

Board of Health

Minutes

February 18, 2026

9:15 am - 11:07 am

Microsoft Teams / Mariposa Room

15 Sperling Drive, Barrie L4M 6K9

Board Chair: A. Kungl
Board Members In Person: A. Dubeau, B. Norris, R. Cipolla
Board Members Virtual: S. Cairns, B. Gordon, S. Warnock, S. Kinsella, H. Eves, J. Leduc,
J. Smith, B. Stone, L. Oehm, N. Nigussie, S. Read, T. Walker

Staff Present: L. Simon, K. Ellis-Scharfenberg

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:17am.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

A. Dubeau read the land acknowledgement in full.

1.2 Recognition of A. Dubeau, End of Term on the Board of Health

A. Dubeau was recognized for 17 combined years of dedicated service to the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Board of Health.

First joining in 2004 as an elected member representing the County of Simcoe, and ending in 2026 as a provincially appointed member.

A.M. Kungl presented A. Dubeau with a plaque to recognize her 3-year term as a provincially appointed member, and a photo was taken with the Board of Health.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion 1.0

MOVED BY A. Dubeau

SECONDED BY B. Norris

THAT the Board of Health approve 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 B. Norris

SECONDED BY Bob Stone

THAT the Board of Health approve the minutes from the January 21, 2026 Board of Health meeting.

CARRIED

4.1 Approval of Minutes from January 21, 2026

5. In Camera

Motion 5.0

MOVED BY B. Gordon

SECONDED BY S. Warnock

THAT the Board of Health go in camera to approve the January 21, 2026 In Camera Minutes and discuss two Corporate items and one HR item.

CARRIED

Motion 5.0.1

MOVED BY S. Read

SECONDED BY B. Gordon

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

CARRIED

The Board took a 10 minute break at 10:30 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 10:42 a.m.

B. Norris exited the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

J. Smith was not present to vote on Motion 5.0.2

Motion 5.0.2

MOVED BY S. Kinsella

SECONDED BY L. Oehm

THAT the Board of Health approve the proposed five-year lease extension of the 15 Sperling Drive Barrie office effective September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2031.

CARRIED

5.1 Approval of In-Camera Minutes from January 21, 2026

5.2 Corporate Item

5.3 Corporate Item

5.4 HR Item

6. Business Arising

6.1 SMDHU 2026 Budget

Briefing Note. Dr. L. Simon, K. Ellis-Scharfenberg and J. Van Donkelaar presenting.

J. Smith returned to the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

K. Ellis-Scharfenberg presented the budget for approval that aligns with the draft budget presented to the Board of Health at their January 21, 2026 meeting, with one change, a 3.1% increase in AIDS Bureau funding.

After the budget approval, a letter from the Board of Health Chair will be prepared by mid-March to inform each municipality of the 2026 levy requirement.

Motion 6.1

MOVED BY S. Cairns

SECONDED BY S. Warnock

THAT the Board of Health approve the 2026 base budget for the Cost-Shared Mandatory Programs at \$40,124,245 reflecting a 2026 municipal levy of \$11,565,591;

AND FURTHERMORE THAT the Board of Health approve the 2026 Ontario Seniors' Dental Care Program (OSDCP) budget at \$2,535,144;

AND FURTHERMORE THAT the Board of Health approve the draw of up to \$125,955 from the Public Health Contingency Reserve to maintain public health services;

AND FURTHERMORE THAT the Board of Health authorize the submission of the 2026 Annual Service Plan and Budget Submission reflecting the 2026 budget for the Cost-Shared Mandatory Programs and the OSDCP on or before March 31st, 2026.

CARRIED

7. Items of Education

7.1 2026 SMDHU All-Staff Education Day

Date: Tuesday April 21, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Liberty North, 100 Caplan Avenue, Unit 1, Barrie

To attend, email Melissa.Nickason@smdhu.org

Dr. L. Simon shared an overview of the event agenda and welcomed all Board members to attend.

7.2 Save the Date: 2026 aIPHa Conference & AGM

Date: June 8 – 10, 2026

Reserve hotel accommodations for June 8 & 9th by emailing
Melissa.Nickason@smdhu.org

8. Items of Information

8.1 Correspondence to and from SMDHU

- a. Letter from The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health

to Ann-Marie Kungl, Chair Board of Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Re: Approval of the appointment of Dr. Lisa Simon as Medical Officer of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit
- b. Letter from the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health

to Dr. Lisa Simon, Medical Officer of Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Re: Congratulations on the approval of appointment as Medical Officer of Health
- c. SMDHU Medical Officer of Health blog to SMDHU staff

Re: 2026-2026 Strategic Plan
- d. SMDHU Medical Officer of Health blog to SMDHU staff

Re: Board of Health Chair and Vice Chair Confirmed for 2026
- e. Letter from Ann-Marie Kungl, Chair, Board of Health for Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health

Re: Appointment of Dr. Michelle Quaye as Associate Medical Officer of Health for Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit as of April 1, 2026

9. Announcements

- Call for agenda items

10. Date of Next Meetings

- March 18, 2026
- April 15, 2026

11. Adjournment

- Board Lunch - 11:45 a.m.

Motion 11.0

MOVED BY A. Dubeau

SECONDED BY R. Cipolla

THAT the Board of Health meeting be adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

CARRIED

ORIGINAL Signed By:

Ann-Marie Kungl

Chair, Board of Health

ORIGINAL Signed By:

Dr. Lisa Simon

Medical Officer of Health