

Board of Health

Minutes

September 17, 2025

9:18 am – 12:18 pm

Barrie Office

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

Regrets: S. Cairns, S. Kinsella

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

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:18 a.m.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

The land acknowledgment was read in full by A.M. Kungl.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion 2.0

MOVED BY R. Cipolla

SECONDED BY A. Dubeau

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 H. Eves

SECONDED BY B. Gordon

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

4.1 Minutes from June 18, 2025

4.2 Minutes from September 3, 2025

4.3 2025 alPHa Conference Outcomes

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

4.4 SMDHU 2024 Annual Report

THAT the Board of Health receive the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit 2024 *Annual Report* as information.

4.5 Health and Safety Annual Reporting

THAT the Board of Health receive the Health and Safety Report for 2024 as information.

4.6 Information Privacy and Access Annual Report for 2024

THAT the Board of Health receive the Information Privacy and Access Report for 2024 for information (Appendix A).

4.7 Modification to the Roles of the Vice Presidents

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

Dr. C. Gardner and A.M. Kungl commended the Vice Presidents for each taking on an additional leadership role in keeping with their title changes.

4.8 2024-2025 Summary Report of Partnership Initiatives between the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and School Boards for the Board of Health

THAT the board of Health receive this report as information.

CARRIED

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- 4.2 Approval of Minutes from September 3, 2025
- 4.3 alPHa June 2025 Conference Outcomes
Briefing Note. Dr. C. Gardner.
- 4.4 SMDHU 2024 Annual Report
Briefing Note. Dr. L. Simon and S. Gill.
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Report. K. Ellis-Scharfenberg and M. Runge.
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5. In Camera

Motion 5.0

MOVED BY N. Nigussie

SECONDED BY T. Walker

THAT the Board of Health go in camera to approve the June 18, 2025 and September 3, 2025 In Camera Minutes and discuss four financial items, one legal item and three HR items.

CARRIED

Motion 5.0.1

MOVED BY A. Dubeau

SECONDED BY H. Eves

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

CARRIED

- 5.1 Approval of In-Camera Minutes from June 18, 2025
- 5.2 Approval of In-Camera Minutes from September 3, 2025
- 5.3 Finance Item
- 5.4 Finance Item
- 5.5 Finance Item
- 5.6 Finance Item
- 5.7 Legal Item
- 5.8 HR Item
- 5.9 HR Item
- 5.10 HR Item

6. New Business

6.1 Climate Change and Health Portfolio - Strategic Updates & Continued Advocacy

Briefing Note. S. Rebellato and S. Warren presenting.

S. Rebellato summarized the details within the briefing note to provide an update on SMDHU's climate and health initiatives and the need to update the 2017 Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment to access new or improved data and tools.

Dr. C. Gardner and S. Warren will be presenting next week at an international educational forum, Scaling Up Health Adaptation Measures to Meet the Climate Change Challenges in the Americas.

Motion 6.1

MOVED BY L. Oehm

SECONDED BY J. Smith

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

CARRIED

7. Items of Education

7.1 Save the Date: alPHa 2025 Fall Symposium and Workshops

November 5 – 7, 2025.

Registration opening mid-September.

8. Items of Information

8.1 Correspondence to and from SMDHU

- a. Letter from The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, MPP York-Simcoe to Ann-Marie Kungl, Chair – Board of Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit re: Thank you for letter of congratulations on re-election as MPP for York-Simcoe.

- b. Media Release from Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit

re: Lakelands Public Health Launches New Brand Identity Following Merger of HKPR District Health Unit and Peterborough Public Health.

8.2 SMDHU Recruitment

- a. Letter from Ann-Marie Kungl, Chair – Board of Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

to The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health re: Appointment of Dr. Lisa Simon as Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer for Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.
- b. SMDHU Staff Blog from Dr. C. Gardner

to SMDHU Staff re: Welcoming Dr. Michelle Quaye as Our New Associate Medical Officer of Health.

8.3 Preventing Intimate Partner and Gender-Based Violence

- a. Letter from Deputy Mayor Ron Black, Chair –Board of Health, Haliburton Kawartha Northumberland Peterborough Health Unit

to The Honourable Doug Ford, The Honourable Sylvia Jones and The Honourable Michael Parsa re: Preventing Intimate Partner and Gender-Based Violence.

8.4 Dr. C. Gardner Retirement Recognition

- a. News Article by the Muskoka Doppler, August 28, 2025

re: We will face many challenges as a society and a species and public health will be there: Dr. Gardner.

8.5 CMOH Annual Report

- a. 2024 Annual Report of the Chief Medical Officer of Health:

Protecting Tomorrow – The Future of Immunization in Ontario.

8.6 SMDHU Strategic Plan 2026-2029

- a. SMDHU Strategic Plan 2026-2029 Development Update, August 5, 2025.

8.7 Opioid crisis in Windsor-Essex County (WEC)

- a. Letter from Joe Bachetti, Chair, Windsor-Essex County Board of Health

to The Honourable Marjorie Michel, Minister of Health re: Passing a resolution to address the escalating opioid crisis in Windsor-Essex County (WEC).

8.8 alPHa InfoBreak

- a. June 2025 InfoBreak
- b. Summer 2025 InfoBreak

9. Announcements

- Call for agenda items
- Board Retirement Lunch with Dr. Gardner
 - Date: September 17, 2025
 - Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 - Location: State & Main, 467 Cundles Road, Barrie
 - RSVP to Melissa.Nickason@smdhu.org
- Dr. Gardner's Retirement Celebration
 - Date: September 22, 2025
 - Time: 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 - Location: General John Hayter Southshore Community Centre, 205 Lakeshore Drive, Barrie
 - RSVP to Melissa.Nickason@smdhu.org

The Board inquired about the following items:

- School board relationships focusing on mental health and the negative influences of artificial intelligence. Dr. L. Simon and C. Shoreman will prepare a response by email to S. Read.
- The State of Emergency in the City of Barrie. Dr. C. Gardner has meetings scheduled with CAO Michael Prowse and Mayor Alex Nuttall. A document will be shared with Municipal representatives on the Board of Health what Public Health can assist with regarding encampments and homelessness.

10. Date of Next Meetings

- October 15, 2025
- November 19, 2025

11. Adjournment

Motion 11.0

MOVED BY R. Cipolla

SECONDED BY A. Dubeau

THAT the Board of Health meeting be adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

CARRIED

ORIGINAL Signed By:

Ann-Marie Kungl

Chair, Board of Health

ORIGINAL Signed By:

Dr. Lisa Simon

Acting Medical Officer of Health