



## MINUTES: GIS Interest Group Meeting, Tuesday, September 26, 2023, 2:00 PM

**NOTE: Please ensure you mute your phone and please do not place your phone on hold. Thank you!**

Group Chair: John Cunningham

Recorder: John Cunningham

DISCUSSION	
1.0	<p><b>Welcome:</b></p> <p>Ainslie Butler - SMDHU, Allison Maier - KFLAPH, Danielle Hachborn – SMDHU, David Guillette - PPH, Dawei Wang – MLHU, Dinna Lozano - NBPS, Ginny McFarland – PHSD, Jackie Edwards - PHSD, John Barbaro – SMDHU, John Cunningham – LGLDHU, John Mitchell - NBPSDHU, Michael King - PHSD, Nicole Bradley – SMDHU, Olamide Idowu - CKPH, Payal Jain – PPH, Renate van Dorp - HPPH, Shanshan Zhao - NBPSDHU, Ryan Waterhouse – NRPHD, Tamara Augsten - TPH</p>
2.0	<p><b>Minutes volunteer:</b></p> <p>John Cunningham recorded the minutes.</p>
3.0	<p><b>Additions to &amp; Approval of Agenda:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ryan, suggested adding “Inspection District Planning”. Added under business arising in as item 5.2.</li><li>• Agenda approved by Ainslie Butler.</li></ul>
4.0	<p><b>Review and approval of previous minutes:</b></p> <p>Action items from previous minutes reviewed. Item 6.1 (GIS environmental scan) brought forward for further discussion as item 7.0 on the agenda.</p>
5.0	<p><b>Business arising:</b></p> <p>5.1 Update of GIS-IG page on APHEO website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ongoing. Working with APHEO secretary to update our webpage to be more compartmentalized and comprehensive.</li></ul> <p>5.2 Inspection district planning (Ryan, Ainslie):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ryan and Ainslie briefly discussed the concept of geographical health inspection districts and inquired as to how many health units were involved in determining their districts from a geo-spatial perspective. Not much to share at this point in</li></ul>

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	<p>terms of what other PHUs are doing. I will add this item to the agenda in our next meeting to see if there has been any updates to share.</p> <p><b>ACTION: John to revisit this item at our next meeting.</b></p>
6.0	<p><b>Items for decision:</b></p> <p>6.1. Terms of reference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adopted. Will be added to GIS-IG webpage.</li> </ul>
7.0	<p><b>Items for discussion:</b></p> <p>7.1. GIS resources environmental scan: General survey to help inform our future best practices work. An initial set of questions has been developed. Currently running a couple of literature searches to help guide the process. More to follow.</p>
8.0	<p><b>Items for information:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David G. shared an upcoming conference on <i>Leveraging Geospatial Data for Health and the Environment</i>.</li> <li>• Check it out here: <a href="https://www.bespatialontario.ca/event-5367077">https://www.bespatialontario.ca/event-5367077</a></li> </ul>
9.0	<p><b>Standing agenda items:</b></p> <p>8.1. Spatial resources section on GIS Interest Group site: No updates.</p> <p>8.2. GIS &amp; spatial epidemiology best practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moving forward with environmental scan.</li> <li>• SMDHU working on their own set of best practices.</li> </ul> <p>8.3. Core indicator spatial component: No update.</p> <p>8.4. Education topics for upcoming meetings:</p> <p><b>ACTION: Please bring forward any educational topics for presentation asap. These can range from very formal to smaller projects being done at your prospective health units.</b></p>
10.0	<p><b>Next meeting date, time and location:</b></p> <p>A poll will be sent by mid-October.</p>
11.0	<p><b>Adjournment:</b></p> <p>Next meeting scheduled for early December 2023.</p>