

Board of Health

Minutes

May 17, 2023

9:15 am – 12:00pm

Board Members Present: S. Cairns, R. Cipolla, P. Koetsier, S. Warnock, P. Willmott, L. Oehm, S. Kinsella, A. Kungl, N. Nigussie, B. Gordon, J. Leduc, T. Walker, A. Dubeau, S. Read

Regrets: B. Norris

Staff Present: C. Gardner, K. Ellis-Scharfenberg

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

P. Koetsier read the land acknowledgement.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion 2.0

MOVED BY S. Cairns

SECONDED BY R. Cipolla

THAT the Board of Health approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

4. Consent Agenda

Motion 4.0

MOVED BY A. Dubeau

SECONDED BY B. Gordon

THAT the Board of Health approve the following consent agenda items:

4.1 Minutes from April 19, 2023.

4.2 Vector-Borne Diseases Program Update:

THAT the Board of Health receive this briefing note as information.

CARRIED

4.1 Approval of Minutes from April 19, 2023.

4.2 Vector-Borne Diseases Program Update

Briefing Note. Dr. Steven Rebellato and Brenda Armstrong.

5. In Camera

Motion 5.0

MOVED BY S. Kinsella

SECONDED BY J. Leduc

THAT the Board of Health go in camera to approve the April 19, 2023 in camera minutes and discuss two HR and one Finance Issue.

CARRIED

Motion 5.0.1

MOVED BY P. Willmott

SECONDED BY S. Cairns

THAT the Board of Health come out of in camera and report.

CARRIED

Motion 5.0.2

MOVED BY R. Cipolla

SECONDED BY A. Dubeau

THAT the Board of Health approve the establishment of a pre-qualified vendor list comprised of four denture providers:

- T. Protopapas and A. Protopapas Denturist Professional Corporation
- Nadezda Bajic Denturist , Professional Corporation
- Andre Petrov Denturist, Professional Corporation

- Dentures by Denturists

CARRIED

5.1 Approval of Minutes

5.2 HR Issue

5.3 HR Issue

5.4 Finance Issue

6. New Business

6.1 Year-to-Date Financial Report for the Period Ending March 31, 2023

Briefing Note. Dr. Charles Gardner, Karen Ellis-Scharfenberg and Jon Van Donkelaar presenting.

K. Ellis-Scharfenberg provided a routine update on the year-to-date quarterly financial reports for the period ending March 31, 2023. She noted that the actuals for salaries will be adjusted after the increase is determined, but that the budget is based on a 2% salary increase.

Board members discussed.

Motion 6.1

MOVED BY J. Leduc

SECONDED BY S. Kinsella

THAT the Board of Health receive the first quarter financial reports for:

- Mandatory and Related Public Health Programs and Services
- COVID-19 General Program One-Time
- COVID-19 Vaccine Program One-Time
- School Focused Nurses Initiative One-Time
- Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (100% Ministry of Health Funding)

CARRIED

6.2 COVID-19 Evaluation Overview

Briefing Note. Dr. Steven Rebellato, Sarah Gill, and Casey Hirschfeld presenting.

C. Gardner and S. Rebellato presented the item providing background information. The information provided is a culmination of multiple evaluations which have taken place in phases over time. The summary report on staff mental health and well-being will be shared with executive and management staff. As well, the evaluations revealed lessons learned and plans for future pandemics which will be shared with external partners.

Board members discussed the possibility of the COVID-19 Evaluation Overview presentation shared with municipal councils. Members also discussed the consideration of public health as an essential service as an advocacy item to the province.

Motion 6.2

MOVED BY P. Koetsier

SECONDED BY N. Nigussie

THAT the Board of Health receive this briefing note as information.

CARRIED

7. Advocacy

7.1 Income and Other Policy Solutions to Reduce Household Food Insecurity in Simcoe Muskoka

Briefing Note. Carolyn Shoreman, Christine Bushey, and Vanessa Hurley presenting.

C. Shoreman, C. Bushey and V. Hurley presented the item providing information and statistics related to household food insecurity which show considerable increases in recent years. Income-based solutions at the municipal, provincial and federal level are required to help decrease rates of household food insecurity.

Board members discussed various poverty reduction and food access programs and municipal efforts.

Motion 7.1

MOVED BY B. Gordon
SECONDED BY L. Oehm

THAT the Board of Health endorse the set of options for income and other policy solutions to increase income (and reduce household food insecurity) contained in Appendix A.

AND FURTHER THAT the Board of Health endorse the June 2023 Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA) resolution put forth by Ontario Dietitians in Public Health (ODPH) regarding Monitoring Food Affordability and Inadequacy of Social Assistance Rates (in Appendix C and Appendix D).

CARRIED

7.2 2023 ALPHA Resolutions

Briefing Note. Dr. Charles Gardner presenting.

C. Gardner presented the item, outlining the five resolutions that will be voted on at the June Annual General Meeting of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA). One of the resolutions was submitted to ALPHA under the leadership of Public Health Preventive Medicine resident E. Prikryl and S. Rebellato and his team.

Motion 7.2

MOVED BY S. Read
SECONDED BY T. Walker

THAT the Board of Health receive this briefing note and the 2023 ALPHA Resolution (Appendix A) as information and for discussion to advise the Board of Health and staff members who will be attending the ALPHA conference.

CARRIED

8. Items of Education

8.1 Spring Retreat - May 23, 2023

8.2 ALPHA Conference and Annual General Meeting – June 12-14, 2023

8.3 Board of Health Indigenous Cultural Safety Training – September 22, 2023

9. Items of Information

- 9.1 Letter from Ann-Marie Kungl, Board Chair for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and Dr. Orlena Broomes Board President of Canadian Mental Health Association to The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier
- re Request for decision to establish Consumption and Treatment Services in Barrie, ON.
- 9.2 Letter to Dr. Charles Gardner, Medical Officer of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit from Kristine Preston, Deputy Clerk for the City of Orillia
- re Deputation to Council – Public Health Update.
- 9.3 Email from Jennifer Saxe Director, General Controlled Substances Directorate Health Canada to Ann-Marie Kungl, Board Chair for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, in response to your correspondence of March 15, 2023
- re support for Bill S-254 regarding alcohol warning labels.
- 9.4 Letter from alPHa to The Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Health, House of Commons
- re Bill S-254, an Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (warning label on alcoholic beverages).
- 9.5 Letter from Stacy Wright Board of Health Chair for the Timiskaming Health Unit
- to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services and The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health/Deputy Premier re addressing Household Food Insecurity in Ontario.
- 9.6 Report from Timiskaming Health Unit to Ontario Boards of Health
- re Recovery and Beyond 2022 Annual Report.
- 9.7 Report from Dr. Alexander Summers, Medical Officer of Health and Emily Williams, Chief Executive Officer, Middlesex-London Health Unit to Ontario Boards of Health
- re Monitoring Food Affordability and Implications for Public Policy and Action.

- 9.8 Letter from Councillor Kathryn Wilson Chair, Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health Unit to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada Office of the Prime Minister
re Bill S-254, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (warning label on alcoholic beverages).
- 9.9 Letter from Penny Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer for Public Health Sudbury and Districts to The Honourable Sylvia Jones Minister of Health
re Support for the 2022 Annual Report of the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario.
- 9.10 Letter from Mayor Andrea Horwath, City of Hamilton to The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
re 2023 PHS Annual Service Plan & Budget Submission; Support for Sufficient, Stable and Sustained Funding for Local Public Health Agencies.
- 9.11 Email from Loretta Ryan, Executive Director, aPHa, to All Health Units
re CMOH statement and resources - National Immunization Awareness Week.
- 9.12 Letter from Brock McGregor Chair, Chatham-Kent Board of Health to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health/Deputy Premier
re Universal, No-cost Coverage for all Prescription Contraceptive Options to all People Living in Ontario.
- 9.13 Letter from Brock McGregor Chair, Chatham-Kent Board of Health to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health/Deputy Premier
re Income-based Policy Solutions to Reduce Household Food Insecurity.
- 9.14 Email from Melanie Dziengo Communications Coordinator, aPHa, to All Health Units
re Workplace Health and Wellness Month.
- 9.15 April 2023 aPHa InfoBreak.

9.16 Thank you card from staff member in acknowledgement of Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit bereavement donation on behalf of family member.

10. **Announcements/Inquiries**

Board members inquired on and discussed the generator for 15 Sperling Drive. The generator was ordered, received and installed by the deadline.

Board Chair A.M. Kungl acknowledged the Lifetime of Community Service Award received by board member Ralph Cipolla who is involved in a range of community impacts including the St. Bernard's Breakfast Club, jazz festival, wine festival and has been recognized as Orillia's citizen of the year.

Board Chair A.M. Kungl invited board members to join the Alzheimer's Walk at the Simcoe County Museum on Sunday, May 28.

11. **Date of Next Meetings**

- June 21, 2023
- September 20, 2023

12. **Adjournment**

Motion 12.0

MOVED BY S. Warnock

SECONDED BY S. Cairns

THAT the Board of Health meeting be adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

CARRIED

Ann-Marie Kungl

Chair, Board of Health

Dr. Charles Gardner

Medical Officer of Health