

The Board of Health congratulated Al Barfoot on his appointment.

7.0 Presentation: Community Safety and Wellbeing Steering Committee

Andrea Riley, Public Health Manager

Barb Fedy, Director of Social Services, Grey County

Sarah Cowley, Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan Coordinator

8.0 Correspondence and News Releases

8.1 Correspondence

- 8.1.1 Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE) and Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) Letter Re. School Nutrition Programs
- 8.1.2 COMOH Safe Return to School is an Essential Priority
- 8.1.3 Peggy Sattler, MPP London West Re. Paid Sick Leave
- 8.1.4 Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington Public Health Re. Mandatory Paid Sick Leave for Ontario Workers
- 8.1.5 Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington Public Health Re. Land and Water Border Restrictions
- 8.1.6 alPHa Letter Paid Sick Leave as a Public Health Measure
- 8.1.7 Peterborough Public Health Re. Bill 216 Food Literacy for Students Act, 2020
- 8.1.8 Peterborough Public Health Re. Paid Sick Leave During and Infectious Disease Emergency
- 8.1.9 Chatham-Kent Public Health Re. Paid Sick Leave During COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond
- 8.1.10 alPHa Letter Re. Keeping Ontario Safe and Open
- 8.1.11 Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Re. Paid Sick Leave in Ontario
- 8.1.12 Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Paid Sick Days Reform Letter

Moved by: Alan Barfoot

Seconded by: Brian O'Leary

"THAT, the Board of Health endorse the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health recommendations regarding school nutrition programs AND support, in principle, the recommendations in the Private Member's Bill 239 *Stay Home if You Are Sick Act*, under the provisions of the *Employment Standards Act*."

Carried

- 8.1.13 Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Response Re. Long-Term Care Reform and Redesign
- 8.1.14 Town of Collingwood Resolution Re. Simcoe Muskoka Decision to Move Back into Lockdown

8.2 News Releases

- 8.2.1 COVID-19 Situation Report Automation
- 8.2.2 Grey Bruce COVID-19 Vaccine Plan
- 8.2.3 Update Shipment of COVID-19 Vaccine Proceeding

- 8.2.4 COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force
- 8.2.5 Emergency Order Continues
- 8.2.6 Rapid Test Kits Deployed
- 8.2.7 Opioid Overdose Alert
- 8.2.8 Grey Bruce Health Unit Confirms First Death Related to COVID-19
- 8.2.9 COVID-19 Associated with School (Walkerton)
- 8.2.10 Hockey Hub COVID-19 Mass Immunization Hub in Grey Bruce
- 8.2.11 Grey Bruce COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery
- 8.2.12 COVID-19 Associated with Highpoint Community School
- 8.2.13 COVID-19 Associated with Kids Club Childcare in Dundalk
- 8.2.14 COVID-19 Associated with School Bus Route
- 8.2.15 COVID-19 Associated with Queen of Hearts Childcare in Owen Sound
- 8.2.16 COVID-19 Associated with School in Grey Highlands
- 8.2.17 COVID-19 Associated with Highpoint Community School
- 8.2.18 COVID-19 Associated with school (Ethnos Academy)
- 8.2.19 COVID-19 Variant Changes Case and Contact Management
- 8.2.20 COVID-19 Provincial Re-Opening Grey Bruce Moving to Yellow
- 8.2.21 COVID-19 Variant Identified in Grey Bruce
- 8.2.22 Grey Bruce COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force
- 8.2.23 COVID-19 Vaccine to all Long-Term Care and Retirement Homes in Grey Bruce
- 8.2.24 Grey Bruce Health Unit Confirms Second Death Related to COVID-19
- 8.2.25 COVID-19 Vaccine for Those 80 Years and Older
- 8.2.26 Unlicensed Tattoo Premise Infection Control Lapse
- 8.2.27 Hockey Hub – COVID-19 Mass Immunization Hub in Grey Bruce
- 8.2.28 COVID-19 Vaccine Progress
- 8.2.29 Grey Bruce COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance for Screening in Schools and Childcare
- 8.2.30 Provincial Response Framework – Grey Bruce Moving to Green
- 8.2.31 COVID-19 Vaccine for Those 80 Years and Older – Update
- 8.2.32 New Provincial COVID-19 Vaccine Booking System Trial in Grey Bruce
- 8.2.33 COVID-19 Non-Essential Travel
- 8.2.34 Public Assistance Request Dog Bite – Owen Sound

Moved by: Helen-Claire Tingling

Seconded by: Selwyn Hicks

“THAT, the Board of Health receives the Correspondence and Media Releases for March 5, 2021 as presented.”

Carried

9.0 Medical Officer of Health Update

9.1 COVID-19 Vaccine Roll Out Update

Dr. Arra provided an update on three items:

1. Situation Report – Remain in full control of the pandemic. An update from the daily [Situation Report](#) was provided.

2. Non-essential travel – Concern about the difference in level of risk between Grey Bruce and neighboring health units. The situation is addressed through communication at this point as per the principle of least intrusive.
3. Vaccine rollout – progressing according to the provincial plan. The vaccine supply will be increased mid to late March. GBHU is one of the pilot sites for the provincial booking system. Several jurisdictions connected to obtain more information on the Hockey Hub system.

9.2 Public Health Modernization Update (STANDING ITEM)

No update since the last meeting.

9.3 Opioid Situation Grey Bruce (STANDING ITEM)

In February, achievements related to the Opioid situation, include:

- Distributed over 235 Naloxone kits in Grey Bruce
- Training of 49 people on using Naloxone
- Distributed over 1,300 safe injection kits.
- Distributed over 1,300 safe smoking kits
- \$17,000 has been secured to support resource development.

The need to utilize more communication on the opioid crisis was emphasized. The Health Unit continues to maintain the core program functions such as needle exchange, naloxone and Opioid Working Group

Moved by: Brian O’Leary

Seconded by: Anne Eadie

“THAT, the Board of Health receives the Medical Officer of Health update for March 5, 2021 as presented.”

Carried

10.0 In-Camera

Moved by: Alan Barfoot

Seconded by: Brian O’Leary

“THAT, the Board of Health does now go into closed session at 11:42 a.m. to discuss one item relating to Advice Subject to Solicitor-Client Privilege, one item relating to Litigation or Potential Litigation, one item relating to Personal Matters About Identifiable Individuals and three items relating to Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations and FURTHER THAT, Dr. Arra, Matt McMurdie and Sue Brown shall remain present.”

Carried

The Board returned to open session at 1:15 p.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 four items received for information and direction given on one item.

Moved by: Brian O’Leary

Seconded by: Helen-Claire Tingling

“THAT, the Board of Health directed staff to pay the overtime premium as presented in closed session.”

Carried

11.0 Corporate Services

Financial Report – December 2020

Moved by: Alan Barfoot

Seconded by: Anne Eadie

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

Carried

Board of Health member, Brian Milne asked about the level of confidence in the Ministry to cover all of the overtime costs associated with COVID-19.

Corporate Services Director, Matthew McMurdie indicated that he is confident that costs will be covered.

Moved by: Anne Eadie

Seconded by: Chris Peabody

“THAT, the Board of Health approve the \$25,600 plus HST purchase of signage for the P&H Center and the Bayshore Community Centre Hubs.”

Carried

11.1 Risk Management Update

An update for the risk management assessment was provided.

11.2 Purchasing Policy *IV-205 Procurement*

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to the purchasing policy *IV-205 Procurement* as presented and made some suggested changes. It was decided to leave the policy as is and continue with the current practice for now.

Suggested revisions will be incorporated and the revised policy brought to a future BOH meeting for review and approval.

Carried

12.0 Other Business

12.1 Association of Local Public Health Agencies Annual General Meeting and Call for Resolutions

The Association of Local Public Health Agencies Annual General Meeting and Conference will be held online on Tuesday June 8, 2021.

- Sue Paterson, Helen-Claire Tingling, Alan Barfoot and Anne Eadie expressed an interest in attending. The Board EA will connect with Members to register.
- Helen-Claire Tingling would like to nominate Dr. Arra for the Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding leadership during the COVID-19 Emergency. The Board supported this nomination.

Moved by: Brian O’Leary

Seconded by: Alan Barfoot

“THAT, the Board of Health direct staff to draft a resolution for the aPHa Annual Meeting to call on the need for public health to capitalize on the COVID-19 emergency response and mobilize the community after the emergency to address the opioid crisis.”

Carried

13.0 Adjournment

By motion of Selwyn Hicks, the Board of Health meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Next Meeting:

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

X

Sue Paterson
Chairperson

X

Dr. Ian Arra
Medical Officer of Health

X

Sue Brown
Recording Secretary