

Board of Health Minutes

Date: Friday, October 25, 2024
Location: Electronic via Microsoft Teams & GBPH Boardroom
(101 17th Street East, Owen Sound ON N4K 0A5)
Time: 10:00 AM – 11:32 AM

Members Present: Ms. Sue Carleton Mr. Chris Peabody
Mr. Kevin Eccles Ms. Sue Paterson
Ms. Helen-Claire Tingling Mr. Kenneth Craig
Mr. Nick Saunders

Regrets: Mr. Chad Richards, Ms. Beverly Wilkins, Mr. Brian Milne
Also Present: Dr. Ian Arra, Kim Rutherford, Denis Langlois
Special Guests:
Recording Secretary: Ms. Kellisa Webb

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Sue Carleton called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

2.0 Roll Call

The roll call was called by the recording secretary. Quorum was declared.

3.0 Amendments to Agenda

None.

4.0 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Sue Paterson Seconded by: Kevin Eccles
“THAT, the agenda for Friday, October 25, 2024, be approved as presented.”
Carried.

5.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

No disclosures of pecuniary interest were declared at this time.

6.0 Adoption of Minutes

- 6.1 Monday, September 23, 2024 – Executive Committee Meeting
- 6.2 Friday, September 27, 2024

Moved by: Chris Peabody Seconded by: Kevin Eccles
“THAT, the minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting held on Monday, September 23, 2024, and the Board of Health minutes from Friday, September 27, 2024, be approved by the Board of Health as presented.”

Carried.

7.0 Correspondence and Media Releases

7.1 Correspondence

- 7.1.1 Letter sent on behalf of the Chair of the Board of Health and the Acting Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer for Public Health Sudbury & Districts to the Minister of Health for Canada.
- 7.1.2 Correspondence from the Executive Council of Ontario, signed by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario
- 7.1.3 Letter from the Chair of the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts to the Minister of Health for the Province of Ontario, and President and Chief Executive Officer of Public Health Ontario.

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

A written statement from Mr. Chad Richards on his reappointment was read by Chair Carleton. "I am honoured and delighted to have been reappointed to serve as a Director on the Board of Health. I look forward to working together with all Board Directors, Dr. Arra, and health unit staff as we continue to advance initiatives and provide sound oversight of an organization that makes a meaningful impact in the lives of the people we serve."

Moved by: Chris Peabody

Seconded by: Helen-Claire Tingling

"THAT, the correspondence be received and endorsed by the Board of Health."

Carried.

7.2 Media Releases

- 7.2.1 Opioid Alert issued following reports of 3 suspected drug poisonings, including one fatality, over 3 days
- 7.2.2 GBPH releases 2024 report on food affordability
- 7.2.3 GBPH encourages residents to get latest COVID-19 and flu vaccines to safeguard health this fall

The Communications Co-ordinator provided a summary of the Media Releases.

Moved by: Sue Paterson

Seconded by: Kevin Eccles

"THAT, the media releases be received by the Board of Health for information."

Carried.

The Communication Coordinator left the meeting at 10:12

Kenneth Craig joined the meeting at 10:12

8.0 Medical Officer of Health Update

- 8.1 Opioid Situation Grey Bruce (STANDING ITEM)
There were no updates to be shared for this item.
- 8.2 Strengthening Public Health (STANDING ITEM)
The Medical Officer of Health shared that the new Ontario Public Health Standards remain expected to be released early 2025.
- 8.3 Program Report | Infectious Diseases

Senior Manager Andrew Barton provided an update on the Infectious Diseases program, including on update on Avian Influenza in Grey-Bruce.

8.4 Vaccine Preventable Diseases Program Update on ISPA – Immunization of School Pupils Act

Senior Manager Andrew Barton provided an update on Immunization of School Pupils Act compliance in Grey-Bruce.

Moved by: Chris Peabody

Seconded by: Helen-Claire Tingling

“THAT, the Medical Officer of Health update be received by the Board of Health for information.”

Carried.

9.0 Corporate Services

9.1 Financial Report | August 2024

The Senior Manager of Finance provided an update on the August 2024 Financial report and Capital Projects.

9.2 RBC Mortgage Downpayment

The Senior Manager of Finance presented four options to the Board for the use of the surplus and recommended making a repayment of \$300,000 on the swap agreement that matures August 2, 2033. The recommendation would save approximately \$82,000 in interest over the remaining loan term.

Moved by: Kenneth Craig

Seconded by: Chris Peabody

“THAT, the Financial Report for August 2024 be received by the Board of Health for information and that the Board of Health approve option 2, the repayment of the \$300,000 on the outstanding swap agreement that matures August 2, 2033.”

Carried.

10.0 Other Business

10.1 alPHa Fall Symposium

The Medical Officer of Health provided a reminder of the upcoming alPHa Fall Symposium.

10.2 Board Membership Update

The update referenced the correspondence from the Executive Council of Ontario renewing Mr. Chard Richards' membership on the Board of Health. The update also included the resignation of Mr. Luke Charbonneau from the Board of Health.

The Chair and Medical Officer of Health suggested an initiative to create a list of professional skills and competencies of Board members. Such list could be consulted by the Province and the two Counties in their considerations of future appointments to the Board. After discussion, the Board provided direction to the Medical Officer of Health to explore similar initiatives that are used by other Boards of Health, and to bring a summary of the finding in a future meeting.

10.3 Recognition of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Missing Indigenous Children and Residential Schools

Mr. Nick Saunders spoke to the impact and legacy of residential schools and the need for truth and reconciliation every day of the year. He emphasized that there is

more work we can do as a Public Health Unit to build meaningful relationships with Indigenous Communities.

It was suggested that the Board participate in a day of learning and training on the impact of residential schools and the issues facing Indigenous communities.

Moved by: Kevin Eccles

Seconded by: Nick Saunders

“THAT, the Board of Health endorse the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, recognizing Missing Indigenous Children and the legacy of Residential Schools, and support any related recommendations that arise on this legacy topic, and further that Grey Bruce Public Health continue to develop initiatives and actions to address these legacy issues.”

Carried.

11.0 Adjournment

Moved by: Sue Paterson

Seconded by: Chris Peabody

“THAT, the Board of Health meeting be adjourned.”

Carried.

Chair Carleton declared the Board of Health meeting adjourned at 11:32AM, Friday, October 25, 2024.

Next Meeting:


Friday, November 22, 10:00 AM

X




Sue Carleton
Chairperson

X



Dr. Ian Arra
Medical Officer of Health

X



Kellisa Webb
Recording Secretary