

**Board of Health for the  
Peterborough County-City Health Unit  
Minutes  
Wednesday, February 11, 2009  
(Board Room – 10 Hospital Drive, Peterborough)**

**Present:**

**Board Members:** Councillor Henry Clarke  
Councillor Jack Doris  
Mr. Jim Embrey  
Chief Keith Knott  
Reeve Ron Millen  
Deputy Reeve Madeline Pearson  
Councillor Patti Peeters  
Mr. David Watton  
Deputy Reeve Andy Sharpe

**Regrets:** Mr. Paul Jobe

**Staff:** Dr. Rosana Pellizzari, Medical Officer of Health  
Mrs. Barbara Matwey, Administrative Assistant  
Mr. Tom Cathcart, Director, Health Protection  
Mrs. Maureen McKeen, Director, Health Promotion  
Mrs. Lorraine Skipwith, Director, Administrative Services

**Media:** Ms. Finona Isaacson, The Examiner

**1. Call to Order**

Councillor Clarke called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Addition to the agenda:

8. New Business:

Report on the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alpha) Winter Semi-Annual Meeting by Mr. David Watton.

Moved by

Deputy Reeve Pearson

That the agenda be approved with one addition.

Seconded by

Deputy Reeve Sharpe

- Carried – (M-09-20)

3. **Presentations**

3.1 Staff Recognition – Mr. Jack Mormul, Public Health Inspector  
Deferred.

3.2 JustFood Program

Ms. Lynn Zimmer, Executive Director, and Ms. Joëlle Favreau, Community Development Coordinator, YWCA of Peterborough, Victoria, & Haliburton highlighted the importance and tremendous success of the subsidies to the Food Box Program. When people are given the means to access food they do it. Over 80 tons of food was distributed to families in 2008 through the Food Box Program. Ms. Favreau explained that while it might look like food is cheap in our region, for many people it's not cheap enough. At this time of economic hardship the food box is needed more than every, as is a secure source of funding. The success of the program is the partnership with sponsoring organizations and giving people good healthy good choices.

4. **Approval of the Minutes**

Moved by  
Mr. Watton

Seconded by  
Mr. Deputy Reeve Pearson

That the minutes of the Board of Health meeting held on January 21, 2009 be approved.

- Carried - (M-09-21)

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Board Members' Honoraria

5.1 Moved by  
Councillor Doris

Seconded by  
Chief Knott

That the Board members' honoraria rate be maintained at \$145.61 for 2009.

- Carried – (M-09-22)

5.2 No other business arising was discussed.

**6. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence included in the agenda or tabled at the meeting.

**7. Reports**

**7.1 Medical Officer of Health**

In addition to the materials provided in the agenda, Dr. Pellizzari reported on the following.

Childhood Healthy Weights Surveillance Steering Committee

Dr. Pellizzari has been appointed to the new Childhood Healthy Weights Surveillance Steering Committee. Dr. Pellizzari will keep Board members informed about the work of the committee.

Ontario Public Health Standards

The Health Unit's management team met for a full day on February 9, 2009. This was the first step in the implementation of the new Ontario Public Health Standards(OPHS). The work from this day will go to the Health Unit's Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is comprised of the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Rosana Pellizzari, and the Health Unit's three Directors, Mr. Tom Cathcart, Mrs. Maureen McKeen, and Mrs. Lorraine Skipwith. The Executive Committee will lead the implementation process.

Ontario Public Health Report Card

The provincial report on public health has been delayed until April. A data verification process is underway. The data for Peterborough has been reviewed. The information on Peterborough is available to any member of the Board on request.

First Nations and Public Health

On February 25, 2009 Dr. Pellizzari and Chief Knott will be attending a forum organized by the Chiefs of Ontario. Dr. Pellizzari will be speaking on a panel addressing First Nations partnerships with public health.

Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program

As a follow-up to a visit to Peterborough by MPP Deborah Matthews, Minister of Children and Youth Services, Dr. Pellizzari met with MPP Jeff Leal. The purpose of the meeting was to explain why Dr. Pellizzari questioned Minister Matthews about the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children program at a recent consultation on the Provincial Poverty Reduction Plan, and to update Mr. Leal on Peterborough's Healthy Babies, Healthy Children program and the funding shortfall projected for 2009 in the

7. Reports (Cont'd)

7.1 Medical Officer of Health (Cont'd)

Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program (Cont'd)

amount of \$130,000.00. Mr. Leal was informed that the funding shortfall will seriously limit the Board's ability to deliver services.

Board members were advised that the 100% provincially funded Healthy Babies, Healthy Children program has had no increase to its budget for five years and has been unable to meet provincially set service targets.

Moved by  
Councillor Doris

Seconded by  
Councillor Peeters

That the Board of Health direct staff to prepare a letter addressed to Minister Deborah Matthews, for the Chair of the Board's signature, expressing the Board's concern about the announcement from the Province that there will be no increase to the 2009 budget for the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program, nor will there be any one-time funding approval and to outline in the letter the impact of the projected \$130,000.00 funding shortfall on service.

- Carried – (M-09-23)

7.2 Staff Report - Tobacco Product Advertising

Dr. Pellizzari highlighted Staff Report – Tobacco Product Advertising.

Following discussion it was:

Moved by  
Chief Knott

Seconded by  
Mr. Embrey

That the Board of Health:

1. write to the Federal Minister of Health, area Members of Parliament and the Prime Minister to support a complete ban on tobacco advertising and promotion;
2. request a meeting with local Members of Parliament to discuss the issue;
3. request that the Provincial Minister of Health, the Minister of Health Promotion, Peterborough region's Member of Provincial Parliament, and the Premier advocate with their federal counterparts for a complete ban on tobacco advertising and promotion; and

7. **Reports (Cont'd)**

7.2 **Staff Report - Tobacco Product Advertising (Cont'd)**

4. support national advocacy initiatives that call for further restrictions on tobacco advertising and promotions.

- Carried – (M-09-24)

8. **New Business**

8.1 **Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA) Winter Semi-Annual Meeting**

Mr. Watton provided a summary of the meetings and presentations that he attended at the alpha Winter Semi-Annual Meeting. The meeting took place in Toronto on February 5 and 6, 2009. Mr. Watton stated that he was very impressed with the expert presenters and with the content of the presentations. A full day program, *Food for Thought*, featured the public health perspectives regarding food production and sustainability as well as food and beverage marketing to children. All of the presentations made at the meeting will be available through ALPHA's website.

Moved by  
Deputy-Reeve Pearson

Seconded by  
Mr. Embrey

That the Board of Health receive for information Mr. David Watton's report ALPHA's Winter Semi-Annual Meeting.

- Carried – (M-09-25)

9. **In Camera**

Moved by  
Councillor Peeters  
That the Board of Health go In Camera.

Seconded by  
Deputy Reeve Pearson

- Carried – (M-09-26)

Moved by  
Councillor Peeters  
That the Board of Health rise from In Camera.

Seconded by  
Reeve Millen

- Carried – (M-09-27)

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*Councillor Clarke excused himself from the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Embrey assumed chairmanship of the meeting.*

Building Condition Audit

Moved by

Councillor Peeters

That the Building Condition Audit and Reserve Fund Study dated December 2008 prepared by Gregg Gordon Architect be referred to the Property Committee.

Seconded by

Deputy-Reeve Pearson

- Carried – (M-09-28)

Private Sewage Disposal Program

Moved by

Reeve Millen

That the Private Sewage Disposal program continue to be delivered by the Board of Health; and that staff are directed to address the administrative workload associated with the program.

Seconded by

Councillor Doris

- Carried – (M-09-29)

Performance Appraisal – Medical Officer of Health

Moved by

Mr. Watton

That personnel policy and procedure titled Medical Officer of Health Performance Appraisal be approved.

Seconded by

Chief Knott

- Carried – (M-09-30)

**10. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting**

The Board of Health will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 in the Board Room at 10 Hospital Drive, or at the call of the Chairperson.

**11. Adjournment**

Moved by

Councillor Peeters

That the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by

Reeve Ron Millen

- Carried - (M-09-31)

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Medical Officer of Health