



The Corporation of the Municipality of Red Lake

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON 27 JANUARY 2026 @ 12:00 P.M.

Present:	Dave McLeod	Chair
	Angela Bishop	Red Lake Margaret Cochenour Memorial Hospital
	Gwyneth Carlson	Kinross (virtual participation)
	Pat Delf	Red Lake Medical Associates
	Dave Gelderland	West Red Lake
	Janet Hager	Councillor
	Michelle Hendry	CAO
	Fred Mota	Mayor
	Jamie Saulnier	Evolution (virtual participation)
	Georgie Schuurman	Red Lake Medical Associates
Absent:	Michelle Hendry	CAO
Staff:	Brenda Gignac	Recording Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement Statement.

We, the Municipality of Red Lake acknowledge that our foundation and the spaces in which we live and maintain are on the lands of the Anishinaapek of Red Lake; the traditional lands of Lac Seul and Wabauskang First Nations, and Treaty 3 territory. As we are all Treaty people, we will continue to cherish the reciprocity of all the relationships on these sacred Lands and Waters.

The Committee agreed to add two items to the Agenda:

6.3 Housing Update

6.4 Visiting Physicians' Entertainment

2. **DECLARATION AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None at this time.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

3.1 September 29, 2025.

It was:

Moved by Pat Delf

Seconded by Jamie Saulnier

(CHCC-01-26)

RESOLVED that the Community Health Care Committee hereby approves the Minutes of a Community Health Care Committee Meeting held September 29, 2025.

CARRIED

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing at this time.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- 5.1 Community Health Care Committee Terms of Reference – Five-year review and update

The Chair confirmed this item will be discussed at a future meeting.

- 5.2 Establishment of a regular CHCC meeting schedule

The Chair confirmed this item will be discussed at a future meeting.

- 5.3 Draft protocol in respect of the sale of Physicians lots – for future consideration/discussion

The Chair confirmed this item will be discussed at a future meeting.

- 5.4 Draft protocol in respect of managing the Evolution homes provided for Physician recruitment

It was noted that this item has been resolved and that all matters are now addressed through the Treasurer.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1 Recruitment Update

P. Delf and G. Shuurman updated the Committee with respect to recruitment efforts and confirmed that full complement of physicians is expected in August, 2026.

It was noted that the planned activities and entertainment for visiting physicians are benefitting recruitment efforts.

- 6.2 Physician Complement Update

The Mayor reported that himself, CAO and members of Council had the opportunity to meet with the Minister of Health at the recent ROMA conference in Toronto. During this meeting, the Minister confirmed that Red Lake's physician complement will be increased back to seven (7) physicians. The Mayor noted the Minister

suggested waiting a year before requesting an increased complement beyond the allotted seven (7).

The Chair thanked Mayor and Council for their advocacy in this regard noting that without this diligent effort, increased physician complement would not have been achieved.

6.3 Housing Update

P. Delf reported that there is no longer a NOSM apartment available, therefore there is now a need for housing to accommodate visiting residents and locums for the next 1.5 years. P. Delf described to the Committee a viable home which will be available in April.

J. Saulnier confirmed he has requested the possibility of more housing options and stated he will report back on this request.

D. Gelderland reported West Red Lake would be willing to assist.

The Mayor thanked all Industry partners for all their donations and assistance noting that without this support, Red Lake would not be as successful in recruiting physicians to the community.

Members concurred to enter into a lease agreement for 6 Edward Street, Red Lake.

It was:

Moved by: Angela Bishop

Seconded by: Dave Gelderland

(CHCC-02-26)

RESOLVED THAT the Community Health Care Committee hereby recommends to Council entering into a lease agreement for housing for physician recruitment (6 Edward Street, Red Lake).

6.4 Visiting Physicians' Entertainment

It was noted that the planned entertainment and events for visiting physicians is proving to be a successful recruitment tool, but that more assistance in organizing these events is needed. The Chair confirmed he would meet with P. Delf, G. Shuurman and A. Bishop to discuss options.

G. Carlson left the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Discussion was held regarding the lack of available Dentist services in the community. It was noted that recruiting a dentist is beyond the mandate of this Committee and further it would prove to be difficult for the Municipality to recruit a private care provider.

It was suggested that advertising the need in a dental association may be helpful.
A. Bishop confirmed she would contact a previous Red Lake dentist for advice.

7. **MOTIONS** *(to be brought forward after applicable item)*

None at this time.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

To be determined.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was:

Moved by: Georgie Shuurman

Seconded by: Janet Hager

(CHCC-03-26)

RESOLVED THAT the Community Health Care Committee hereby adjourns from a meeting held January 27th, 2026 at 1:15 p.m.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Dave McLeod, Chair

Brenda Gignac,
Recording Secretary