



**County
of Huron**

Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee



Minutes - November 7, 2006

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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 except Councillor P. Klopp.

1. Minutes

Moved by M. Scott

Seconded by J. Bezaire

That the minutes of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee meeting of October 10, 2006 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

BOARD OF HEALTH

2. Report of the Director and Medical Officer of Health

Penny Nelligan, Director of the Health Unit, introduced a student working in the Building Community Capacity squad, Carrie d'Entremont, and welcomed her as an observer to promote staff understanding of the political components of operating the Health Unit.

The Director thanked the committee for their support over the past year and requested discussion on the past and future agenda content of the Board of Health. A lengthy discussion ensued on time invested in educating committee members on public health issues; Board appointments; and information presented at meetings.

Generally members felt that the pace of introducing new information worked well and felt that the staff have done well in reporting to the committee. Councillor J. Bezaire suggested that meetings are to conduct business and that setting two or three days to provide member orientation should be considered. The Director posed the question of having "themed meetings" i.e. Youth or Water Issues to allow a more in-depth focus. The members agreed that themed meetings could be set for the next few meetings.

Dr. Beth Henning, Medical Officer of Health, discussed recent events for the information of the committee and Council. In her experience there is always room for improvement in how organizations do their work. She updated the council on the food recalls and new regulations from CFIA on spinach importation. She also informed the Board there is a movement afoot to open and review the Beach water protocol. The Huron County Health Unit is very excited about the opportunity to work on this initiative.

Moved by D. Shewfelt

Seconded by K. Oke

That the report be received.

CARRIED

3. Safe Water Program

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

There was a general consensus that the monthly updates on the Drinking Water Advisories were valuable and members wished to continue receiving this report.

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

CARRIED

4. 2006 Beaches Program

Bob Worsell, Public Health Inspector, updated the committee with a power point presentation on the 2006 Beaches Program for the information of committee and Council. (Available in the Clerks Office upon request.)

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

CARRIED

5. Board of Health Policy Manual

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

It is recommended that the Board of Health approve the following policies as distributed:

- BOH 2.01 Vision Statement
- BOH 2.05 Organizational Chart / Reporting Structure

Moved by D. Shewfelt
Seconded by K. Oke
That the recommendation be approved.

CARRIED

6. Accounts and Financial Statements

Accounts for October 2006 were reviewed.

General Health Programs	\$60,918.75
Healthy Hearts	5,038.37
Huron Addiction Services	1,470.27

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

HEALTH UNIT	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
General Programs	\$2,726,192	\$3,291,908	\$3,693,477	\$4,595,381	\$967,286	\$1,303,473
Initiatives	128,987	233,006	128,987	233,005		(1)
Heart Health	29,709		29,708		(1)	
Huron Addiction	169,298		169,260		(38)	

Moved by K. Oke
Seconded by M. Scott
That the accounts and financial statements be received.

CARRIED

AMBULANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES

7. Land Ambulance Services

David Lew, Manager of Land Ambulance Operations, presented the attached report (Appendix C), entitled "EMS Update", for the information of committee and Council.

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

CARRIED

8. Accounts and Financial Statement

Emergency Medical Services accounts for October 2006 totalling \$29,610.59 were reviewed.

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

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Ambulance	\$2,030,066	\$2,077,110	\$5,031,538	\$5,477,001	\$3,001,472	\$3,399,891

Moved by M. Scott
Seconded by K. Oke
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 D) for the information of committee and Council.

The Administrator thanked the committee members for their support over the past year. Warden R. Morley then thanked J. MacKinnon for his years of service and wished him the best in his retirement.

Moved by D. Shewfelt
Seconded by K. Oke
That the report be received.

CARRIED

10. Huron County Housing Services

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

a) Housing Analysis and Strategies Report

Tim Welch of Tim Welch Consulting was in attendance to present the report, various options and recommendations as outlined in the attached report (Appendix E) entitled, "Housing Analysis and Recommended Strategies Report" submitted by Don Brisson, Manager of Housing Services. (Executive Summaries also attached.) A similar presentation will be made at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

It is recommended that the findings of the Housing Analysis and recommendations of the Strategies report be accepted.

It is recommended that Housing Services be authorized to take action to implement the recommended strategies in collaboration with other departments, groups, agencies and various levels of government as appropriate where there would be no financial implications.

It is recommended that a cost analysis be completed on a case by case basis where there are financial ramifications and that the report be brought before the committee and council for approval prior to proceeding.

Moved by D. Shewfelt
Seconded by J. Bezaire
That the recommendations be approved.

CARRIED

b) Housing Services Update (Appendix F)

Moved by M. Scott
Seconded by Warden R. Morley
That the report be received.

CARRIED

c) Municipal Housing Facilities By-law (Appendix G)

It was noted that the lower tiers are not required to pass a by-law; only project specific by-laws would be required i.e. waiving development charges. The Housing Manager informed the committee that a letter was sent to Lower Tier Municipal Councils offering presentations to explain the three components of the affordable Housing Program.

Moved by J. Bezaire
Seconded by M. Scott
That the report be received and the necessary by-law be passed.

CARRIED

11. Accounts and Financial Statements

Social Housing accounts for October 2006 in the amount of \$202,006.69 were reviewed.

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

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Social Services	\$12,212,538	\$13,968,289	\$15,682,417	\$17,571,570	\$3,469,879	\$3,603,281
Social Housing	1,678,181	1,644,674	2,519,436	2,724,398	841,255	1,079,724

Moved by D. Shewfelt

Seconded by Warden R. Morley

That the accounts and financial statements be received.

CARRIED

12. Correspondence Attached – For Information

- a) List of Board of Health correspondence for the month of November 2006. (*Available upon request.*)
- b) Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, News Release C2646, regarding Residential Tenancies Act Takes Effect January 31, 2007
- c) Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
 - Transition of Information and Information Technology (I&IT) in the MOHLTC and Health Services I&IT Cluster.
 - Transition Update
 - Update from the Program Standards Technical Review Committee, October 5, 6, and 16 meetings.
- d) County of Bruce, Office of the Warden, received October 21, 2006 regarding Base Hospital Restructuring, and the draft revised Performance Agreement for a Host Hospital.
- e) AMO, Member Communication, October 24, 2006 re: New Regulation Addresses Paramedic Meal Break Issue.
- f) Employment Standards Act, 2000, Ontario Regulation 491/06 re: Terms and Conditions of Employment in Defined Industries, Ambulance Services.

FOR INFORMATION

13. Next Meeting

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

14. Adjournment

Moved by J. Bezaire

Seconded by Warden R. Morley

That the meeting adjourn at 12:10 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