

**Board of Health
Minutes**

**March 15, 2023
9:15 am - 12:00 pm
In-person & Teleconference**

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, B. Norris, T. Walker, A. Dubeau

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

1. Call To Order

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

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Board Vice Chair S. Warnock read the land acknowledgement.

1.2 Welcome to Public Health and Preventive Medicine Resident Dr. Kevin Lam

Board Chair, A.M. Kungl introduced the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Public Health and Preventive Medicine resident Dr. Kevin Lam.

1.3 Acknowledgement/Presentation of Service Awards for previous Board Members

Board Chair A.M. Kungl acknowledged previous board members, Lynn Dollin, Gary Harvey, Floyd Pinto, Rick Milne and Anita Dubeau and announced that Anita Dubeau has been appointed as a provincial appointee to the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) Board of Health for a 3-year term.

Former board members joining the meeting, Lynn Dollin, Gary Harvey, Floyd Pinto and Anita Dubeau thanked and acknowledged their appointments as members of the SMDHU Board of Health.

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 S. Kinsella

SECONDED BY J. Leduc

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

4.1 Minutes from February 15, 2023.

CARRIED

5. In Camera

Motion 5.0

MOVED BY N. Nigussie

SECONDED BY B. Norris

THAT the Board of Health go in camera to approve the February 1, 2023 in camera minutes and discuss two Finance and HR Issues and two HR Issues.

CARRIED

Motion 5.0.1

MOVED BY B. Gordon

SECONDED BY S. Kinsella

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

CARRIED

5.1 Approval of Minutes from February 1, 2023

5.2 Finance and HR Issue

5.3 Finance and HR Issue

5.4 HR Issue

5.4.1 HR Issue

6. New Business

6.1 One-Time Funding Requests in 2023. Briefing Note. Karen Ellis-Scharfenberg presenting.

K. Ellis-Scharfenberg provided information regarding the ministry funded one-time funding requests in 2023. The ministry is allowing health units six one-time funding requests of which the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit requests are listed as follows:

1. Public Health Inspector Student Placement

2. Landline Phone System Implementation

3. Replacement & Additional Vaccine Fridges

4. Harm Reduction Supplies

5. Public Health Inspector

6. Creation of Clinic Space in the Cookstown (South Simcoe) Office

Board members discussed.

Motion 6.1

MOVED BY S. Cairns

SECONDED BY L. Oehm

THAT the Board of Health approve the submission of One-Time Funding Requests to the Ministry of Health via the 2023 Annual Service Plan submission process.

CARRIED

7. Advocacy

7.1 Barrie Consumption and Treatment Services Update. Briefing Note. Carolyn Shoreman, Mia Brown, and Megan Williams presenting.

C. Gardner presented the item with C. Shoreman, M. Brown and M. Williams providing an update on the Barrie Consumption and Treatment Services (CTS) site at 11 Innisfil Street in Barrie and the media advocacy campaign proposal. The application was submitted to the Ministry of Health in October 2021 and is still awaiting approval.

Board members received a brief synopsis of CTS and Supervised Consumption Site (SCS) and discussed plans to extend the services to smaller communities and considered alternative solutions to the opioid issue.

Motion 7.1

MOVED BY P. Willmott

SECONDED BY B. Norris

THAT the Board of Health endorse the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit playing a supportive role in a collaborative media advocacy campaign led by the Canadian Mental Health Association Simcoe County Branch on the continued need for a CTS in Barrie awaiting approval by the Ministry of Health;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board of Health join the Board of the Canadian Mental Health Association Simcoe County Branch in writing again to the Minister of Health regarding the need for the CTS, copying the Members of Provincial Parliament and the municipal councils in Simcoe Muskoka, the Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, the Deputy Minister of Health, and the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

CARRIED

7.2 Canada's Guidance on Alcohol and Health. Briefing Note. Carolyn Shoreman and Mia Brown presenting.

C. Gardner presented the item with C. Shoreman and M. Brown providing information related to the newly released Canada's Guidance on Alcohol and Health which replaces the Canadian Low-Risk Drinking Guidelines issued in 2011. Information and background were provided regarding Bill S-254 An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act which calls on the federal government to implement alcohol warning labels, put forward by Honorable Senator Brazeau.

Board members discussed.

Motion 7.2

MOVED BY S. Cairns

SECONDED BY N. Nigussie

THAT the Board of Health receive the new Canada's Guidance on Alcohol and Health report and infographic as information;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board of Health write a letter of support for Bill S-254 to the Federal Minister of Health, copying Senator Brazeau, the Simcoe Muskoka Members of Parliament, all Ontario Boards of Health, the Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada, and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies.

CARRIED

- 7.3 Toward a Renewed Provincial Smoking and Nicotine Control Strategy. Briefing Note. Dr. Steve Rebellato, Dr. Emil Prikryl, and Cindy Baker-Barill presenting.

C. Gardner presented the item with S. Rebellato, E. Prikryl, and C. Baker-Barill present to provide additional information regarding the provincial smoking and nicotine control strategy to achieve the tobacco endgame target of less than 5% tobacco use by 2035. Information regarding the proposed resolution to the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) was provided, outlining that alPHa resolutions are reviewed annually, and if supported would be brought to the alPHa meeting in June.

Motion 7.3

MOVED BY P. Koetsier

SECONDED BY S. Kinsella

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

AND FURTHER THAT the Board of Health support the submission of the accompanying resolution in Appendix C for the June 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies.

CARRIED

8. Items of Education

- 8.1 New Board of Health Agency Orientation - March 31, 2023

- 8.2 Staff Appreciation Day - May 23, 2023
- 8.3 aPHa Conference and Annual General Meeting - June 12-14, 2023

9. Items of Information

- 9.1 Letter from Ann-Marie Kungl, Board Chair for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to Anita Dubeau, former Board member and Chair for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

re Acknowledgement of Board member service and invitation to attend Board meeting to receive years of service award.
- 9.2 Letter from Ann-Marie Kungl, Board Chair for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to Christine Miller, former Executive Assistant at the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

re Acknowledgement of years of service and support to the Board of Health as Executive Assistant.
- 9.3 Blog from Dr. Charles Gardner, Medical Officer of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to all Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit staff and Board of Health

re MOH Office Welcomes New Executive Assistant.
- 9.4 Blog from Dr. Charles Gardner, Medical Officer of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to all Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit staff and Board of Health

re Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Ontario Health Teams Liaison Committee.
- 9.5 Email from Dr. Charles Gardner, Medical Officer of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Board of Health

re Indigenous Cultural Safety Training Days.
- 9.6 2022 Annual Report and Statement from the Chief Medical Officer of Health

re Being Ready: Ensuring Public Health Preparedness for Infectious Outbreaks and Pandemics.
 - a. Letter from Trudy Sachowski, President for aPHa, to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health at the Ministry of Health

re CMOH Annual Report 2022.

- b. Blog from Dr. Charles Gardner, Medical Officer of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to all Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit staff and Board of Health

re 2022 Annual Report released by Ontario's CMOH.

- 9.7 Letter from Carmen McGregor, Boards of Health Section Chair for alPHa, and Trudy Sachowski, President for alPHa, to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

re Boards of Health – Order in Council Appointments.

- 9.8 Email from Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts to Public Health Partners, COMOH, and the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health

re Public Health in 2022: Snapshots of District Areas and COVID-19 Pandemic response and Recovery Efforts.

- 9.9 Letter from Fabio Costante, Board Chair for the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit to the Honourable Sylvia Jones Minister of Health and Deputy Premier at the Ministry of Health

re Physical Literacy for Healthy Active Children.

- 9.10 Letter from Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

re Provincial Funding for Consumption and Treatment Services.

- 9.11 Letter from Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

re Community Engagement to Address Food Insecurity.

- 9.12 Letter from Rick Champagne, Board Chairperson, James Chirico, Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer, and Carol Zimbalatti, Associate Medical Officer of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit

to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier and the Honourable Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services re Food Security in Ontario.

- 9.13 Letter from Douglas Lawrance, Board Chair for the Northwestern Health Unit to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
re Alcohol Health Warning Labels.
- 9.14 Letter from Kathryn Wilson, Board Chair for Peterborough Public Health to the Honourable Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development Ontario
re Improved Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) in Public Settings.
- 9.15 Letter from Kathryn Wilson, Board Chair for Peterborough Public Health to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health and to the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ontario
re Improved Indoor Air Quality in Public Settings.
- 9.16 Letter from Kathryn Wilson, Board Chair for Peterborough Public Health to the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Health, Canada and to the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities, Canada
re Improved Indoor Air Quality in Public Settings.
- 9.17 Report from Huronia Community Foundation
re North Simcoe and Area's Vital Signs 2023.
- 9.18 aPHa February 2023 Infobreak.
- 9.19 Order in Council from Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
re: Appointment of Anita Dubeau to the SMDHU Board of Health.

10. Announcements

11. Date of Next Meetings

- April 19, 2023
- May 17, 2023

12. Adjournment

Motion 12.0

MOVED BY S. Warnock

SECONDED BY R. Cipolla

THAT the Board of Health meeting be adjourned at 12:19pm.

CARRIED

Original Signed By:

Ann-Marie Kungl

Chair, Board of Health

Original Signed By:

Dr. Charles Gardner

Medical Officer of Health