



# Board of Health Minutes

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**Date:** Friday, May 27, 2022  
**Location:** Electronic via Zoom  
**Time:** 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Members Present:** Mr. Alan Barfoot                      Mr. Luke Charbonneau  
Mr. Brian Milne                              Mr. Brian O’Leary  
Ms. Sue Paterson (Chair)                Mr. Chris Peabody  
Ms. Helen-Claire Tingling

**Regrets:** Mr. Selwyn Hicks  
Ms. Janice Jackson  
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: Brian Milne                      Seconded by: Chris Peabody

“THAT, the agenda for May 27, 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 #3** – presented by Chair Sue Paterson

**6.0 Adoption of Minutes**

6.1 Friday, April 22, 2022

Moved by: Alan Barfoot                      Seconded by: Brian O’Leary

“THAT, the minutes of the Board of Health Meeting held on Friday, April 22, 2022 be approved as circulated.”

Carried

## **7.0 Correspondence and News Releases**

### **7.1 Correspondence**

- 7.1.1 Peterborough Public Health: Provincial Opioid Crisis Response
- 7.1.2 Peterborough Public Health: Extension of Ontario Regulation 116/20, Work Deployment Measures for Boards of Health
- 7.1.3 Windsor-Essex County Health Unit: Letter of Support – Response to the Opioid Crisis in Ontario-Wide

Dr. Arra provided a summary of the correspondence.

### **7.2 News Releases**

- 7.2.1 Protect against tick bites and Lyme disease
- 7.2.2 Province expanding routine vaccine program
- 7.2.3 In-school vaccination clinics continuing in May
- 7.2.4 Public Assistance Request Dog Bite – Southgate
- 7.2.5 GBHU holding Novavax COVID-19 vaccine clinic

The Communication Coordinator provided a summary of the News Releases.

Moved by: Luke Charbonneau      Seconded by: Helen-Claire Tingling  
“THAT, the Board of Health receives the Correspondence and Media Releases for May 27, 2022 as presented.”

Carried

## **8.0 Staff Presentation**

### **8.1 Environmental Health – Public Health Manager**

The Manager for the Environmental Health program presented material prepared by the Manager on food safety, safe recreational water, safe drinking water, rabies, healthy environments and vector borne disease.

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

### **9.1 MOH Update**

The Medical Officer of Health provided an update regarding Covid-19 and Monkeypox Virus.

Discussion regarding the Monkeypox Virus and the vaccines that are available.

### **9.2 Public Health Modernization Update (STANDING ITEM)**

No update from the Ministry of Health on this item.

### **9.3 Opioid Situation Grey Bruce (STANDING ITEM)**

Dr. Zayed provided an update regarding activity of COMOH work group for opioid and drug crisis. Many health units are working together on having a provincial act from public health. New resolution to alpha sponsored by COMOH; reference to resolution presented by GBHU previously. There are nine areas of priorities for the multi-sector task group:

- Creating the multi-sector task force
- Expanding access to harm reduction practices and programs
- Enhancing support for substance use prevention
- Expanding the collection of epidemiological data
- Expanding access to treatment
- Addressing the structural stigma and discrimination
- Advocating and supporting federal government to decriminalize personal use and possession of substance
- Acknowledging and addressing the socioeconomic determinants of health, systemic racism (affordable and supportive housing, addressing poverty and unemployment)
- Consistent community leadership

Moved by: Alan Barfoot

Seconded by: Brian O’Leary

“THAT, the Board of Health receive the Medical Officer of Health update for May 27, 2022 as presented.”

Carried

## 10.0 Other

### 10.1 2022 BOH Orientation Package

Moved by Alan Barfoot

Seconded by Helen-Claire Tingling

“THAT, the Board of Health orientation package has been approved.”

Carried

### 10.2 Length of County Appointments to The Board of Health

Chair Paterson explained that typically, the appointments have been 1 year but during Covid, the board asked each county to extend the appointments to two years because of the continuity with Covid and the efforts put into training new board members.

Dr. Arra explained that one of the two counties sought the Board’s recommendations on the length of term as the county is updating its bylaws. Dr. Arra is looking for direction from the Board on the length of term that would allow for turnover appropriately balancing the board continuity and new contributions.

Moved by Alan Barfoot

Seconded by Brian O’Leary

“THAT the BOH members recommend to both Grey and Bruce counties that the representation for board members be a two year term.”

Carried

### 10.3 Board of Health Self-Evaluation – Reminder

Received for information.

### 10.4 Letter to the Minister of Health and Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions re Mental Health and Opioid Crisis from Grey Bruce Health Unit

Received for information.

10.5 Southwest Tobacco Control Area Network Submission to the Legislative Review of the *Tobacco and Vaping Products Act*

Moved by Brian Milne                      Seconded by Luke Charbonneau

“THAT, the Board of Health endorse the report South West Tobacco Control Area Network (Ontario) Submission to the Legislative Review of the Tobacco and Vaping Products Act.”

Carried

**11.0 Corporate Services**

11.1 First Quarter Financial Report – January - March 2022

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

“THAT, the Board of Health receive the Financial Report update for May 27, 2022 as presented.”

Carried

11.2 2022 Budget Announcement

Moved by Luke Charbonneau                      Seconded by: Brian Milne

“THAT, the Board of Health approves a 1% increase to Grey and Bruce counties.”

Carried.

**12.0 In-Camera**

12.1 Labour relations negotiations and matters pertaining to collective bargaining

Moved by: Alan Barfoot                      Seconded by: Helen-Claire Tingling

“THAT, the Board of Health go into closed session at 12:07 PM to discuss one item pertaining to labour relations negotiations and matters pertaining to collective bargaining. FURTHER THAT, Dr. Arra, Dr. Zayed, Ms. Kaleigh Hooper and Ms. Mary Henry shall remain present.”

Carried

Chris Peabody left the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

*The Board returned to open session at 12:17 PM with Chair Paterson presiding. Chair Paterson declared only the item slated on the agenda to move into closed session was discussed.*

Moved by Brian Milne                      Seconded by Luke Charbonneau

“THAT, the Board of Health approves the negotiated contract with ONA.”

Carried

**13.0 Adjournment**

By motion of Brian O’Leary, seconded by Alan Barfoot the Board of Health meeting be adjourned at 12:17 PM.

Carried

**Next Meeting:**

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Friday, June 24, 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