

**Board of Health for the
Peterborough County-City Health Unit
Minutes
Wednesday, November 9, 2011
Council Chambers, County Court House
County of Peterborough, 470 Water Street**

Present:

Board Members: Deputy Reeve Andy Sharpe, Chair
Councillor Andrew Beamer
Councillor Henry Clarke
Mr. Jim Embrey
Mayor John Fallis
Mr. Paul Jobe
Chief Keith Knott
Councillor Lesley Parnell
Councillor Jill Smith
Reeve Mary Smith

Regrets: Mr. David Watton

Staff: Mrs. Brittany Cadence, Supervisor, Communications Services
Mrs. Ingrid Cathcart, Health Promoter
Mrs. Donna Churipuy, Manager
Mrs. Barbara Matwey, Administrative Assistant
Dr. Rosana Pellizzari, Medical Officer of Health
Mrs. Lorraine Skipwith, Director, Corporate Services
Mr. Larry Stinson, Director, Public Health Programs
Mrs. Alida Tanna, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order

Deputy Reeve Sharpe called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. and welcomed staff and guests to the County Council chambers.

2. Confirmation of the Agenda

Moved by
Mayor Fallis

Seconded by
Councillor Clarke

That the agenda be approved with the addition of delegations and 9.6 Chair and Vice Chair Process.

- Carried - (M-11-121)

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

4. Delegations and Presentations

Malini Menon

Spoke regarding wireless technology and specifically, the public health mandate and due diligence required for the welfare of citizens.

Kathy McDermid

Spoke regarding medical ethics, specifically pertaining to wireless technology, including cell towers and wi-fi in schools.

Sheena Symington

A concerned parent spoke about her concerns regarding wi-fi in schools.

Peter Stumpf

Spoke to the Board of Health regarding his concerns regarding the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board not following the measurement requirements for RF exposure levels as described in Safety Code 6.

Moved by
Mr. Jobe

Seconded by
Mayor Fallis

That the Board of Health receive the delegations.

- Carried – (M-11-122)

4.1 Wireless Technologies

Presenter: Dr. Ray Copes
Director, Environmental and Occupational Health,
Public Health Ontario

Dr. Copes gave a presentation on the latest scientific research into any possible health effects from wireless technologies. He noted that the May 2011 meeting of the International Association of Research on Cancer Working Group found studies were inconclusive in confirming any association between radio

frequencies (RF) and electromagnetic frequencies and cancer. Reducing RF exposure can be achieved by limiting cell phone use or placing laptops on desks.

5. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by

Councillor Parnell

That the minutes of the Board of Health meeting held on October 12, 2011 be approved as circulated.

Seconded by

Councillor Embrey

- Carried - (M-11-123)

6. Business Arising From the Minutes

Nil.

7. Correspondence

Moved by

Councillor Parnell

That the following documents be received for information.

Seconded by

Councillor Smith

- Carried - (M-11-124)

1. Letter dated October 12, 2011 from Lynn Fawn, Deputy Clerk/Office Supervisor, County of Peterborough to Dr. Pellizzari regarding sales of alcohol in convenience stores.
2. Letter dated November 2, 2011, from Chairman Sharpe to the Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Transportation, regarding support of a provincial policy framework for cycling infrastructure.
3. Letters/Resolutions from other Health Units:

Sudbury and District Health Unit

- Reducing Artificial Trans Fat
- Chronic Disease Prevention and Municipal Policies

Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

- Letters to SMDHU municipalities regarding the sale of alcohol in convenience stores.

Moved by
Councillor Parnell

Seconded by
Councillor Smith

To forward a copy of the letter sent by the Board of Health to The Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Transportation to the City and County council to be circulated.

- Carried - (M-11-125)

8. Program Reports

8.1 Q3 2011 Program Report and Financial Update

Presenter: Mr. Larry Stinson, Director, Public Health Programs

Mr. Stinson gave an overview on the Health Unit's activities over the third quarter.

Moved by
Mr. Jobe

Seconded by
Mayor Fallis

That the Board of Health for the Peterborough County-City Health Unit receive the Q3 2011 Program Report and Financial Update for information.

- Carried – (M-11-126)

9. New Business

9.1 Extreme Cold Response Plan

Presenter: Mrs. Donna Churipuy, Program Manager

Program Manager Donna Churipuy presented the draft Extreme Cold Response Plan. It described the health risks of extreme cold, which populations are most vulnerable, and the various public health actions to be undertaken by the Health Unit at different forecasted temperature thresholds. The plan provides a framework to coordinate an emergency response with municipal and other community partners if extreme cold situations occur in order to mitigate any health risks to local residents.

9.2 Staff Report: Tobacco, Second-hand Smoke and Water-pipes:

Presenter: Mrs. Ingrid Cathcart, Health Promoter

Mrs. Cathcart, Health Promoter (Tobacco Enforcement Officer) demonstrated the use of water pipes which use herbal substances and are not covered by the current Smoke Free Ontario Act.

Moved by
Councillor Parnell

Seconded by
Mr. Embrey

That the Board of Health for the Peterborough County-City Health Unit request:

- Local municipalities with smoking by-laws to amend their bylaw to create a new definition of smoke and include prohibition of the burning of substances in all indoor public spaces, workplaces and outdoor public spaces; and
- That the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care monitor and assess the public health effects of exposure to smoke from water-pipe usage in public indoor spaces.

- Carried - (M-11-127)

Moved by
Councillor Smith

Seconded by
Mayor Fallis

That copies of motion M-11-127 be forwarded to Jeff Leal, MPP Peterborough and Laurie Scott, MPP Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

- Carried – (M-11-128)

Moved by
Councillor Parnell

Seconded by
Mr. Jobe

That the Board of Health for the Peterborough County-City Health Unit take a one half hour dinner break.

- Carried - (M-11-129)

Chairman Sharpe reconvened the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

9.3 Approval of RFP P-01-11 – Financial Analysis and Plan for PCCHU Expanded Facilities

Moved by
Reeve Smith

Seconded by
Councillor Parnell

That the Board of Health for the Peterborough County-City Health Unit confirm the approval of the awarding of Request for Proposal P-01-11 for a Financial Analysis and Plan for an Expansion to Peterborough County-City Health Unit facilities to Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP, 1250 Rene Levesque Boulevard West, Montreal, Quebec H3B 2G4 for \$95,000 plus \$12,350 HST for a total of \$107,350. After HST rebate the cost will be \$96,672.

- Carried - (M-11-130)

9.4 Staff Report: Update – Transfer of the Genetics Program to the Peterborough Regional Health Centre

The Board was updated on the status of transfer of the Genetics program to the Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC). Discussions between the PRHC and the Health Unit are underway in the hopes of a December 5, 2011 start up of the program at the hospital. Terms and timelines of the relocation continue to be discussed between PRHC and Health Unit representatives.

9.5 Sub-Committee – Medical Officer of Health (MOH) Performance Review

The Board of Health for the Peterborough County-City Health Unit discussed who should be on the sub-committee for the MOH review.

After discussion it was

Moved by

Reeve Smith

Seconded by

Councillor Parnell

That the Medical Officer of Health Performance Review Sub-Committee would consist of the current Chair, Vice-Chair, and Past Chair.

- Carried - (M-11-131)

9.6 Process of Chair & Vice-Chair for Next Year

There was discussion about the election process for the Chair and Vice-Chair. It was decided that this would be dealt with at the January, 2012 Board of Health meeting.

10. Committee Reports

10.1 Governance Committee

Moved by

Mr. Jobe

Seconded by

Reeve Smith

That the minutes – June 9, 2011 be deferred.

- Carried - (M-11-132)

Moved by

Reeve Smith

Seconded by

Mr. Jobe

That the following policies be approved.

- Policy, Human Rights and Discrimination
- Policy, Workplace Harassment
- Policy, Workplace Violence

- Carried - (M-11-133)

11. In Camera

Nil.

12. Date, Time, and Place of the Next Regular Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Health will take place on December 14, 2011 or at the call of the Chair.

13. Adjournment

Moved by
Mr. Embrey
That the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by
Councillor Parnell

- Carried – (M-11-134)

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Chairperson

Medical Officer of Health