



# Board of Health Minutes

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**Date:** Friday, April 22, 2022  
**Location:** Electronic via Zoom  
**Time:** 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Members Present:** Mr. Alan Barfoot                      Mr. Selwyn Hicks  
Ms. Janice Jackson                      Mr. Brian Milne  
Mr. Brian O’Leary                      Ms. Sue Paterson (Chair)  
Ms. Helen-Claire Tingling

**Regrets:** Luke Charbonneau  
Chris Peabody  
Mr. Nick Saunders (Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation,  
Guest)

**Also Present:** Dr. Ian Arra, Dr. Zayed, Ms. Kaleigh Hooper

**Special Guests:**

**Recording Secretary:** Ms. Mary Henry

**1.0 Call to Order/Roll Call**

The roll was called by the recording secretary.

Quorum was declared and Chair Paterson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

Carried

**2.0 Amendments to Agenda**

None

**3.0 Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Alan Barfoot                      Seconded by: Brian Milne

“THAT, the agenda for April 22, 2022 be approved.”

Carried

**4.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest declared at this time.

**5.0 Educational Notes #2 – presented by Chair Sue Paterson**

**6.0 Adoption of Minutes**

6.1 Friday, March 25, 2022

Moved by: Brian O’Leary                      Seconded by: Janice Jackson

“THAT, the minutes of the Board of Health Meeting held on Friday, March 25, 2022 be approved as circulated.”

Carried

## **7.0 Correspondence and News Releases**

### **7.1 Correspondence**

- 7.1.1 Windsor-Essex County Health Unit: Letter of Support – Ontario Regulation 116/20, Work Deployment Measures for Boards of Health
- 7.1.2 Windsor-Essex County Health Unit: Letter of Support – Health and Racial Equity: Denouncing Acts and Symbols of Hate
- 7.1.3 Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit Board of Health motion in support of OPHA statement – Denouncing Acts and Symbols of Hate
- 7.1.4 Peterborough Public Health: Re: Health and Racial Equity: Denouncing Acts and Symbols of Hate

Dr. Arra provided a summary of the correspondence.

### **7.2 News Releases**

- 7.2.1 2022 budget requires no increase in county funding
- 7.2.2 Ontario releases Public Sector Salary Disclosure List
- 7.2.3 Influenza A arrives in Grey-Bruce
- 7.2.4 GBHU reminding residents of importance of dental health during Oral Health Month
- 7.2.5 Ontario expands eligibility for fourth doses of COVID-19 vaccines
- 7.2.6 Avian influenza confirmed in Grey-Bruce
- 7.2.7 GBHU receives limited supply of Novavax vaccine
- 7.2.8 GBHU holding community COVID-19 vaccine clinics in April
- 7.2.9 Test your well water this spring

The Communication Coordinator provided a summary of the News Releases.

Question on the potential impact of the dental services references in the news about the federal budget on the health unit's dental programs. The Board will be kept posted when more details are available.

Moved by: Alan Barfoot      Seconded by: Brian O'Leary  
"THAT, the Board of Health receives the Correspondence and Media Releases for April 22, 2022 as presented."

Carried

## **8.0 Staff Presentation**

### **8.1 COVID-19 Team – Public Health Manager**

The Manager for the Vaccine Preventable program presented material prepared by the Manager, the Physician Consultant, and the Foundation Team on the Covid-19 progress to date, Covid-19 vaccine hesitancy, Covid-19 vaccine work currently in progress, vaccine recovery plan in Grey Bruce.

## **9.0 Medical Officer of Health Update**

9.1 MOH Update

The Medical Officer of Health provided an update regarding COVID-19 progress.

9.2 Public Health Modernization Update (STANDING ITEM)

No update from the Ministry of Health on this item.

Mr. Selwyn Hicks joined the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Ms. Janice Jackson left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

9.3 Opioid Situation Grey Bruce (STANDING ITEM)

Dr. Zayed presented information regarding Opioid Morality and Overdose Data as a follow up from the March 25, 2022 Board of Health meeting.

Discussion and direction to staff to write a letter to the Minister of Health and the Associate Minister regarding mental health and addiction. The letter is to highlight our demonstrated commitment to addressing mental health and addiction within our communities, and with our ability to apply innovative tools similar to the engagement and emergency-response tools that we found successful in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency. The letter is to have the following objectives:

- To recommend the establishment of a provincial task force to address the opioid crisis
- To strongly recommend a Grey Bruce Board of Health member sits on this proposed task force
- To maintain a direct connection with the Minister's office to keep them posted on milestones of community empowerment to address the opioid crisis
- To ensure an ironclad connection between local public health initiatives and the provincial level with a centralized goal of successful knowledge translation.

Moved by: Brian O'Leary    Seconded by: Brian Milne

"THAT, the Board of Health receive the Medical Officer of Health update for April 22, 2022 as presented and includes the recommendation to send a letter to the Minister of Health and Associate Minister along with a Grey Bruce representative on the provincial task force."

Carried

**10.0 Other**

10.1 aPHa Elections Primer – received as information

**11.0 Adjournment**

By motion of Brian Milne, seconded by Helen-Claire Tingling the Board of Health meeting be adjourned at 11:31 AM.

Carried

**Next Meeting:**

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Friday, May 27, 2022, 10:00 AM  
Electronic Participation

X

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Sue Paterson  
Chairperson

X

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Dr. Ian Arra  
Medical Officer of Health

X

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Mary Henry  
Recording Secretary