

**Board of Health for the
Peterborough County-City Health Unit
Minutes
Wednesday, September 9, 2009
Administrative Building, Curve Lake First Nation**

Present:

Board Members: Councillor Henry Clarke (Chairperson)
Councillor Jack Doris
Mr. Paul Jobe
Chief Keith Knott
Chief Laurie Carr
Reeve Ron Millen
Deputy Reeve Andy Sharpe
Deputy Reeve Madeline Pearson
Councillor Patti Peeters

Regrets: Mr. Jim Embrey
Mr. David Watton

Staff: Dr. Rosana Pellizzari, Medical Officer of Health
Mrs. Lorraine Skipwith, Director, Administrative Services (Recorder)
Mr. Tom Cathcart, Director, Health Protection
Mrs. Maureen McKeen, Director, Health Promotion
Mrs. Brittany Cadence, Communications Officer
Mrs. Alida Tanna, Administrative Assistant

**Curve Lake
First Nation:** Ms. Carol Taylor, Manager, Health & Family Services, Curve Lake First
Nation
Ms. Eleanor Taylor, Cultural Co-ordinator, Curve Lake First Nation

Media: Ms. Fiona Isaacson, The Examiner

1. Welcome and Prayer

Chief Knott stated that the official welcome and opening ceremonies would take place when Ms. Carol Taylor and Ms. Eleanor Taylor joined the meeting.

2. Call to Order

Councillor Clarke called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m. Councillor Clarke thanked Chief Knott and staff for hosting the Board of Health meeting at Curve Lake First Nation.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by
Mr. Jobe
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Seconded by
Deputy Reeve Pearson

- Carried - (M-09-94)

4. **Presentations**

The Presentation on Public Health Issues, Curve Lake First Nation was deferred until the arrival of Ms. Carol Taylor.

5. **Approval of the Minutes**

Moved by
Deputy Reeve Sharpe
That the minutes of the Board of Health meetings held on June 10, 2009 and July 29, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Seconded by
Mr. Jobe

- Carried - (M-09-95)

6. **Business Arising From the Minutes**

6.1 **Updates**

6.1.1 **Budget 2009**

Dr. Pellizzari reported that provincial budget approval had been received for 2009 mandatory and related public health programs and services.

Mrs. Skipwith distributed copies of a document titled:
Update – Peterborough County-City Health Unit Provincial Budget Approval – Mandatory and Related Public Health Programs. Referring to this document, Mrs. Skipwith explained the impact of the provincial approval on mandatory and related public health programs. Although the provincial budget approval for Mandatory Programs reflects a budget shortfall of \$37,896., it is anticipated that the Health Unit will be able to operate within the reduced budget.

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Ms. Carol Taylor and Ms. Dorothy Taylor joined the meeting.

Opening Ceremonies and Prayer

Chief Knott introduced Ms. Carol Taylor, Manager, Health & Family Services, and Elder Ms Eleanor Taylor, Cultural Co-ordinator, Curve Lake First Nation

Chief Knott welcomed the members of the Board of Health, staff, and visitors to Curve Lake First Nation. Chief Knott acknowledged Ms. Carole Taylor and her staff for the meal prepared for the Board of Health.

Ms. Taylor conducted a traditional opening prayer. Ms. Taylor also blessed the food that would be eaten later in the meeting.

Councillor Clarke and other members of the Board of Health thanked Ms. Taylor for her prayers and words of inspiration.

Presentation

Curve Lake Health Services

Ms. Carol Taylor, Manager, Health & Family Services, Curve Lake First Nation, provided a comprehensive overview of the health and family services programs offered at Curve Lake First Nation.

Ms. Taylor reported that the three priority areas for Curve Lake Health Services are diabetes, pandemic planning, and pain management.

Prior to concluding her presentation, Mrs. Taylor answered many questions from the members of the Board of Health about Curve Lake First Nation's health and family programs and services.

In response to a question from Councillor Peeters about access to a new insulin drug, Ms. Carol Taylor explained that it takes 2 years for the Federal government to include new drugs in the funding formulary for First Nations.

Councillor Jobe asked if there was anything the Board of Health could do to help expedite the approval process for the addition new drugs to the funding formulary for First Nations. Dr. Pellizzari stated that this is a federal matter but it is an opportunity for advocacy by the Board of Health if requested by Curve Lake.

6. **Business Arising From the Minutes (Continued)**

6.1 **Updates (Continued)**

6.1.2 **Food Security Partnership Project**

Dr. Pellizzari reported that despite the base budget and one-time funding approved by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care for the Food Security Partnership Project, there will still be a funding shortfall for the project in 2009. Dr. Pellizzari stated that she is hopeful that the shortfall can be found from 2009 operations to fund the project for the balance of 2009. For 2010, staff is pursuing more sustainable funding for the project. Dr. Pellizzari is optimistic that the project will continue.

6.1.3 **Tobacco Funding**

Dr. Pellizzari reported that the 100% provincially funded Smoke Free Ontario budget has been confirmed. Funding for the Youth Action Alliance was discontinued effective August 31, 2009. The Ministry of Health Promotion is looking at ways to mobilize and use youth in other sectors and areas. The Health Unit has \$13,000 to spend on youth engagement from September 1 to December 31, 2009. This money is being used to identify how youth will be engaged in Peterborough.

Board members acknowledged the work of Peer Leaders in Peterborough and expressed their concern over the loss of funding for the Youth Action Alliance.

6.1.4 **Communications Pilot**

Mrs. Brittany Cadence, Communications Officer, presented an update on the Communications Pilot Project. The presentation outlined a number of activities planned for the coming year to streamline the Health Unit's communications function and support program staff in meeting the Ontario Public Health Standards. Upcoming projects included developing a communications project management database, tightening up the communications components of the emergency response plan, developing a set of graphic design standards for promotional materials, creating a marketing plan, and improving the health unit's website and intranet site.

7. Correspondence

Moved by
Mr. Jobe

Seconded by
Councillor Peeters

That the following documents be received for information.

1. Letter dated June 5, 2009 from the Honourable Margaret Best, Minister of Health Promotion in response to initial correspondence dated February 27, 2009 sent by Councillor Henry Clarke advocating for federal prohibition of tobacco advertising.
2. Letter dated June 15, 2009 from the Office of the Premier, Honourable Dalton McGuinty in response to initial correspondence dated June 4, 2009 regarding funding for the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy and Youth Action Alliances in Ontario.
3. Letter dated June 19, 2009 from Councillor Henry Clarke to Mr. Jim Whelan, Reeve, North Kawartha Township, thanking him for the opportunity for our youth delegation to make a deputation to their Council on June 2nd.
4. Letter dated July 16, 2009 from Ms. Cynthia Morton, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health Promotion regarding funding for the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy.
5. Letter dated August 12, 2009 from Mr. Denis Gertler, Director, Smoke-Free Ontario, Ministry of health Promotion regarding finalized enforcement funding allocations for the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy, 2009-2010.
6. Letter dated July 28, 2009 from Councillor Henry Clarke to the Joint Services Steering Committee, City of Peterborough, regarding the Ontario Works Adult Discretionary Dental Program.
7. Letter dated August 27, 2009 from Councillor Henry Clarke to Mr. J. Murray Jones, Chair of the Joint Services Steering Committee, City of Peterborough, regarding funding for the Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) program.
8. Letters dated August 27, 2009 from Councillor Henry Clarke to Mr. Barry Devolin, M.P. Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, and Mr. Dean Del Mastro, M.P. Peterborough, advocating for support regarding tobacco control.

7. **Correspondence (Continued)**

9. Resolution from Durham regarding recommendations of the Toronto Board of Health with respect to food safety and foodborne illness.

10. Resolution from Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph regarding a Board of Health resolution advocating for restrictions on tobacco industry advertising to youth.

- Carried - (M-09-96)

8. **Reports**

Medical Officer of Health Report

Second Quarter 2009 Report on Programs and Services

Moved by

Seconded by

Councillor Doris

Deputy Reeve Sharpe

The second quarter 2009 report on programs and services be received for information.

- Carried (M-09-97)

Pandemic Update

Dr. Pellizzari gave an oral update on seasonal and H1N1 influenza planning. Dr. Pellizzari reported the Province has indicated that it will provide funding for computer hardware for use at mass immunization clinics. To date the Province has not indicated what financial support will be provided the human resource support needed for mass immunization clinics.

Following discussion it was

Moved by

Seconded by

Councillor Peeters

Deputy Reeve Pearson

That Dr. Pellizzari communicate to the Province the serious financial stress that mass immunization clinics will have on the Health Unit.

- Carried – (M-09-98)

Mr. Jobe asked Dr. Pellizzari to provide him with a summary of her update on seasonal and H1N1 influenza by e-mail.

Moved by

Seconded by

Concillor Peeters

Chief Knott

That the Board of Health receive for information Dr. Pellizzari's oral update on seasonal and H1N1 influenza.

- Carried – (M-09-99)

9. **New Business**

9.1 **Air Quality Health Index**

Following discussion it was

Moved by
Councillor Peeters

Seconded by
Reeve Millen

1. That the Board of Health write to the Minister of Environment, John Gerretsen, indicating its support for the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) and urging that the Ministry of Environment reconsider its plan to await further studies before considering provincial adoption of the AQHI.
2. That a copy of this report and the letter to Minister Gerretsen be forwarded to Mister Caplan, MPPs Jeff Leal and Rick Johnson, and Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Arlene King.
3. That this report be forwarded to Boards of Health with a request that they endorse this recommendation and communicate this to Minister Gerrestsen, Minister Caplan and their MPPs.

- Carried – (M-09-100)

9.2 **Initial Report on Public Health**

Dr. Pellizzari presented an overview of the Initial Report on Public Health.

Moved by
Mr. Jobe

Seconded by
Chief Knott

That Dr. Pellizzari's report on the Initial Report on Public Health be received for information.

- Carried – (M-09-101)

9.3 **2008/2009 Infant & Toddler Development Program Audited Financial Statements and Annual Program Expenditure Reconciliation**

Moved by
Deputy Reeve Pearson

Seconded by
Councillor Peeters

That the Board of Health approve the 2008/2009 Infant & Toddler Development Program Audited Financial Statements and Annual Program Expenditure Reconciliation.

- Carried – (M-09-102)

9. New Business (Continued)

9.4 2008/2009 Preschool Speech and Language Program Audited Financial Statements

Moved by
Councillor Peeters

Seconded by
Reeve Millen

That the Board of Health approve the 2008/2009 Preschool Speech and Language program audited Financial Statements.

- Carried – (M-09-103)

9.5 2008/2009 Peterborough Interprofessional Collaboration for Stroke Prevention Program Audited Financial Statements

Moved by
Councillor Doris

Seconded by
Mr. Jobe

That the Board of Health approve the 2008/2009 Peterborough Interprofessional Collaboration for Stroke Prevention program nine month period audited Financial Statements.

- Carried – (M-09-104)

10. In Camera to Discuss Confidential Personnel Matters

Moved by
Mr. Jobe

Seconded by
Deputy Reeve Pearson

That the Board of Health go In Camera to discuss confidential personnel and legal matters.

- Carried - (M-09-105)

Moved by
Councillor Doris

Seconded by
Chief Knott

That the Board of Health rise from In Camera.

- Carried - (M-09-106)

11. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Health will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2009. This meeting will have a Thanksgiving theme.

Dr. Pellizzari reminded Board members that they are welcome to attend the Health Unit's All Staff Day being held at Northminster United Church on October 29th, 2009.

The annual Board photo is planned for the October 14th, 2009 Board meeting. Also at this meeting influenza immunization will be offered to eligible Board members.

Councillor Clarke acknowledged Chief Knott for his community service, in particular his First Nations Lifetime Achievement Award. Chief Knott thanked Councillor Clarke for his comments. Chief Knott stated that he is also very proud of the Civic Leadership Award he received at Trent University and his marriage of 51 years.

12. Adjournment

Moved by
Councillor Petersen

Seconded by
Reeve Millen

- Carried - (M-07-107)

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Chairperson

Medical Officer of Health