

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

Present:

Board Members: Councillor Jack Doris
Mr. Jim Embrey, Vice Chairperson
Chief Keith Knott
Reeve Ron Millen
Deputy Reeve Madeline Pearson
Mr. David Watton
Deputy Reeve Andy Sharpe

Regrets: Councillor Henry Clarke, Chairperson
Mr. Pau Jobe
Councillor Patti Peeters

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

1. Call to Order

Mr. Jim Embrey called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m.

Dr. Pellizzari introduced Mrs. Alida Tanna, Administrative Assistant. Ms. Tanna's duties include providing administrative support to the members of the Board of Health and the Medical Officer of Health.

2. Approval of Agenda

Addition to the agenda:

- 8. New Business:
- 8.3 Tobacco Litigation

Moved by
Deputy Reeve Pearson
That the agenda be approved with one addition.

Seconded by
Mr. Watton

- Carried – (M-09-32)

3. Presentations

3.1 Staff Retirement

Mr. Jack Mormul, retired Public Health Inspector, was recognized for his many years of public health service.

3. Presentations (Cont'd.)

3.2 Group Insurance Renewal Report

Mrs. Mary Crukleton, Mosey & Mosey Benefit Plan Consultant, presented the renewal of the Health Unit's group insurance program.

4. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by

Councillor Doris

Seconded by

Mr. Deputy Reeve Pearson

That the minutes of the Board of Health meeting held on February 11, 2009 be approved.

- Carried - (M-09-32)

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Board Policy Governance Workshop

The agenda for the April 8, 2009 Board of Health Policy Governance Workshop was distributed.

5.2 No other business arising was discussed.

6. Correspondence

Moved by

Chief Knott

Seconded by

Mr. Watton

That the following documents be received for information.

1. Letter dated February 17, 2009 to the Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister, Ministry of Children and Youth Services from Councillor Clarke requesting that consideration be given to fund Healthy Babies, Healthy Children program as part of the Poverty Reduction Strategy.
2. Letters dated February 24, 2009 to the Honourable Dalton McGuinty and the Honourable Dwight Duncan from Councillor Clarke the Provincial Budget 2009 and Poverty Reduction.
3. Letters dated February 27, 2009 to:
Prime Minister Stephen Harper;
Minister Margaret Best;
Premier Dalton McGuinty;
The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq;
Minister David Caplan;
Deal Del Mastro, M.P., Peterborough;
Jeff Leal, M.P.P. Peterborough; and
Barry Devolin, M.P. Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Brock
regarding a resolution dealing with tobacco industry advertising passed by the Board of Health at its February 11, 2009 meeting.

6. Correspondence (Cont'd)

4. "Put Food in the Budget" campaign package from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA).

- Carried - (M-09-33)

Dr. Pellizzari drew Board members' attention to the ALPHA "Put Food in the Budget" campaign. ALPHA is spearheading advocacy to urge the Ontario government to add a Healthy Food Supplement to the Basic Needs Allowance for all adult recipients of social assistance as part of its Spring 2009 budget. Local advocacy includes a segment on the cable TV program "To Your Health", and media event is taking place at the Health Unit on Monday March 16, 2009.

7. Reports

7.1 Medical Officer of Health

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

Upcoming Discussion on "Building Public Health Capacity"

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is holding a consultation on capacity for public health units. There will be short discussion paper and an on-line survey. Dr. Pellizzari encouraged Board of Health members (current and past), staff, and any other key partners, to read the paper and respond to the survey. The purpose of this exercise is to start the policy discussion that was initiated by the report of the Capacity Review committee in 2006. Several Board members indicated that they had already completed the on-line survey.

Food Security Partnership Update

There continues to be a lot of interest in finding funding to sustain the work of the Food Security Partnership. Mayor Ayotte has written to the Province advocating that additional funds for the work be approved in the Health Unit's base budget. County Council has endorsed the work of the Partnership. Warden Ron Gerow has met and advocated on behalf of the Partnership with provincial health officials.

Moved by

Deputy Reeve Pearson

Seconded by

Reeve Millen

That the Medical Officer of Health's report be received for information.

- Carried - (M-09-34)

8. New Business

8.1 Group Insurance Renewal

Moved by

Deputy Reeve Pearson

That the Board of Health approve the renewal of the Employee Group Benefit

Plan effective April 1, 2009 as outlined in Mosey & Mosey's renewal report dated

April 1, 2009.

Seconded by

Reeve Millen

- Carried - (M-09-35)

8.2 Records Policy

Moved by

Mr. Watton

That the revised Records policy be approved.

Seconded by

Councillor Doris

- Carried - (M-09-36)

8.3 Tobacco Litigation – Cost Recovery (Staff Report Dated March 5, 2009)

Following discussion it was

Moved by

Reeve Millen

That the Board of Health write to Jeff Leal, MPP, Chris Bentley, Attorney

General, and David Caplan, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to express

support for the proposed new legislation, which if passed, would allow the

government to sue tobacco companies for alleged wrongdoing in order to recover

past and current health care costs due to tobacco-related illness, and request that

funds gained from any future lawsuit be utilized to fund tobacco prevention and

cessation activities (including access to funded pharmacological treatment).

Seconded by

Mr. Watton

- Carried - (M-09-37)

9. In Camera

Moved by

Deputy Reeve Pearson

That the Board of Health go In Camera.

Seconded by

Mr. Watton

- Carried – (M-09-38)

Moved by

Deputy Reeve Sharpe

That the Board of Health rise from In Camera.

Seconded by

Deputy Reeve Pearson

- Carried – (M-09-39)

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10. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The Board of Health will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 in the Board Room at 10 Hospital Drive, or at the call of the Chairperson.

11. Adjournment

Moved by
Reeve Millen
That the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by
Chief Knott

- Carried - (M-09-40)

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Chairperson

Medical Officer of Health