

**Board of Health  
Minutes**

**May 19, 2021  
9:15 am - 12:00 pm  
Zoom Meeting**

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

Regrets: G. Harvey

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 2.0**

**MOVED BY S. Kinsella**

**SECONDED BY P. Koetsier**

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 April 21, 2021.

**Motion 4.1**

**MOVED BY A. Kungl**

**SECONDED BY L. Oehm**

THAT the Board of Health approve the minutes from the April 21, 2021 Board of Health meeting.

**CARRIED**

**5. In Camera**

5.1 Approval of Previous Minutes

5.2 Legal Issue

**Motion 5.0**

**MOVED BY** S. Warnock

**SECONDED BY** P. Willmott

THAT the Board of Health go in camera to approve the April 21, 2021 in camera minutes and one Legal issue.

**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 Opioid and Supervised Consumption Site Update. Briefing Note. Dr. Lisa Simon, Carolyn Shoreman and Mia Brown presenting.

L. Simon provided an update of the Supervised Consumption Site (SCS) site selection process noting that after an extensive review of all consultations to date, which included the findings from the community consultation online surveys, the neighborhood virtual consultation sessions, and discussion with the SCS site selection advisory committee, it was decided by the Canadian Mental Health Association – Simcoe Branch (CMHA-SB) as applicant and the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) as co-applicant that 11 Innisfil Street would be the proposed location for an SCS in Barrie.

A special meeting has been scheduled for the two applicants to present to Barrie City Council on May 25, 2021. If endorsement of 11 Innisfil Street is received from Council, then the applications to Health Canada and the Ministry of Health will be submitted by the end of June 2021.

Board members requested clarification on the budget. L. Simon noted that CMHA-SB as the lead applicant will be applying to the Ontario government for these funds.

It was discussed that the Barrie Police Service and the Ontario Provincial Police have been involved and engaged in several aspects of this project and they will develop a safety plan once the site is selected.

Board members requested information regarding the needle exchange bins and the potential to move some of these to strategic locations based on public health advice. SMDHU will collaborate further with the Barrie Fire Department on this.

**Motion 6.1**

**MOVED BY** P. Willmott

**SECONDED BY** A. Kungl

THAT the Board of Health receive this update as information on a proposed Supervised Consumption Site (SCS) in Barrie;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board of Health endorse the proposed SCS location of 11 Innisfil Street (also known as 80 Bradford Street, Unit 940) in Barrie with a letter of support to the applicants, to be shared with the City of Barrie, Ministry of Health and Health Canada.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

- 6.2 Prevention and Monitoring of Tick-bites and Lyme Disease. Briefing Note. Steven Rebellato, Nicolas Sheppard-Jones and Sarah Warren presenting.

S. Rebellato presented this item noting that the pandemic has contributed to a shift in values and behaviours, leading to more people spending increased time outdoors in places where ticks may be active which has resulted in a shift in this program and a critical need to resume tick activities such as tick dragging.

N. Sheppard-Jones discussed the 2021 activities noting that rates of Lyme disease are increasing across the province and in Simcoe Muskoka with a greater proportion of those ticks infected with the pathogen causing Lyme disease.

S. Warren provided an update on surveillance which includes tick dragging and ongoing promotion of eTick. Board members also reviewed the health promotion campaign activities and discussed the logistics for the educational signs to be placed on trails throughout Simcoe Muskoka. It was identified that SMDHU staff is working with municipalities to achieve this.

**Motion 6.2**

**MOVED BY** S. Kinsella

**SECONDED BY** P. Koetsier

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

**CARRIED**

- 6.3 Simcoe Muskoka COVID-19 Update. Presentation. Dr. Charles Gardner presenting.

C. Gardner provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic and how the projections for transmission patterns leading into the summer.

The Public Health Agency of Canada has recommended an easing of some of the restrictions related to outdoor activities followed by the easing of indoor

restrictions in the fall contingent on achieving target levels of vaccination in the population.

Board members discussed the inconsistent messaging across the province and potential strategies to mitigate this as well as COVID-19 fatigue in the population.

**Motion 6.3**

**MOVED BY** R. Milne

**SECONDED BY** L. Oehm

THAT the Board of Health receive this item as information.

**CARRIED**

- 6.4 Simcoe Muskoka COVID-19 Vaccine Planning Update. Presentation. Dr. Lisa Simon and Mary Ann Holmes presenting.

L. Simon provided an update on the vaccination rollout activities since the previous Board meeting noting that currently there are up to 30,000 vaccine doses are being administered weekly in Simcoe Muskoka.

Board members reviewed the immunization coverage by age group noting that the total number of the population in Simcoe Muskoka immunized with their first dose is 51%.

The activities to date in the hotspot area was discussed which has been a successful campaign that began on April 12 with lower coverage rates compared to the rest of Simcoe Muskoka and is now higher.

MA Holmes provided an update on the community clinics which are operating effectively 7 days a week and engagement and outreach is occurring with at-risk and marginalized populations.

Board members discussed the vaccine hesitancy work that is underway at SMDHU. It was noted that a provincial campaign is currently being planned as well.

MA Holmes discussed the logistics around vaccinations for the 12-17 age group. The current approach is to ensure that there is enough vaccine by allocating almost all of the supply during a 2-week blitz and ensuring that the appointments for this group are fulfilled.

**Motion 6.4**

**MOVED BY** F. Pinto

**SECONDED BY** S. Warnock

THAT the Board of Health receive this item as information.

**CARRIED**

- 6.5 2021 Capital One-Time Funding Requests. Briefing Note. Dr. Charles Gardner and Karen-Ellis-Scharfenberg presenting.

K. Ellis-Scharfenberg provided an update noting that at the April 21, 2021 meeting the Board of Health approved the submission to the Ministry of Health of 4 non-COVID-19 One-Time funding requests.

It was confirmed that these submissions have been sent to the Ministry.

Board members reviewed two of the one-time funding requests which is for a new, replacement for the gas generator at 15 Sperling Drive which is 15 years old and access to replacement parts is very limited and the other is for a replacement phone system as the current one was purchased in 2005 and due to the old technology has been unable to keep up to the public's demand during the pandemic.

**Motion 6.5**

**MOVED BY** R. Cipolla

**SECONDED BY** L. Dollin

THAT the Board of Health approve the release of up to \$300,000 from capital reserve to enable SMDHU management to commence the process of two Requests for Proposal with one being a new gas generator for the 15 Sperling Drive office and the second for a new phone system for the entire agency.

**CARRIED**

**7. New Business**

- 7.1 2021 alPHa Resolutions. Briefing Note. Dr. Charles Gardner presenting.

C. Gardner reviewed the single alPHa resolution entitled 'Reducing the Harms, the Availability and Youth Appeal of Electronic Cigarettes and Vaping Products Through Regulation' which was submitted by the Middlesex-London Health Unit. The Board of Health and staff members attending the alPHa Annual General Meeting (AGM) on June 8, 2021 will be voting on the appended resolution. It was noted that the content of this resolution is consistent with an alPHa resolution submitted by the SMDHU Board of Health on a Tobacco Endgame (the reduction of smoking to no more than 5% of the population by 2035).

**Motion 7.1**

**MOVED BY** L. Dollin

**SECONDED BY** S. Kinsella

THAT the Board of Health receive this briefing note and the 2021 alPHa Resolution (Appendix A) as information and for discussion to advise the Board of Health members who will be attending the alPHa conference.

**CARRIED**

## **8. Announcements**

It was noted that 5 Board members will be attending the aPHa Conference on June 8.

It was identified that a County of Simcoe event falls on June 16 which conflicts with some Board members attending the June Board of Health meeting. An alternative date will be reviewed with options provided to the Board.

## **9. Items of Education**

9.1 aPHa Virtual Conference and Annual General Meeting Update. Ontario's Public Health System, Challenges – Changes – Champions. June 8, 2021

## **10. Items of Information**

10.1 Letter from the Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to Peter Willmott, Board Member for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit re Congratulatory Letter on the Reappointment to the Board of Health.

10.2 Letter from the Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to Stephen Kinsella, Board Member for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit re Congratulatory Letter on the Reappointment to the Board of Health.

10.3 Letter from the Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to Scott Warnock, Board Member for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit re Congratulatory Letter on the Reappointment to the Board of Health.

10.4 Letter from the Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to Larry Oehm, Board Member for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit re Congratulatory Letter on the Reappointment to the Board of Health.

10.5 MOH Blog to all staff re Proposed location identified for Barrie's Supervised Consumption Site.

10.6 Letter to Anita Dubeau, Board Chair for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit from the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario re Response to Paid Sick Days Advocacy.

10.7 Letter to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario from Carmen McGregor, aPHa President, Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, Chair of the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) and Trudy Sachowski, Chair of the Boards of Health Section re Public Health Measures – Extension of Current Restrictions.

10.8 Letter to the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit – Collingwood location from the South Georgian Bay Ontario Health Team re Certificate of Recognition.

- 10.9 Letter to the Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care from Tara Reynolds, Deputy Clerk, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury re Request to Expedite Employer-run Vaccination Clinics.
- 10.10 Letter to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario from Jenn Montreuil, Deputy City Clerk for the Corporation of the City of North Bay re Resolution regarding Vaccine Allocation.
- 10.11 Letter to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Premier of Canada and the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance from Kevin Marriott, Chair for the County of Lambton Board of Health re Basic Income for Income Security during COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond.
- 10.12 aPHa Information Break. April 20, 2021.

**11. Date and Time of Next Meetings**

- June 16, 2021
- September 15, 2021

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01pm.

**Motion 12.0**

**MOVED BY** S. Warnock

**SECONDED BY** P. Willmott

THAT the Board of Health meeting be adjourned at 12:01pm.

**CARRIED**

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Anita Dubeau

Chair, Board of Health

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Dr. Charles Gardner

Medical Officer of Health