



# Board of Health Minutes

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**Date:** Friday, January 24, 2020  
**Location:** Grey Bruce Health Unit, 101 17<sup>th</sup> Street East, Owen Sound  
**Time:** 10:03 a.m. – 12:23 p.m.  
**Members Present:** Alan Barfoot, Anne Eadie, Selwyn Hicks, Laurie Laporte, Brian Milne, Brian O’Leary, Sue Paterson, Chris Peabody, Paul McQueen (Ex-Officio Member)  
**Regrets:** Mitch Twolan  
**Also Present:** Dr. Ian Arra, Drew Ferguson, Dr. Linna Li, Matt McMurdie, Susan Shular  
**Secretary:** Heather Smith

**1.0 Call to Order**

Vice-Chair Sue Paterson declared quorum present and called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**2.0 Amendments to Agenda**

Grey County Ex-Officio Member  
Novel Coronavirus Update as item 9.5 under Other

**3.0 Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Anne Eadie  
Seconded by: Laurie Laporte  
“THAT, the agenda for Friday, January 24, 2020, be approved as amended.”

Carried

**4.0 Grey County Ex-Officio Member**

Grey County Council passed a resolution during the January 23, 2020 meeting appointing Warden Paul McQueen as an Ex-Officio member (non-voting) of the Board of Health for 2020.

**5.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

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

**6.0 Adoption of Minutes**

6.1 Friday, December 20, 2019

Moved by: Brian O’Leary  
Seconded by: Anne Eadie  
“THAT, the minutes of Friday, December 20, 2019 be approved as presented.”

Carried

## 7.0 Staff Presentation

### 7.1 2020 Budget

Kim Rutherford presented the proposed 2020 Budget for review and approval.

Moved by: Anne Eadie

Seconded by: Chris Peabody

“THAT, the Board of Health accept the 2020 budget as presented.”

Carried

*Kim Rutherford left the meeting at 10:34 a.m.*

## 8.0 January Correspondence

8.1 Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit Re. National Universal Pharmacare Program

8.2 Peterborough Public Health Re. Request for Weekly Data Reports on Vaping Cases

8.3 Porcupine Health Unit Re. Vaping and Bill 151

Moved by: Laurie Laporte

Seconded by: Brian Milne

“THAT, the Board of Health receives the January correspondence as presented.”

Carried

## 9.0 Reports

9.1 January Reports

9.1.1 Program Report – January

9.2 News Releases

9.2.1 New Senior Dental Care Program – Looking for You!

9.2.2 National Non-Smoking Week – Start Your Quit Story

Moved by: Selwyn Hicks

Seconded by: Anne Eadie

“THAT, the Board of Health receives the January Program Report as presented.”

Carried

## 10.0 Other

10.1 Holyrood Update Re: Amish Health Initiative

Dr. Arra updated the Board on a recent meeting with Bishops from local Amish communities to support their community’s reduced costs access to health care, as they do not subscribe to OHIP. Public Health is expending the services we provide to the Amish and Mennonite communities. A cultural sensitivity training module has been developed for to our staff and Health Care Providers (HCPs) working with these communities. The Bishops provided an initial approval for this training and acknowledged it can be delivered electronically to increase cultural awareness in HCP as long as the intent is not to be published publically. They Bishops also approved participation in the dental screening program for children in 5 of the 10 community schools. They do not oppose vision screening, but are planning to undertake it themselves.

## 10.2 Ministry Consultation

Dr. Arra updated the Board that the scheduled January 31 consultation has been rescheduled for the end of February due to a conflict with the Warden's caucus meeting. We have prepared documents responding to the Ministry discussion paper and will also be presenting orally during the consultation session.

## 10.3 Health Unit Values

Matt McMurdie updated the values project presented last October; the values are Respect, Integrity, Transparency and Excellence. Matt identified communication with staff, the initiatives to implement values into the organization and requested approval from Board to proceed.

Moved by: Brian O'Leary

Seconded by: Anne Eadie

"THAT, the Board of Health accept the values as presented."

Carried

## 10.4 Notice of motion re: *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017*

Board member Chris Peabody re-introduced his Notice of Motion (below) seeking an exemption to the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act 2017* with respect to Walkerton District Secondary School. The Board recommended encouraging the municipality to investigate possible by-law options as a means to address this situation.

Moved by: Chris Peabody

Seconded by: Selwyn Hicks

Whereas the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017*, S.O. 2017, c.26 Schedule 3 (SFOA, 2017) regulates the sale, supply, use, display and promotion of tobacco and cannabis products;

And whereas section 11(1)1 of Ontario regulation 268/18 prohibits smoking within twenty metre (20m) perimeter of school grounds to prevent modelling the use of tobacco around minor children;

And whereas this regulations forces student at Walkerton District Community School to smoke at a busy intersection that increases interactions with seniors and families with young children;

And whereas there are examples of site specific exemptions in sections 27, 28 and 29 of O. Reg. 268/18;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Board of Health of the Grey Bruce Health Unit shall petition the provincial legislature for a site-specific exemption to the SFOA, 2017 to allow students to smoke within twenty (20) metre perimeter of Walkerton District Community School to avoid the interactions with elementary age children, young families and seniors living in the area.

**Not Carried  
Motion Defeated**

## 10.5 Novel Coronavirus Update

Dr. Li and Dr. Arra updated the board on the emerging 2019-nCoV (Novel Coronavirus). To date, there are approximately 100 confirmed cases (one confirmed in the US) and 30 deaths. The risk specifically to Grey and Bruce counties remains low. We are monitoring and in a preparatory phase. Dr. Arra reviewed the public health protocols and our role with emerging diseases including case and contact management. The Novel Coronavirus has officially been declared a public health reportable disease which requires reporting to the Medical Officer of Health.

## 11.0 In-Camera Session

### 11.1 Labour Relations and Employee Negotiations (2 items)

Moved by: Laurie Laporte

Seconded by: Brian O'Leary

"THAT the Board of Health does now go into closed session at 11:45 a.m. to discuss two items under labour relations and employee negotiations and FURTHER THAT, all staff remain present."

Carried

*The Board returned to open session at 12:22 p.m. with Vice-Chair Paterson presiding. Vice-Chair Paterson confirmed that only the items stated in the resolution to move into closed session were discussed.*

## 12.0 Adjournment

By motion of Brian O'Leary and Anne Eadie, the Board of Health meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

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### Next Meeting:

Friday, March 27, 2020, 10:00 a.m.  
Grey Bruce Health Unit, Owen Sound

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Mitch Twolan  
Chairperson

X

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Dr. Ian Arra  
Medical Officer of Health

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Heather Smith  
Recording Secretary