

**Board of Health for the
Peterborough County-City Health Unit
Minutes
Wednesday, October 12, 2011
Lower Hall, Administration Building,
123 Paudash Street, Hiawatha First Nation**

Present:

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

Regrets: Mr. Jim Embrey

Staff: Mrs. Brittany Cadence, Supervisor, Communications Services
Ms. Suzanne Galloway, Health Promoter
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
Mrs. Kerri Tojcic, Computer Technician Analyst

1. Welcome and Prayer – Chief Sandra Moore

Chief Moore welcomed the members of the Board of Health and staff of the Health Unit to Hiawatha First Nation. Chief Moore closed her welcome with a prayer.

2. Call to Order

Deputy Reeve Sharpe called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m.

3. Confirmation of the Agenda

Moved by
Mayor Fallis
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Seconded by
Councillor Parnell

- Carried - (M-11-114)

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

5. Delegations and Presentations

5.1 A Day in The Life

Presenter: Mrs. Kerri Tojcic

Mrs. Tojcic explained the many roles of the four (4) Computer Technician Analysts who make up the IT team.

5.2 Hiawatha Health and Social Services Update

Presenter: Ms. Penny Coppaway-Williams
Manager, Health & Social Services Program
LIFE Services Centre, Hiawatha First Nation

Ms. Coppaway-Williams presented an overview of the programs and services provided by the Hiawatha First Nation.

6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by
Councillor Clarke

Seconded by
Councillor Parnell

That the minutes of the Board of Health meeting held on July 13, 2011(amended) and September 14, 2011 be approved as circulated.

- Carried - (M-11-115)

7. Business Arising From the Minutes

Nil.

8. Correspondence

Moved by
Mr. Jobe

Seconded by
Mr. Watton

That the following documents be received for information.

- Carried - (M-11-116)

1. Letter dated September 2, 2011 from Stacey Weber, Manager, Early Years Programs Unit, Early Learning and Child Development Branch, Ministry of Children and Youth Services to Dr. Pellizzari, regarding funding for Nursing Child Assessment Satellite Training (NCAST) programs.
2. Letter dated September 9, 2011 from A. Opalick, Executive Correspondence Officer, Office of the Prime Minister, to Chairman Sharpe, in response to his original letter dated May 30, 2011, regarding the Nestlé Good Start Laughing Baby commercial and its violation of the International Code of Marketing of Breast milk Substitutes.
3. Letter dated September 22, 2011 from Chairman Sharpe to Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, President, Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA), regarding capacity issues and proposed increase in membership fees.
4. Message dated September 30, 2011 from Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. David Butler Jones (forwarded by Linda Stewart, Executive Director, alPHA, to Board Chairs) on water fluoridation.
5. Letter dated October 3, 2011 from Chairman Sharpe to the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health, regarding the Board's endorsement of the Toronto Public Health report on trans fat (*please refer to the Sept. 14, 2011 agenda for the original report*)
6. Letter dated October 5, 2011 from Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, President, alPHA, to all alPHA members, regarding the postponement of a vote on the proposed fee increase.
7. Letter dated October 5, 2011 from Chairman Sharpe to Courtney Oliver, Senior Policy Advisor/Co-ordinator, Social Responsibility Policy and Government Relations, Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO), regarding the sale of premixed alcohol and energy drinks.

Resolutions:

North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit

- Smoke-free By-Laws

The Regional Municipality of Durham

- Trans Fat

9. Program Reports

Nil.

10. New Business

10.1 Social Determinants of Health

Presenter: Dr. Dennis Raphael, Professor, York University

Dr. Raphael reported on the importance of the Social Determinants of Health (SDH) and the role of public health units in advocating for change. SDH are the economic and social conditions that primarily influence the health of individuals and communities.

10.2 Staff Report: Report on Alcohol Use in Peterborough City and County: Recommendations for a Healthier and Safer Community

Presenter: Suzanne Galloway, Health Promoter

Ms. Galloway provided members of the Board of Health with an overview of the technical report which detailed the burden of alcohol-related problems in Peterborough County and City. Board members suggested broader distribution of the report to include other Boards of Health and our local police board. Staff were encouraged to develop a communications plan.

Moved by
Councillor Clarke

Seconded by
Mayor Fallis

That the Board of Health for the Peterborough County-City Health Unit endorse the recommendations outlined as follows:

The Board of Health request local Councils (elected representatives) to:

- update and revise their Municipal Alcohol Policies or Band Council resolutions, and
- develop consultation mechanism with public health on applications for liquor licence permits, as required by recent changes to the Liquor Licence Act.

The Board of Health request the Premier, the Minister of the Attorney General, the Minister of Health and Long Term-Care and the Minister of Health Promotion and Sport to create a provincial alcohol strategy that would include:

- undertaking a thorough geographic inventory of alcohol retail outlets (with a ban on permitting additional retail outlets or extensions of hours until such a review is completed),
- not permitting the sale of alcohol in convenience stores,

- maintaining the legal age for alcohol use at 19 years of age,
- ensuring that alcohol regulatory authorities have appropriate capacity for adequate enforcement of on-premise laws, over-service and minimum age restrictions,
- requiring training of owners, managers and staff as a condition of licensing/re-licensing.
- investment in the development of a comprehensive and sustainable surveillance system to monitor and detect changes in access to alcohol, alcohol consumption patterns, and alcohol-related disease, injury and social outcomes,
- increasing capacity for problem drinking screening and brief intervention in both primary health care and emergency room settings,
- ensuring adequate capacity for community-based and inpatient treatment for both harmful drinking and alcohol addiction,
- funding social marketing campaigns to de-normalize the acceptability of the harmful use of alcohol,
- restricting alcohol advertising and sponsorship incrementally, with the ultimate goal to be equivalent to restrictions for tobacco products,
- exploring legal options for provincial restrictions on alcohol advertising and promotion, including strengthening existing provincial regulations on advertising by licensed establishments (e.g., allowing advertising of drink specials and happy hours inside the venue only),
- ending marketing and advertising by the LCBO, including the use of the Internet and social media, promotions, and product placement,
- reviewing and update mechanisms of receiving and responding to consumer complaints about alcohol advertising,
- maintaining full government control on the sale of alcoholic beverages,
- establishing or adjusting the mandate of the LCBO to make the protection of public health and safety a key priority,
- establishing a single provincial alcohol tax or social reference price based on the percentage of absolute alcohol in a standard drink such that the higher the alcohol content, the higher the tax. This structure should be indexed annually to the Consumer Price Index,
- establishing a minimum reference price for retail sales and a maintain the minimum reference price for licensed establishments (currently it is \$2.00 per standard unit drink). Reference prices should be adjusted periodically to reflect the Consumer Price Index,
- ensuring that pricing at U-Brew and U-Vin establishments are consistent with the retail minimum reference price, and
- establishing a provincial surtax on alcoholic beverages that are targeted for youth consumption (e.g., alcoholic beverages with high sugar content and artificial flavouring, large volume beer containers).

The Board of Health request federal Members of Parliament advocate for:

- additional funding be directed to implementation of the National Alcohol Strategy, and
- federal excise duties be linked to the Consumer Price Index and apply federal excise duties based on alcohol content so that taxes would increase proportionally as alcohol content increases.

- Carried - (M-11-117)

10.3 Nutritious Food Basket

Moved by
Mayor Fallis

Seconded by
Reeve Smith

That the Board of Health for the Peterborough County-City Health Unit receive the Nutritious Food Basket report for information.

- Carried - (M-11-118)

10.4 Update – Position Description, Medical Officer of Health

Moved by
Mr. Watton

Seconded by
Mr. Jobe

That the Board of Health for the Peterborough County-City Health Unit approve proposed revisions to the Position Description for the Medical Officer of Health.

- Carried - (M-11-119)

11. Committee Reports

Nil.

12. In Camera

Nil.

13. Date, Time, and Place of the Next Regular Meetings

The next meeting of the Board of Health will take place on November 9, 2011 in Council Chambers, County of Peterborough Court House, or at the call of the Chair.

14. Adjournment

Moved by
Mayor Fallis
That the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by
Councillor Beamer

- Carried – (M-11-120)

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Chairperson

Medical Officer of Health