



**County  
of Huron**

## **Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee**



**Minutes - August 1, 2006**

*GODERICH, ONTARIO*

The HEALTH, AMBULANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE met in the Auditorium of the Health and Library Complex, Clinton at 9:00 a.m. with all members present.

## **1. Minutes**

**Moved by M. Scott**

**Seconded by K. Oke**

**That the minutes of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee meeting of June 6, 2006 be adopted as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

### **2. Report of the Medical Officer of Health**

Dr. Beth Henning, Medical Officer of Health, presented the following reports for the information of the committee and Council.

- a) Audited 2005 Financial Report

Vodden, Bender and Seebach, Chartered Accountants, have audited the statements of financial position of the Huron County Board of Health and statements of financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2005.

**Moved by D. Shewfelt**

**Seconded by J. Bezaire**

**That the audited financial statements be received.**

**CARRIED**

- b) Pandemic Planning Update (Appendix A)

**Moved by D. Shewfelt**

**Seconded by M. Scott**

**That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

- c) Recent Health Unit Activities

Dr. Henning gave a verbal update on the current activities at the Health Unit and a lengthy discussion and answer period ensued.

It is the second day of a Heat Alert. There will be media releases informing those of the public without fans or air conditioning about heat relief stations in their area where they can go to stay cool.

Minister of Health Promotion, Mr. Jim Watson, has contacted the Health Unit informing the County of his intent to visit the Health Unit on August 18, 2006 to meet with staff and Board Members. It is anticipated that he will be making some sort of an announcement. Councillors were also invited to attend a meeting with Perth and Oxford Counties. The Warden suggested that the AMO Conference would be a good place and time to have a discussion.

Residents of the Crediton and Centralia area met with staff regarding public health issues around septic systems. There were five residents in attendance. Pam Scharfe informed the committee that they simply wanted to understand the public health issues for educational purposes.

Dr. Henning updated the committee on the order of events that occurred around the St. Joseph's manure spill. Notifications went out and there was a multiagency response which included: Ministry of the Environment (MOE), Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA), Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), and the Bluewater Shoreline Residents Association. Problems did occur when private citizens blocked the ravine. The MOE ordered that the blockade be removed. Dr. Henning informed the committee that releasing the birm was the right thing to do, and in fact serious implications could have occurred had it not been removed. Risk assessments continue to be made by the Health Unit, which requires two consecutive good water samples before removing any postings. Paul Klopp stated that the shoreline residents have requested funding for tests conducted and potential remediation attempts by a private company.

There was also a manure spill reported at the Seaforth Golf Course which was confirmed on July 10, 2006. A plug was blown on a discontinued drain on the fourth and fifth holes. The spill was contained. Dr. Henning reported that the golf course was phenomenal in their response; notifying golfers and undertaking remediation activities, etc.

#### **FOR INFORMATION**

### **3. Safe Water Program**

Pam Scharfe, Public Health Manager, presented the attached report (Appendix B) for the information of committee and Council.

The committee was informed that the Rotary Cove Beach in Goderich has qualified for the Blue Flag Program, an international symbol of clean beaches. A formal presentation with ministry representatives will be held on August 8, 2006 at the Rotary Cove on Goderich waterfront. A pamphlet describing the program was distributed.

**Moved by D. Shewfelt**  
**Seconded by M. Scott**  
**That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

### **4. Accreditation of the Health Unit**

Alex Berry, Public Health Manager, presented the attached report (Appendix C) and Power Point Presentation for the information of committee and Council.

Discussion ensued on expenses surrounding the accreditation process. Mr. Berry informed the committee that a surveyor's fee of approximately \$6,000 was paid in 2005. There are no definitive figures to date. The CAO informed the committee that costs are incorporated in the overall budget. There have not been any outside consultants or new staff hired to complete the process. The last time that the Health Unit was accredited was for one year in 1993.

**Moved by P. Klopp**  
**Seconded by K. Oke**  
**That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

**5. West Nile Virus Program Update**

Laura Farrell, Public Health Manager, submitted the attached report (Appendix D) for the information of committee and Council seeking policy approval. West Nile Technicians, Linda Goddard and Jennifer Reid reviewed the attached presentation outlining the 2006 West Nile Virus Program and an overview of the 2005 surveillance data.

Paul Dawson, West Nile Virus lead, Public Health Inspector, reviewed the Integrated Pest Management protocol; proposal for vector control measures; and standing water complaints across the County. The WNV Advisory Committee is investigating the possible use of a joint letter to address standing water complaints.

It is recommended that:

- i) The Medical Officer of Health shall determine if and when mosquito control measures are required to protect the health of our residents according to the established risk assessment protocol. Should larviciding be deemed appropriate for this purpose, the Health Unit shall contract out to a properly licensed third party to obtain approvals, conduct the application, and ensure all required monitoring is conducted.
- ii) When standing water complaints are received, the Municipality will investigate with respect to property standards issues, and the Health Unit will investigate with respect to potential health risks. Wherever possible joint inspections will be conducted. This process is to be initiated by the party that first receives the complaint. A letter(s) outlining recommended corrective actions is to be issued by the Municipality and the Health Unit.

**Moved by P. Klopp**  
**Seconded by D. Shewfelt**  
**That the recommendations be approved.**

**CARRIED**

**6. Accounts and Financial Statements**

Accounts for June 2006 were reviewed.

General Health Programs	\$109,047.82
Healthy Hearts	1,270.48
Huron Addiction Services	1,417.49

Financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2006 were reviewed.

HEALTH UNIT	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
General Programs	\$1,761,270	\$2,194,605	\$2,393,909	\$3,063,587	\$632,639	\$868,982
Initiatives	86,129	155,337	87,516	155,337	1,387	(1,387)
Heart Health	24,691		24,691			

**Moved by D. Shewfelt**

**Seconded by M. Scott**  
**That the accounts and financial statements be received.**

**CARRIED**

IN CAMERA

**Moved by J. Bezaire**  
**Seconded by M. Scott**  
**That the committee proceed "In Camera" at 12:11 p.m. to discuss a legal matter and that Pam Scharfe, Marlene Price, Dr. Henning, and Larry C. Adams remain in attendance.**

**CARRIED**

**Moved by J. Bezaire**  
**Seconded by Warden R. Morley**  
**That the committee rise from "In Camera" at 12:40 p.m.**

**CARRIED**

**Moved by J. Bezaire**  
**Seconded by M. Scott**  
**That staff be authorized to proceed as instructed in camera.**

**CARRIED**

## **AMBULANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

### **7. Land Ambulance Services**

- a) Administrative Update (Appendix E)

David Lew, Manager of Land Ambulance Operations, presented the attached reports and answered questions for the information of committee and Council.

A discussion ensued on the Tiered Response Agreements and the fire agencies.

**Moved by P. Klopp**  
**Seconded by Warden R. Morley**  
**That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

- b) Tender, Wingham Base

Don Pletch, County Engineer, was in attendance to present the attached report dated July 26, 2006 for the information of the committee. It was noted that the facilities division normally reports to the Planning, Agriculture and Public Works Committee but because it is also an ambulance issue the tender approval was chosen to be dealt with here. It was also noted that the funding for the project needs to be confirmed with the Treasurer. Construction is expected to begin September 1, 2006 with a completion date of December 1, 2006.

It is recommended that the County accept the tender submitted by DOMM Construction Ltd. for the construction of a new, three-bay ambulance centre, including site servicing, on property previously

purchased by the County on North Street, Wingham, for the tendered price of \$482,088.00 (including GST).

It is further recommended that the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee refer their recommendation to the August 8, 2006 Committee of the Whole for approval by County Council in order that construction may be completed by December 1, 2006.

**Moved by D. Shewfelt**  
**Seconded by P. Klopp**  
**That the recommendations be approved.**

**CARRIED**

### **8. Accounts and Financial Statement**

Emergency Management Services accounts for June 2006 totalling \$22,043.46 were reviewed.

The financial statement for the period ending June 30, 2006 was reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Ambulance	\$1,410,587	\$1,384,740	\$3,445,069	\$3,651,333	\$2,034,482	\$2,266,593

**Moved by J. Bezaire**  
**Seconded by M. Scott**  
**That the accounts and financial statement be received.**

**CARRIED**

### **9. Report from the Social Services Department**

John MacKinnon, Social Services Administrator, presented the attached report (Appendix F) for the information of committee and Council.

There was a question and answer period. Councillor J. Bezaire inquired what the ages of current clients would be and expressed concern that senior clients would have more difficulty in finding employment. Michele Gaynor informed the committee that mental health issues and addictions are a more significant barrier to employment than age.

**Moved by J. Bezaire**  
**Seconded by K. Oke**  
**That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

### **10. Ontario Works Employment Service Plan**

Michele Gaynor, Ontario Works Manager, presented the attached report (Appendix G). It is recommended that the County of Huron Ontario Works Employment Assistance Service Plan be approved.

**Moved by D. Shewfelt**  
**Seconded by M. Scott**  
**That the recommendation be approved.**

**CARRIED**

**11. Improving Employment Outcomes for Non-Disabled Adult Members of Ontario Disabilities Support Program (ODSP)**

Michele Gaynor, Ontario Works Manager, presented the attached report (Appendix H) for the information of committee and Council and answered questions of the committee.

**Moved by Warden R. Morley  
Seconded by P. Klopp  
That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

**12. Children's Services**

Evy McDonagh, Children's Services Manager, submitted the attached report (Appendix I) for the information of committee and Council.

**Moved by J. Bezaire  
Seconded by Warden R. Morley  
That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

**13. Huron County Housing Services**

Don Brisson, Manager of Housing Services, submitted the following reports for the information of committee and Council.

- a) Administrative Update (Appendix J)

**Moved by M. Scott  
Seconded by K. Oke  
That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

- b) Capital Budget Request (Appendix K)

**Moved by J. Bezaire  
Seconded by Warden R. Morley  
That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

- c) Public Tender, Replacement of Roof Shingles (Appendix L)

It is recommended that Public Tender (HC) 2006-05 be awarded to the low qualified bidder for the replacement of roof shingles at 27 family housing units in Goderich.

**Moved by M. Scott  
Seconded by D. Shewfelt  
That the recommendation be approved.**

**CARRIED**

#### 14. Accounts and Financial Statements

Social Housing accounts for June 2006 totalling \$226,460.83 were reviewed.

Financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2006 were reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Social Services	\$7,993,860	\$9,312,192	\$10,295,540	\$11,714,384	\$2,301,680	\$2,402,192
Social Housing	1,123,682	1,096,449	1,689,349	1,816,264	565,668	719,815

**Moved by P. Klopp**

**Seconded by J. Bezaire**

**That the accounts and financial statements be received.**

**CARRIED**

#### 15. Correspondence Attached – For Information

- a) Ministry of the Environment, Backgrounder and News Release dated June 7, 2006 re: Province Safeguards Drinking Water in Homes and Schools.
- b) Ontario Health Quality Council, brochure received June 7, 2006.
- c) Blue Water Rest Home, letter received July 6, 2006 submitting their Business Plan for Special Transitional Support.
- d) List of Board of Health correspondence for the month of August 2006. (*Available upon request.*)

**FOR INFORMATION**

**16. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

**17. Adjournment**

**Moved by M. Scott**

**Seconded by J. Bezaire**

**That the meeting adjourn at 1:20 p.m. and be declared a full day meeting for those Councillors in attendance for more than two and half hours.**

**CARRIED**

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CHAIR