



Board of Health Minutes

Date: Friday, January 22, 2021
Location: Electronic via Zoom
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:53 a.m.
Members Present: Sue Paterson (Chair), Anne Eadie, Selwyn Hicks, Brian Milne, Brian O’Leary, Mitch Twolan, Chris Peabody, Helen-Claire Tingling, Alan Barfoot (Non-Voting), Nick Saunders (Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, Non-Voting)
Regrets:
Also Present: Dr. Ian Arra, Matt McMurdie, Drew Ferguson, Kristy Hansford
Special Guests:
Recording Secretary: Erin Meneray

1.0 Call to Order

Quorum was declared and the meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

2.0 Elections

2.1 Board of Health Vice-Chair

Chair Paterson invited nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board of Health for 2021.

Mitch Twolan joined the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Moved by: Chris Peabody

Seconded by: Brian Milne

“THAT, Board of Health member Anne Eadie be nominated for Vice Chair of the Board of Health for the Grey Bruce Health Unit for 2021.”

Carried

BOH Member Anne Eadie as a representative of Bruce County, accepted the position of Vice-Chair.

Nominations Closed.

3.0 Amendments to Agenda

Add: 7.2.19 Media Release, Public Assistance Request, Dog Bite

Add: 7.2.20 Media Release, Grey Bruce Returns to School

Moved by: Brian O’Leary

Seconded by: Selwyn Hicks

“THAT, the Board of Health approve the amendments to the agenda.”

Carried

7.2.16 First COVID-19 Vaccinations in Grey Bruce

7.2.17 Grey Bruce Health Unit Dedicated to Case and Contact Management

7.2.18 Amish and Mennonite Communities COVID-19 Collaboration

The Grey Bruce Health Unit maintains a collaborative relationship with our Amish and Mennonite communities and we continue to build on this connection. In response to COVID-19, local Mennonite and Amish communities and leaders are observing provincial lockdown requirements and direction from the health unit.

7.2.19 Public Assistance Request – Dog Bite

7.2.20 Grey Bruce Returns to School

Moved by: Chris Peabody

Seconded by: Anne Eadie

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

Carried

8.0 Medical Officer of Health Update

8.1 COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery Proposal – Update

A COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force is now in place that will provide support for the Grey Bruce Health Unit COVID-19 Vaccination Program Plan.

Public Health continues to work with the provincial government on vaccine planning as vaccine will be delivered according to the provincial plan. Supply has been affected internationally which means the status of shipments that were expected next week and in early February are not yet known.

8.2 Public Health Modernization Update (STANDING ITEM)

No update from the province on the consultation.

8.3 Opioid Situation Grey Bruce (STANDING ITEM)

Anecdotally there have been 10 overdoses (not deaths) in the last couple of weeks. This is a complex issue with many facets and while it is an important issue, to aim to correct it would not be as immediate as addressing the pandemic emergency at this time. The topic will remain as a standing item on the Board of Health.

Moved by: Brian O’Leary

Seconded by: Anne Eadie

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

Carried

9.0 Corporate Services

9.1 Financial Report – November 2020

Notification was received from the Ministry regarding funding for COVID expenses beyond the regular 2021 budget as well as additional one time funding for Early Adopter of the Pandemic Case and Contact Management (CCM) software and the School Nurse program.

Moved by: Chris Peabody

Seconded by: Brian Milne

“THAT, the Board of Health receives the November Financials as presented.”

Carried

9.2 BOH Remuneration

There was discussion about Board of Health Remuneration as stipulated in the [Health Protection and Promotion Act](#).

Per section 49 (11) of the HPPA and as identified in the GBHU Audit from 2018, municipally appointed BOH Members will be remunerated by their respective county. Counties will be notified via formal letter from the Health Unit, Corporate Services Department. Reporting mechanisms will be set up internally and with the counties and Board of Health Policy will be updated.

The Chair and Provincial Appointees will continue to be remunerated by the Health Unit. The Corporate Services Director will ensure that non County Members are compensated appropriately until such time that they are appointed by the government or counties if applicable. The Board was in agreement.

10.0 Other Business

10.1 BOH Executive Committee Terms of Reference

Moved by: Brian Milne

Seconded by: Brian O’Leary

“THAT, Chair Sue Paterson, Vice-Chair Anne Eadie and Provincial Appointee Helen-Claire Tingling be appointed to the Board of Health Executive Committee for the year 2021.”

Carried

10.2 BOH Policy and Procedure Review

Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards require that the Board of Health Policies and/or By-Laws be reviewed at least every two years or as necessary.

The Board directed staff to defer the policy and procedure review until later this year. The BOH Recording Secretary will add to agenda for mid-year/summer.

11.0 In-Camera Session

Moved by: Brian O’Leary

Seconded by: Selwyn Hicks

“THAT, the Board of Health does now go into closed session at 11:15 a.m. to discuss 1 item related to litigation or potential litigation, 1 item related to advice subject to solicitor

client privilege and 1 item relating to security of property and FURTHER THAT, Dr. Arra, Matt McMurdie and Erin Meneray shall remain present.”

Carried

The Board returned to open session at 11:50 a.m. with Chair Sue Paterson presiding. Chair Paterson confirmed that only the items stated in the resolution to move into closed session were discussed with one item received for information and direction given on two items.

12.0 Adjournment

By motion of Brian Milne, the Board of Health meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Next Meeting:

Friday, February 26, 2021 10:00 a.m.
Electronic Participation

X

Sue Paterson
Chairperson

X

Dr. Ian Arra
Medical Officer of Health

X

Erin Meneray
Recording Secretary