



BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

DATE: Friday April 25, 2014
LOCATION: Grey Bruce Health Unit Boardroom (Room 207)
TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 11:38 a.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT: Mitch Twolan (Acting Chair), John Close, Gary Levine, Brian Milne, Bob Pringle, Mike Smith, Arlene Wright
REGRETS: Duncan McKinlay, David Shearman,
ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Hazel Lynn, Drew Ferguson, Kelly Graham, Joan Tod
SPECIAL GUESTS:
SECRETARY: Sue Brown

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair, Mitch Twolan, chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chair, Duncan McKinlay.
Acting Chair, Mitch Twolan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2.0 AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Additions: 4.0 “In Camera Session – Building Update”

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by: Brian Milne Seconded by: Gary Levine
“That the agenda be approved as amended.”

Carried

4.0 CLOSED SESSION

Moved by: Bob Pringle Seconded by: Gary Levine
“That the Board of Health does now go into closed session to discuss matters pertaining to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the local board; and the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and that all staff will remain present during this session.”

Carried

Moved by: Bob Pringle Seconded by: Mike Smith
“That the Board of Health does now return to open session.”

Carried

Moved by: Bob Pringle Seconded by: Gary Levine
“That a legal agreement be prepared between the Grey Bruce Health Unit and Southside Construction based on the terms and conditions outlined in the email of Gary Peline dated April 23, 2014”

Carried

5.0 DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

6.0 REVIEW OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (March 28, 2014)

Moved by: Brian Milne Seconded by: John Close

“That the minutes of March 28, 2014 be approved as circulated.”

Carried

7.0 STAFF PRESENTATION: Emergency Planning, Andrew Barton

8.0 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Peterborough County-City Health Unit Recommendations Re. E-Cigarettes

8.2 Letter to Minister Murray MTO re Bill 173 Keeping Ontario Roads Safe

Moved by: Arlene Wright Seconded by: John Close

“That the Board of Health receives the correspondence as circulated.”

Carried

9.0 REPORTS

9.1 April Reports

9.1.1 MOH Report

Board members requested a media release be issued advising of the upcoming publication of Dr.'s Arra and Lynn's Industrial Wind Turbine literature review.

9.1.2 Program Report – 2013 Program Review

9.2 News Releases

9.2.1 First Visit by First Birthday

9.2.2 Time to Get Your Water Tested

9.2.3 Are You Protected Against Measles

Based on recent local outbreak, Board members requested a media release be issued advising of the importance of immunization and schedule for same with regard to pertussis and measles.

9.2.4 Public Assistance Request

Moved by: Mike Smith Seconded by: Brian Milne

“That the Board of Health receives the April reports as presented.”

Carried

10.0 ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

10.1 Financial Report– Joan Tod

Moved by: John Close Seconded by: Gary Levine

“That the Board of Health receives the Financial Report for the months of January - February as presented by Joan Tod.”

Carried

11.0 OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Resolution; Eliminate the Availability Of Alcohol Except In Liquor Control Board Outlets (LCBO) (i.e. Increase Point Of Sale Control)

Moved by: Brian Milne Seconded by: Arlene Wright

WHEREAS There is a well-established association between easy access to alcohol and overall rates of consumption and damage from alcohol; and

WHEREAS 73% of Ontarians disagree with the privatization of alcohol retail sales; and

WHEREAS 77% of Ontario adults want beer and liquor store hours to stay the same; 77% want hours of sale in bars to stay the same; and 94% support government involvement in the prevention of alcohol-related problems. (Anglin et al., 2004);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Board of Health for the Grey Bruce Health Unit petition the Ontario government to maintain its monopoly on off-premise liquor sales through the Liquor Control Board of Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT the Ontario government to retain oversight of beverage alcohol at Ontario wineries, microbreweries and the Beer Store through the provisions of the Liquor License Act;

AND FURTHER THAT the Ontario Government to fully consult with health experts, including but not limited to alPHa, the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health and the Ontario Public Health Association before making any policy changes to the availability of beverage alcohol.

Carried

11.2 Resolution; Alcohol Pricing and LCBO Revenue Generation

Moved by: Mike Smith

Seconded by: Gary Levine

WHEREAS the Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO) will be implementing a number of measures to deliver \$100 million per year in additional net revenue to the Province; and

WHEREAS research has clearly established an association between easy access to alcohol (either through low prices or physical availability) and overall rates of consumption and damage from alcohol (Barbor et al., 2010); and

WHEREAS Ontario has a significant portion of the population drinking alcohol (79.1%), exceeding the low risk drinking guidelines (27.4%), consuming 5 or more drinks on a single occasion weekly (9%), and reporting hazardous or harmful drinking (16.7%) (CAMH Monitor, 2009); and

WHEREAS the low cost of alcohol from do-it-yourself brewing and winemaking facilities can potentially lead to individuals inexpensively producing and consuming harmful levels of alcohol (Recommendations for a National Alcohol Strategy, 2007); and

WHEREAS it has been established that increasing alcohol pricing can achieve the financial goal of increased revenues while realizing the health benefits of reduced alcohol consumption. Saskatchewan increased minimum prices and saw a decline in alcohol consumption of 135,000 litres of absolute alcohol and a revenue increase of \$9.4 million last year (G. Thomas, CCSA, 2012); and

WHEREAS increased alcohol sales will reduce overall provincial revenues since direct costs from alcohol-related healthcare and enforcement already leave Ontario with a \$456 million annual deficit (G. Thomas, CCSA, 2012); and

WHEREAS billions of dollars are spent each year in Canada on indirect costs associated with alcohol use (illness, disability, and death) including lost productivity in the workplace and home (The Costs of Substance Abuse in Canada, 2002);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health for the Grey Bruce Health Unit urgently request that the Premier of Ontario (Kathleen Wynn), the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care (Deb Matthews), the Office of the Attorney General (Madeleine Meilleur), the Minister of Finance (Charles Sousa) and the Chief Medical Officer of Health (Arlene King), only consider revenue generation from increased pricing on alcohol, not fostering increased alcohol sales. Furthermore, the leader of opposition parties NDP (Andrea Horvath) and PC (Tim Hudak) should be copied on this communication.

Carried

- 11.3 E.C. King Contracting Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment
Moved by: Gary Levine Seconded by: Mike Smith

“That the BOH advise the city of Owen Sound with regard to dust and noise issues, suitability to official plan/zoning and additional related comments as to the suitability of Miller Paving proposal for an aggregate stockpile on 17th Street East in proximity to the Public Health facility and as well to identify Public Health concerns related to the proposal.”

Carried

12.0 MEETING EVALUTATION

Deferred

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

By Motion of Bob Pringle, Acting Chair Mitch Twolan adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

<p style="text-align: center;">Date of Next Meeting: Friday May 23, 2014 – 10:00 a.m. Grey Bruce Health Unit Boardroom</p>

Mitch Twolan
Acting Chairperson

Dr. Hazel Lynn
Medical Officer of Health

Sue Brown
Recording Secretary