

**Board of Health**

**Minutes**

**June 18, 2025  
9:15 am – 11:59 am  
Barrie Office**

Board Members Present: A. Kungl, R. Cipolla, L. Oehm, S. Kinsella, B. Norris, S. Warnock,  
P. Koetsier, T. Walker, A. Dubeau, B. Gordon, H. Eves, J. Leduc,  
J. Smith, S. Cairns, S. Read

Regrets: N. Nigussie

Staff Present: C. Gardner, L. Simon

**1. Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:15am.

**1.1 Land Acknowledgement**

A new land acknowledgement video developed for Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit was shared with the Board of Health.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion 1.0**

**MOVED BY** S. Cairns

**SECONDED BY** H. Eves

THAT the Board of Health approved the agenda as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

There was no declaration of conflict of interest.

**4. Consent Agenda**

**Motion 4.0**

**MOVED BY** P. Koetsier

**SECONDED BY** R. Cipolla

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

4.1 Minutes from May 21, 2025 Board of Health meeting;

4.2 2025 Ministry of Health Annual Report and Attestation

THAT the Board of Health approve the submission of the 2024 Ministry of Health Annual Report and Attestation for Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

4.3 2026 Budget Deliberations Schedule

THAT the Board of Health receive the 2026 Budget Deliberations briefing note as information and consideration and approve the proposed schedule of meetings.

**CARRIED**

**5. In Camera**

**Motion 5.0**

**MOVED BY** A. Dubeau

**SECONDED BY** B. Gordon

THAT the Board of Health move to In-Camera session

**CARRIED**

**Motion 5.0.1**

**MOVED BY** H. Eves

**SECONDED BY** S. Cairns

THAT the Board of Health come out of In-Camera and report.

**CARRIED**

**Motion 5.0.2**

**MOVED BY** J. Smith

**SECONDED BY** S. Warnock

THAT the Board of Health receive this briefing note on the recently completed review of legal services at the agency;

AND FURTHERMORE THAT the Board of Health authorize the award of contracts for legal services to Harrison Pensa LLP and Lerner LLP for one (1) year with the option to extend four (4) additional years.

**CARRIED**

**6. New Business**

**6.1 Indigenous Engagement Recommendations: Update and Next Steps.**

Briefing Note. Dr. L. Simon and S. Gill presenting.

Dr. L. Simon thanked Chair A.M. Kungl and Vice Chair R. Cipolla for attending recent meetings with First Nations and Métis Councils to support meaningful relationship building.

Dr. L. Simon and S. Gill shared a presentation with the Board of Health to review the status of engagement with First Nations and Métis Councils.

The Board discussed next steps including the proposals to develop an Indigenous Engagement staff role for 2026 and recruit a provincial appointed Board of Health member from Indigenous communities and/or organizations in Simcoe Muskoka. Following a broad discussion regarding the independent provincial appointment process from that of the Board, and the Board's desire for a breadth of local Indigenous perspectives to

inform next steps, staff were directed to explore the potential for such recruitment for the further consideration of the Board in the future.

**Motion 6.1**

**MOVED BY** S. Kinsella

**SECONDED BY** L. Oehm

THAT the motion be amended by removing the second bullet.

**CARRIED**

**Motion 6.1.1**

**MOVED BY** T. Walker

**SECONDED BY** J. Leduc

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

AND FURTHERMORE THAT the Board of Health endorse select next steps for 2025-2026 under the Board's leadership:

- For staff to propose to the Indigenous Health Circle (IHC) partners the drafting of a letter of relationship between IHC and SMDHU's Board of Health.

**CARRIED**

**6.2 Strategic Planning 2026-2029 Internal Engagement Activities**

Briefing Note. A.M. Kungl, Dr. C. Gardner and S. Ross presenting.

Dr. C. Gardner led the Board of Health through the strategic planning engagement outlined in Appendix C.

Dr. C. Gardner thanked S. Ross for attending to document the consultation with the Board.

The Board of Health discussed further strategic plan engagement noting the draft plan is to be completed for January 2026.

## **Motion 6.2**

**MOVED BY** S. Kinsella

**SECONDED BY** A. Dubeau

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

AND FURTHERMORE THAT the Board of Health participate in a facilitated session in the development of SMDHU's new strategic plan.

**CARRIED**

## **7. Items of Education**

### **7.1** alPHa 2025 AGM and Conference - In person event

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- 2025 Resolution Package
- 2025 AGM and Conference Important Information

## **8. Items of Information**

### **8.1** Correspondence to and from SMDHU

- a. Letter from Ann-Marie Kungl, Chair of the Board of Health for Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit  
  
to Chief Ted Williams and Council Members (Rama First Nation) re: Thank you for the Meeting - Follow-Up Letter and Resources
- b. Letter from Trudy Sachowski, Chair, alPHa  
  
to Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health re: 2025 Budget & Support for Public Health
- c. Letter from Ann-Marie Kungl, Chair of the Board of Health for Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit  
  
to Chief Joanne Sandy and Council Members (Beausoleil First Nation) re: Thank You for the Meeting - Follow-Up Letter and Resources

- d. Simcoe Muskoka District Unit Press Release  
re: New Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer  
Appointed for Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit
- e. Letter from Ann-Marie Kungl, Chair of the Board of Health for  
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit  
to Jon Stungevicius, Waterhouse Executive Search re: Completion  
of Services with SMDHU
- f. Letter from Trudy Sachowski, Chair, alPHa to Hon. Sylvia Jones,  
Minister of Health  
re: Investing proceeds of tobacco settlement to strengthen public  
health
- g. Letter from Dr. C. Gardner, Medical Officer of Health to Terry  
Vachon, Director of Parks and Recreation, Township of Clearview  
re: Municipal Alcohol Policy Options to Mitigate Alcohol Harms  
Creemore Village Green
- h. Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Press Release  
re: Potential Hepatitis A exposure at Barrie restaurant

## 8.2 AMO Annual Conference

- a. SMDHU request for delegation meeting with Hon. Sylvia Jones,  
Minister of Health  
re: Sustainable Funding for Public Health

## 9. Announcements

- Call for agenda items
- Dr. C. Gardner's Retirement Celebration

Date: September 22, 2025

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location: General John Hayter Southshore Community Centre  
205 Lakeshore Drive, Barrie

**10. Date of Next Meetings**

- September 17, 2025
- October 15, 2025

**11. Adjournment**

**Motion 11.0**

**MOVED BY** B. Norris

**SECONDED BY** S. Read

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

**CARRIED**

**ORIGINAL Signed By:**

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Ann-Marie Kungl

Chair, Board of Health

**ORIGINAL Signed By:**

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Dr. Charles Gardner

Medical Officer of Health