

**Board of Health
Minutes**

**December 16, 2020
9:00 am - 11:00 am
Zoom Meeting**

Board Members Present: S. Cairns, R. Cipolla, L. Dollin, A. Dubeau, G. Harvey, P. Koetsier, R. Milne, F. Pinto, S. Warnock, P. Willmott, L. Oehm, S. Kinsella, A. Kungl

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

1. Call To Order

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

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion 1.1

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. Minutes of Previous Meeting

4.1 Approval of Minutes from November 18, 2020.

Motion 4.1

MOVED BY L. Dollin

SECONDED BY S. Kinsella

THAT the Board of Health approve the minutes from the November 18, 2020 Board of Health meeting.

CARRIED

5. In Camera

5.1 Approval of Minutes

Motion 5.0

MOVED BY P. Koetsier

SECONDED BY A. Kungl

THAT the Board of Health go in camera to approve the November 18, 2020 in camera minutes

CARRIED

Motion 5.0.1

MOVED BY F. Pinto

SECONDED BY S. Warnock

THAT the Board of Health come out of in camera and not report.

CARRIED

6. Business Arising

- 6.1 Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit COVID-19 Update. Verbal Report. Dr. Charles Gardner presenting.

C. Gardner provided an update of COVID-19 statistics across Canada noting the rise in cases in other provinces such as Manitoba and Alberta. SMDHU cases were reviewed noting that our area has recently been reclassified to the Red - Control zone, and noting that neighboring health units to the south are currently in the Grey - Restrict lockdown.

C. Gardner noted that SMDHU has revised their case and contact management process which is reaching COVID-19 positive cases within a 24 hour period. We are now requesting that these individuals advise their own high risk contacts.

Board members discussed the varying numbers of cases between the County of Simcoe and District of Muskoka. Board members discussed the potential for stricter messaging and the possibility of advocating to the Premier for limiting travel from higher risk areas to lower risk areas.

Motion 6.1

MOVED BY R. Cipolla

SECONDED BY F. Pinto

THAT the Board of Health receive this item as information;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board of Health write to the Premier of Ontario asking that the Province clearly communicate the need for people not to travel from high incidence locations without an essential reason at that time.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- 6.2 COVID-19 Vaccine & Mass Immunization Planning Update. Briefing Note. Dr. Charles Gardner, Dr. Colin Lee, Colleen Nisbet, Mary Ann Holmes and Deanna Thompson presenting.

C. Nisbet presented this item noting that planning is underway at the federal, provincial and local level to prepare for a COVID-19 vaccination program.

C. Lee discussed the potential arrival of the Pfizer vaccine in Simcoe Muskoka and implementation could begin as early as next week. Information will be sent to long-term care homes (LTCHs) today to advise that approximately 40% of their staff will be immunized with the first shipment. This particular vaccine requires one dose and a second dose three weeks later.

The Moderna vaccine is easier to transport, therefore will be allocated for residents in LTCHs. It is anticipated that there may be 7 different vaccines to be approved by Health Canada. SMDHU will be working through priority groups and recruiting other providers to assist with administering the vaccine including family physicians.

Board members discussed the public movement where there is apprehension around receiving the vaccine until more information is known. Dr. Lee indicated that information will be shared transparently on the accelerated development and approval process of the vaccines.

Motion 6.2

MOVED BY L. Dollin

SECONDED BY G. Harvey

THAT the Board of Health receive this item as information.

CARRIED

- 6.3 Draft Cost Shared Budget and Schedules for COVID-19. Briefing Note. Dr. Charles Gardner and Karen Ellis-Scharfenberg presenting.

K. Ellis-Scharfenberg presented the draft 2021 Cost Shared budget, Oral Health budget (cost-shared and Ontario Seniors' Dental Care Program (OSDCP)) and the related COVID-19 Schedules. Based on previous direction received by the Board of Health, two draft budgets one of 0% levy increase and one 2% levy increase were developed for 2021 Cost-Shared Mandatory Public Health Programs based on the previously announced 2021 provincial funding including mitigation funding.

Board members reviewed the comparisons of the two budgets noting the differences within.

The Ministry of Health has now clarified that the COVID-19 Reimbursement will only be available to offset deficits incurred by SMDHU's Cost-Shared budget. For this reason, the 2021 COVID-19 Extraordinary Schedule only includes positions and expenses that are not base funded. Board members reviewed the IT

expenses which were critical during the COVID-19 pandemic and work from home initiative.

The reduction of operational expenses were reviewed for items such as staff education, travel, and conferences as these are not occurring as normal during COVID-19. It was noted that the lease for 3 vans has been discontinued as they are currently not in use.

Board members discussed the municipal levy noting that some municipalities are approving budgets ranging from 0% to 1.95% due to the financial challenges as a result of the COVID19 pandemic. Board members discussed salary increases in the 2021 draft budget.

Motion 6.3

MOVED BY S. Kinsella

SECONDED BY P. Koetsier

THAT the Board of Health receive this briefing note for information and consideration in deliberation of the 2021 budget.

CARRIED

Motion 6.3

MOVED BY F. Pinto

SECONDED BY R. Milne

THAT the Board of Health direct staff to develop a 2021 budget based on a 2% increase in the overall levy to the obligated municipalities.

DEFEATED

Motion 6.3

MOVED BY L. Dollin

SECONDED BY R. Cipolla

THAT the Board of Health direct staff to develop a 2021 budget based on a 1.95% increase in the overall levy to the obligated municipalities.

CARRIED

7. Consent Agenda

Motion 7.0

MOVED BY A. Kungl

SECONDED BY R. Milne

THAT the Board of Health receive the following consent agenda item for information:

- a) Audit Plan for the Year Ending December 31, 2020

8. Announcements

9. Items of Education

10. Items of Information

- 10.1 Office of the Auditor General of Ontario Special Reports on COVID-19 Preparedness and Management: Emergency Management in Ontario – Pandemic Response, Outbreak Planning and Decision-Making, and Laboratory Testing, Case Management and Contact Tracing.
- 10.2 Letter from Terry Glover, Mayor of Lake of Bays to Dr. Charles Gardner, Medical Officer of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit re Request for consideration - COVID-19 classification framework restrictions imposed separately for the District Municipality of Muskoka and Simcoe County.
- 10.3 Letter from Dr. Charles Gardner, Medical Officer of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to the municipalities in Simcoe County and District of Muskoka re Recommendation from the Medical Officer of Health to prohibit access to their recreational facilities to individuals whose primary residence lies within the Red/Control and the Grey/Lockdown areas.
- 10.4 Letter from Dr. Lisa Simon, Associate Medical Officer of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education re Feedback for the Proposed Regulatory Amendments under the Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014.
- 10.5 Letter from Megan Williams, Deputy Clerk for the City of Orillia to Dr. Charles Gardner, Medical Officer of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit re Appointment to the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit - Board of Health.
- 10.6 Letter from James McPherson, Chair for the Thunder Bay District Board of Health to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance re Basic Income for Income Security during COVID-19 and Beyond.
- 10.7 Letter from Rosslyn Junke , Chair for the Simcoe County Poverty Reduction Task Group to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance re Basic Income for Income Security during COVID-19 and Beyond.
- 10.8 Letter from Mitch Twolan, Chair for the Board of Health for the Grey Bruce Health Unit to Ontario Boards of Health re The extra-legislative development of undefined regional initiatives that challenge and undermine the legal authority of local public health boards, and negatively affect their effectiveness in addressing community health needs.
- 10.9 Letter from Carman Kidd, Board Chair for the Timiskaming Board of Health to the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education and the Honourable Christine

Elliott, Minister of Health for the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care re Bill
216 Food Literacy for Students Act, 2020.

10.10 aPHa Information Break – November 16, 2020

11. Date of Next Meetings

- January 20, 2021
- February 17, 2021

12. Adjournment

Motion 12.0

MOVED BY L. Oehm

SECONDED BY F. Pinto

THAT the Board of Health meeting be adjourned at 11:48am.

CARRIED

ORIGINAL Signed By:

Anita Dubeau

Chair, Board of Health

ORIGINAL Signed By:

Dr. Charles Gardner

Medical Officer of Health