



## **6.0 Presentations**

- 6.1 Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017 Changes – Angela Newman  
Angela Newman gave a presentation that highlighted the changes to the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017*.

## **7.0 October Correspondence**

- 7.1 County of Lambton Re. Provincial Plans for the Modernization of Public Health Service Delivery
- 7.2 County of Lambton Re. Provincial Plans for the Modernization of Public Health Service Delivery
- 7.3 Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health Re. Promotion and Display of Vaping Products
- 7.4 Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Re. Completion of Consumption and Treatment Services Application and Site Location
- 7.5 Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Re. Funding for Leave the Pack Behind
- 7.6 Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Re. Public Mental Health – Parity of Esteem
- 7.7 Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Re. Changes to Provincial Autism Supports
- 7.8 Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Re. Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health – Alcohol Choice & Convenience
- 7.9 Peterborough Public Health Re. Addressing the Opioid Emergency in Ontario – Recommendations from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- 7.10 Southwestern Public Health Re. Expanding Alcohol Retail Outlets

Moved by: David Shearman

Seconded by: Laurie Laporte

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

Carried

## **8.0 Reports**

- 8.1 October Reports
  - 8.1.1 Program Report – October
- 8.2 News Releases
  - 8.2.1 Environmental Public Health Week 2019
  - 8.2.2 Campaign “Attacks” Medication Misuse
  - 8.2.3 Cannabis Edibles: Reducing the Harm
  - 8.2.4 National Teen Driver Safety Week 2019
  - 8.2.5 Successful Campaign “Attacks” Medication Misuse

Moved by: Brian Milne

Seconded by: Selwyn Hicks

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

Carried

## **9.0 Corporate Services**

- 9.1 Financial Report – September  
Kim Rutherford presented the September Financial Report.

## 9.2 Values Articulation

Matt explained the process undertaken to reinvigorate our values statement. The consulting firm HR Transformation was engaged to assist and produced the report presented to the board. Next steps for roll-out to staff were identified.

## 9.3 Risk Reporting

Matt presented the 2018 Risk Report as well as the 2019 draft. Risks are rated based on impact and probability. Anything that received a high rating is brought to the board. The two new risks identified this year are amalgamation and funding.

Moved by: Anne Eadie                      Seconded by: Laurie Laporte  
"THAT, the Board of Health receive the September Financial Reports as presented."

Carried

Moved by: Sue Paterson                      Seconded by: David Shearman  
"THAT, the Board of Health receive the Risk Reporting Reports as presented."

Carried

## 10.0 Other

### 10.1 2018 Annual Report

Drew presented the 2018 Annual Report.

### 10.2 Ministry of Health Response Letter Re. Child Vision Screening Exemption

In response to our request for exemption from the Child Vision Screening program, CMOH Dr. David Williams indicated that many Health Unit's are in the same position and that the protocol allows for flexibility in meeting these requirements.

### 10.3 Ontario Health Teams – Grey Bruce

Dr. Arra gave an update on the local Ontario Health Team progress.

### 10.4 Opioid Crisis Update

Dr. Arra provided an update on the opioid crisis noting a new product emerging in the street drug scene, Etizolam. This short-acting benzodiazepine analog may be cut with opioids. Of concern is that Naloxone does not reverse the effects of Etizolam. Dr. Arra provided an update on a class action lawsuit against pharmaceutical companies in BC and identified that Ontario is considering joining the proceedings of this lawsuit. Several municipalities in Ontario are exploring the possibility of joining the lawsuit. Dr. Arra suggested that both Grey and Bruce Counties be advised of these lawsuits and with the suggestion they consider exploring the feasibility of taking part to recoup some of their costs associated with the opioid crisis.

### 10.5 Ministry of Health Re. Update on Public Health and Emergency Health Services Modernization

Dr. Arra updated the Board that on October 10, 2019, Mr. Jim Pine was introduced as the Ministry consultant to the amalgamation process. Mr. Pine's role will include facilitating discussions between the Ministry of Health, municipal officials and administrative leadership in the coming months. In regards to funding, when we first heard about the proposed budget changes in April the rationale of the change was about the budget being static (where if we find efficiencies internally, the Ministry would not change their contribution, so the shortfalls in budget would not be downloaded to the municipalities). In the most recent communication from Ministry staff there seem to be uncertainty about this point. There is the potential for a dynamic budget, where if we find efficiencies internally 70% of these efficiencies will go back to the Ministry. For 2020, we are prepared for both scenarios.

Moved by: Selwyn Hicks

Seconded by: Brian Milne

"THAT, the Board of Health receive the 2018 Annual Report as presented."

Carried

Moved by: David Shearman

Seconded by: Laurie Laporte

"THAT, the Board of Health encourage Grey and Bruce County councils to investigate the feasibility of entering into the class action lawsuits underway against pharmaceutical companies that produced opioids, as the counties may be able to recover costs associated with the opioid crisis within their jurisdiction."

Carried

## **11.0 In-Camera Session**

11.1 Advice subject to solicitor client privilege (1 item)

11.2 Labour Relations and Employee Negotiations (1 item)

Moved by: Selwyn Hicks

Seconded by: David Shearman

"THAT the Board of Health does now go into closed session at 11:36 a.m. to discuss one item under advice subject to solicitor client privilege and one item under labour relations and employee negotiations and FURTHER THAT, all staff remain present."

Carried

*The Board returned to open session at 12:05 p.m. with Chair Twolan presiding. Chair Twolan confirmed that only the items stated in the resolution to move into closed session were discussed.*

## **12.0 Adjournment**

By motion of Anne Eadie the Board of Health meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

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Friday, November 22, 2019, 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

X

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Heather Smith  
Recording Secretary