and decisions on behalf of the Rural South region.

### **CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Council offers Councillor Carol Lowery the first opportunity to serve as Temagami's representative on the NEPHU Board of Health, given her existing experience and dedication to public health. If she declines, the proposed steps will allow for a transparent and fair nomination process for other interested community members.

**Respectfully Submitted**

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