

6.0 Correspondence

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- 6.1.1 Chatham-Kent - Public Health Basic Income Letter
- 6.1.2 Prime Minister Acknowledged Receipt of GBHU BOH Motion 2020-40 Re Public Health Basic Income Letter
- 6.1.3 Letter to Minister Elliott Funding HUs during COVID-19
- 6.1.4 Brockton Resolution 20-16-06 - Advocacy for Regionalized Lifting of Restrictions
- 6.1.5 Thank you to Dr. Arra for Assistance and Support from Windsor-Essex County Health Unit

6.2 News Releases

- 6.2.1 Wearing Face Coverings To Prevent The Spread Of COVID-19
- 6.2.2 Face Masks for Transit Riders
- 6.2.3 COVID-19 - Local Long-Term Care Facilities Updates
- 6.2.4 Opioid Overdose Alert
- 6.2.5 Overdose Awareness Month
- 6.2.6 COVID-19 Contact Tracing - More than a Phone
- 6.2.7 Medical Officer of Health Renews Order – Face Coverings in Indoor Public Places in Grey Bruce
- 6.2.8 MOH Open Letter to Parents of School-Aged Children
- 6.2.9 MOH Facebook Live with Parents and Guardians of School-Aged Children

Moved by: Laurie Laporte

Seconded by: Anne Eadie

“THAT, the Board of Health receives the August correspondence and media releases as presented.”

Carried

7.0 Medical Officer of Health Update

7.1 [MOH Update Safe School Reopening Grey Bruce](#)

Dr. Arra provided the linked update on Safe School Reopening.

Moved by: Anne Eadie

Seconded by: Sue Paterson

“THAT, the Board of Health receives the Medical Officer of Health Updates as presented.”

Carried

8.0 Corporate Services

8.1 Financial Report – May and June 2020

Moved by: Selwyn Hicks

Seconded by: Brian Milne

“THAT, the Board of Health receives the May and June, 2020 Financials as presented.”

Carried

8.2 Public Health Funding Approval

Corporate Director provided the following update to board members:

We have received our funding announcement from the Ministry of Health for the 2020 calendar year. Important notes from the funding agreement are:

- There is a 0% increase to the County portion of funding for 2020 and 2021, the Ministry has provided mitigation funding for these two years to offset the new 70% / 30% funding split.
- Our funding is no longer segregated by program, with the exception of Ontario Seniors Dental, MOH/AMOH funding, and one time funding requests. This gives the Health Unit flexibility to spend funding based on community need while meeting the requirements in the funding agreement.
- We have been given a reporting template to use for COVID expenditures including amounts beyond our current budget. This reporting is due September 11th and will be for the actuals January to June period, with projections for the balance of the calendar year.

8.3 School Focused Nurses in Public Health Units

Grey Bruce Health Unit has received funding approval to hire 6 school-focused public health nurses. We had already proactively hired 5 of these nurses and are currently recruiting for the sixth.

8.4 Staffing Update

Board members were provided with the following staffing update:

We have recruited and filled the following positions since June 1, 2020:

- 2 x Public Health Manager
- 1 x Contract Epidemiologist
- 2 x Health Promoter
- 3 x Public Health Inspector
- 5 x Public Health Nurse
- 1 x Program Assistant
- 1 x RPN

Below is the list of current open positions:

- PHN (3-6 TBD)
- Health Data Analyst
- AMOH
- Public Health Manager
- On Call Operator

9.0 In-Camera Session

Moved by: Anne Eadie

Seconded by: Selwyn Hicks

“THAT, the Board of Health for the Grey Bruce Health Unit does now go into closed session at 11:40 a.m. to discuss one item under Advise Subject To Solicitor Client Privilege and 3 items under Personal Matters About An Identifiable Individual and FURTHER THAT, Matt McMurdie and Sue Brown remain present.”

Carried

The Board returned to open session at 11:55 a.m. with Chair Mitch Twolan presiding. Chair Twolan confirmed that only the items stated in the resolution to move into closed session were discussed with 2 items for information only and direction given to staff on 2 items.

10.0 Other

10.1 Board Remuneration Report

We have conducted a survey of the other Boards of Health to determine what each is paying for honoraria. We learned that there is a substantial range in honoraria paid. They range from no honoraria to \$200 for any meeting. Most Health Units reported that they only have one set rate for Honoraria. A couple, including GBHU, have two rates. One for a half day meeting and one for a full day meeting. We have provided half day information without and with the single rate included.

We have summarized the information below for your review.

	Lowest	Highest	Average
Half Day	50.00	100.00	79.40
Half Day (including Single Rate)	50.00	200.00	104.34
Full Day	140.00	184.00	154.80

Our current rates are \$85 for a half day and \$150 for a full day.

It is important to note that Honoraria for Municipal board members are to be reimbursed to the Health Unit by their respective County or Municipality.

It was decided the Board of Health remuneration rate will remain as it currently is with \$85 for a half day and \$150 for a full day.

10.2 Health Care Modernization Update

The 2019 year ended with the agreement for all stakeholders to conduct Ministry consultation with Boards of Health. The Ministry of Health requested health units to provide input on planning modernization. We had our submissions completed in February. However, the deadline for submission was extended due to the COVID-

19 emergency. No further update has been received on the consultation. Although the consultation was put on hold, many regional data sharing channels have been put in place during the emergency.

In every discussion that happened about regionalization in the past years the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health (COMOH), Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aLPHa), and specifically the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) have been instrumental in conveying the need to preserve the connection between public health and the municipalities. During the emergency some meetings among these organization have been paused, and there is need of more communication to ensure any progression of regionalization is balanced with municipal need. The relationship between public health and municipalities may require advocacy during these times.

Board members would like to be proactive on the advocacy and moving forward would like to have this subject added as a standing item for future agendas.

September meeting, Dr. Arra will provide suggested venues for advocacy.

10.3 Staff Retirement Presentation

The Board of Health acknowledged Marilyn Lemon, Public Health Nurse for 31 years of dedicated service.

10.4 Acknowledging her final meeting as a provincial appointee, Laurie Laporte was recognized for her years of service as a member with the Board of Health.

11.0 Adjournment

By motion of Anne Eadie, the Board of Health meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Friday, September 25, 2020, 10:00 a.m.
Electronic Participation

X

Mitch Twolan
Chairperson

X

Dr. Ian Arra
Medical Officer of Health

X

Sue Brown
Recording Secretary