



# Board of Health Minutes

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**Date:** Friday, November 24, 2023  
**Location:** Electronic via Microsoft Teams & GBPH Boardroom (101 17th Street East, Owen Sound ON -N4K 0A5)  
**Time:** 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Members Present:** Mr. Alan Barfoot Mr. Chad Richards  
Mr. Brian Milne Mr. Luke Charbonneau  
Ms. Sue Paterson Ms. Sue Carleton  
Ms. Helen-Claire Tingling Mr. Kenneth Craig  
Mr. Nick Saunders

**Regrets:** Mr. Kevin Eccles, Mr. Chris Peabody

**Also Present:** Dr. Ian Arra, Dr. Zayed

**Special Guests:**

**Recording Secretary:** Ms. Kaleigh Hooper, Ms. Connie Rossitter

## 1.0 Call to Order/Roll Call

The roll call was called by the recording secretary.

Quorum was declared and Vice Chair Milne called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM

**Carried.**

## 2.0 Amendments to Agenda

“THAT, personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees be added to the closed session agenda. Furthermore, advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose be added to the closed session agenda. Additionally, communication strategy be added to the open session agenda.”

## 3.0 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Kenneth Craig                      Seconded by: Luke Charbonneau

“THAT, the agenda for November 24, 2023, be approved as amended.”

**Carried.**

## 4.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

No disclosures of pecuniary interest were declared at this time.

## **5.0 Adoption of Minutes**

5.1 Friday, October 27, 2023

Moved by: Kenneth Craig                      Seconded by: Sue Carleton

“THAT, the minutes of the Board of Health Meeting held on Friday, October 27, 2023 be approved as circulated.”

**Carried.**

*The Communications Coordinator joined the meeting at 10:06 AM.*

## **6.0 Correspondence and News Releases**

6.1 Correspondence

6.1.1 Letter From the Regional Municipality of Niagara to The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier of Ontario and Minister of Health

6.1.2 Lieutenant Governor for Ontario

The Medical Officer of Health provided a summary of the correspondence.

Moved by: Luke Charbonneau                      Seconded by: Kenneth Craig

“THAT, the Board of Health receive all Correspondence items for November 24, 2023 as presented.”

**Carried.**

6.2 Media Releases

6.2.1 Latest COVID-19, flu vaccines now available to everyone aged six months and up

6.2.2 Public Health encourages Grey-Bruce residents to test their homes for radon

6.2.3 GBPH launches campaign to ‘attack’ medication misuse

The Communications Coordinator provided a summary of the Media Releases.

Moved by: Nicholas Saunders                      Seconded by: Alan Barfoot

“THAT, the Board of Health receive the Media Releases for November 24, 2023, as presented.”

**Carried.**

*The Communications Coordinator left the meeting at 10:21 AM.*

## **7.0 Medical Officer of Health Update**

7.1 Opioid Situation Grey Bruce (STANDING ITEM)

The Physician Consultant provided an update regarding opioid and unregulated drug toxicity for Grey Bruce. There are four components being focused on:

Surveillance, data, primary prevention and secondary prevention. There is the SOS team to follow up on the overdose events. If there are overdoses that happens with SOS clients, the team will be made aware. If the event is repeated, the situation can be followed more closely. For the opioid stewardship through the committee in the hospital our Harm Reduction Manager will work on some primary intervention action. Also will work with Indigenous Committees especially through HBHC. In the process of having an agreement with Saugeen First Nations on evaluating their HBHC program and will audit some of their services to improve the service and adding things that are related to childhood experiences.

Based on a discussion between the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) and board member Nick Saunders, the MOH is seeking the Board's approval to explore two interventions (agreement under Section 50 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act, and liaison arrangement with the hospital boards) that have been identified to support the Indigenous Communities in improving health and is inviting a decision to identify other potential interventions.

The Board directed the staff to proceed with exploring the two interventions.

Moved by: Helen-Claire Tingling

Seconded by: Sue Carleton

"THAT, the Board of Health defer appointing a liaison between the Grey Bruce Public Health Board of Health and the Brightshores Hospital Board until staff provide a full proposal after communicating with the Ministry and Brightshores about reactivating the liaison position."

**Carried.**

## 7.2 Strengthening Public Health (STANDING ITEM)

The Medical Officer of Health provided an update regarding the ministry announcement for strengthening public health. The Ministry announced they are reviewing Public Health Standards so recent communication from the leadership table for public health is they will be looking at quick wins before the changing of the standards. Additionally, there is the 1% increase in funding for public health and the team is looking at how we can internally adjust our operations to maximize our ability to continue our services. Once these efficiencies have been identified, they will be brought to the Board of Health. Lastly, there is the voluntary merger piece. Within the Southwest health units, at this point there does not seem to be any health units moving towards a voluntary merger. The situation will continue to be monitored and updates will be provided to the Board of Health.

### 7.3 Staff Report | Oral Health

The Medical Officer of Health presented a report on oral health.

Moved by: Kenneth Craig

Seconded by: Luke Charbonneau

“THAT, the Board of Health receive the Medical Officer of Health update for November 24, 2023, as presented.”

**Carried.**

## 8.0 Corporate Services

### 8.1 Financial Report | September 2023

The Medical Officer of Health provided an update regarding our September Financial Report.

Moved by: Sue Carleton

Seconded by: Helen-Claire Tingling

“THAT, the Board of Health receive the September Financial Report for November 24, 2023, as presented.”

**Carried.**

## 9.0 Communication Policy (late addition to agenda)

### 9.1 Social Media Policy

A Board of Health Member, Kenneth Craig, brought forward a concern regarding a social media post regarding grocery prices. The MOH indicated that the staff will prepare a report on the subject.

Discussion took place that there is a mechanism for agenda items to be brought forward instead of a last minute addition to the agenda.

Vice-Chair directed the staff to bring forward a report on the policy for communication and social media.

Moved by: Kenneth Craig

Seconded by: Luke Charbonneau

“THAT, the Board of Health request a staff report for a future Board of Health meeting regarding the social media policy and how it is administered for Grey Bruce Public Health.”

**Carried.**

## 11.0 In-Camera

Moved by: Luke Charbonneau

Seconded by: Kenneth Craig

“THAT, the Board of Health go into closed session at 10:58 AM to discuss the adoption of in-camera minutes, 3 items in regard to personal matters about an identifiable individual, as well as advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege

(late addition). FURTHER THAT, Dr. Arra, Dr. Zayed, and Ms. Kaleigh Hooper shall remain present.”

**Carried.**

*The Board returned to open session at 11:46 AM with Vice-Chair Milne presiding. Vice-Chair Milne declared only the items stated on the agenda to move into closed session were discussed.*

Moved by: Helen-Claire Tingling                      Seconded by: Sue Carleton  
“THAT, the Board of Health defer approving Board Member Barfoot’s expenses until a representative from Finance can explain why the expenses were refused initially and further explains the checks and balances that are in place to prevent financial abuse.”

**Carried.**

Moved by: Luke Charbonneau                      Seconded by: Kenneth Craig  
“THAT, the Board of Health defer approving Dr. Arra’s expenses until a report can be provided by Finance.”

**Carried.**

**9.0 Adjournment**

By motion of Nicholas Saunders, seconded by Luke Charbonneau, the Board of Health meeting be adjourned at 11:59 AM.

**Carried.**

**Next Meeting:**

Friday, December 15, 2023, 10:00 AM

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Brian Milne  
Chairperson  
Signed by: Kaleigh Hooper

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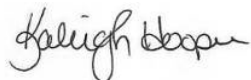
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Dr. Ian Arra  
Medical Officer of Health  
Signed by: Kaleigh Hooper

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Kaleigh Hooper  
Recording Secretary  
Signed by: Kaleigh Hooper