



**County
of Huron**

Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee



Minutes - October 10, 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 K. Oke

Seconded by M. Scott

That the minutes of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee meeting of September 12, 2006 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

Councillor J. Bezaire declared a pecuniary interest with CUPE personnel matters and vacated the meeting room.

Moved by D. Shewfelt

Seconded by Warden R. Morley

That the committee proceed "In Camera" at 9:08 a.m. to discuss CUPE personnel matters and that Larry Adams, Penny Nelligan and Richard Hulley remain in attendance.

CARRIED

Moved by K. Oke

Seconded by Warden R. Morley

That the committee rise from "In Camera" at 9:30 a.m. and staff proceed as directed.

CARRIED

Councillor J. Bezaire returned to the meeting room and resumed his seat on the committee.

BOARD OF HEALTH

2. Report of the Director and Medical Officer of Health

Penny Nelligan, Director of the Health Unit, and Dr. Beth Henning, Medical Officer of Health, provided an update on the Capacity Review Response and Ministry of Health funding letters attached for the information of the committee and Council.

The Chief Medical Officer Health and Assistant Deputy Minister, Sheela Basrur, visited the Health Unit on Tuesday, October 3, 2006 to meet with staff who are involved in food safety. It was an informal meeting over lunch that was very positive. Board Chair, Neil Rintoul, was also in attendance.

There was discussion on Food Safety and the issue of education versus enforcement. Dr. Henning apprised the committee on the Health Units' response to information received regarding the recent Spinach recall. It was noted that the Health Unit had alerted business and hospitals before any directives had been received from the Ministry. The Health Unit's proactive actions were fortunate in that when the Ministry initiatives were issued staff had the answers prepared and there were not any staffing issues to deal with over the holidays. The two cases of botulism in Toronto are on respirators. The Health Unit will be discussing the warning process with the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Councillor D. Shewfelt discussed articles in the London Free Press and Municipal World regarding Emergency Preparedness and Pandemic Planning and questioned how the County is doing. The committee was informed that plans are ongoing. The Huron County Health Unit is offering a free session on "Preparing Your Family for Emergencies". The session will be October 19, 2006 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Staff are also meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2006 with County Funeral Directors to address their plans.

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

CARRIED

3. Safe Water Program

Pamela Scharfe, Public Health Manager, presented the attached report on Drinking Water Advisories (Appendix A) and a power point on the "Transfer of Responsibility for Small Drinking Water Systems from the Ontario Ministry of Environment to the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care/Local Health Units" for the information of committee and Council.

It was noted that the Health Unit was informed from the Ministry that the full roll out of the transfer has been deferred until 2008, as a result it was recommended the presentation also be deferred.

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

CARRIED

4. 2005 Food Safety Program

Pamela Scharfe, Public Health Manager, presented the attached report outlining the 2005 Food Safety Program (Appendix B) for the information of committee and Council.

It was noted that staff could put out a letter surveying food service premises on their existing food safety initiatives and current training regarding the Food Handler Certification Program.

Moved by Warden R. Morley
Seconded by D. Shewfelt
That the report be received.

CARRIED

5. Ontario Food Premise Regulation Amendments

Pamela Scharfe, Public Health Manager, presented the attached report outlining the recent amendments to the Ontario Food Premises Regulation Exempting Farmers' Markets, Fraternal Organizations, Religious Organizations and Service Clubs (Appendix C) for the information of committee and Council.

Moved by J. Bezaire
Seconded by M. Scott
That the report be received.

CARRIED

6. Breastfeeding Report

Marlene Price, Public Health Manager, presented the attached report (Appendix D) entitled, "Infant Nutrition", for the information of committee and Council.

Moved by J. Bezaire
Seconded by D. Shewfelt
That the report be received.

CARRIED

7. Board of Health Policy Manual

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

It is recommended that the following Board of Health Policies be approved.

BOH 2.03	Communication with the Board of Health
BOH 3.01	Sufficient and Competent Staff
BOH 3.02	Staff Qualifications
BOH 3.03	Labour Negotiations

Moved by J. Bezaire
Seconded by M. Scott
That the recommendation be approved.

CARRIED

8. Influenza Program 2006/2007

Laura Farrell, Public Health Manager, presented the attached report (Appendix F) and answered questions for the information of committee and Council.

Moved by D. Shewfelt
Seconded by J. Bezaire
That the report be received.

CARRIED

9. Accounts and Financial Statements

Accounts for September 2006 were reviewed.

General Health Programs	\$254,085.47
Healthy Hearts	3,155.36
Huron Addiction Services	2,208.02

Financial statements for the period ending August 31, 2006 were reviewed.

HEALTH UNIT	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
General Programs	\$2,382,554	\$2,926,140	\$3,264,467	\$4,084,779	\$881,913	\$1,158,639
Initiatives	120,559	207,117	120,558	207,117	(1)	
Heart Health	28,595		28,594		(1)	
Huron Addiction	121,113		121,112		(1)	

Moved by D. Shewfelt
Seconded by M. Scott
That the accounts and financial statements be received.

CARRIED

AMBULANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES

10. Land Ambulance Services

David Lew, Manager of Land Ambulance Operations, presented the following reports.

a) **Administrative Update (Appendix G)**

It was announced that as part of the Canadian Honours Programme, the Governor General makes available Exemplary Service Medals for EMS professionals. The award was created in 1994 and is available to eligible members of the pre-hospital emergency medical service who have served for at least twenty years in a meritorious manner. It recognizes those professionals who have performed their duties in an exemplary manner, characterized by the highest standards of good conduct, industry and efficiency. To qualify, at least ten of these years of service must have been street level duty involving potential risk to the individual.

David Lew received this award September 21, 2006 at the Association of Municipalities Emergency Medical Services of Ontario (AMEMSO) Conference in Windsor. Warden R. Morley expressed how proud and lucky the County of Huron should be to have Mr. Lew in our employ. The provincial downloading of the services was a difficult time and now the County's EMS is known as one of the best services in the province. Mr. Lew was recognized with applause.

Moved by J. Bezaire
Seconded by M. Scott
That the report be received.

CARRIED

b) **EMS Post Locations (Appendix H)**

It is recommended that the post locations at Bayfield and Ashfield be maintained at the current locations if an agreeable arrangement can be obtained. It is further recommended that the post at Brussels be maintained; however, the post be located in a building that is more conducive for EMS staff to await calls.

A discussion ensued with the EMS Manager answering questions of the committee. It was noted that costs will be part of the budget deliberations for 2007.

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

CARRIED

c) Operations Update (Appendix I)

Brad Lucas, Operations Manager, presented the report for the information of committee and Council.

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

CARRIED

11. Accounts and Financial Statement

Emergency Medical Services accounts for September 2006 totalling \$229,081.36 were reviewed.

The financial statement for the period ending August 31, 2006 was reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Ambulance	\$1,825,629	\$1,846,320	\$4,512,641	\$4,868,444	\$2,687,012	\$3,022,124

Moved by K. Oke
Seconded by J. Bezaire
That the accounts and financial statement be received.

CARRIED

12. Report from the Social Services Department

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

Moved by D. Shewfelt
Seconded by J. Bezaire
That the report be received.

CARRIED

13. Children's Services

A delegation from the Huron County Child Abuse Prevention Committee (HCCAPC) attended the August 8, 2006 Committee of the Whole meeting and submitted a funding proposal requesting \$23,000 to support their programs. A report was prepared and reviewed at the September 12, 2006 Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee. Staff was instructed to conduct additional

research and report back on statistical data of families served and how monies would be specifically utilized by the group.

Evy McDonagh, Children's Services Manager, presented the attached report (Appendix K) entitled, "Funding Proposal from the Huron County Child Abuse Prevention Committee" for the information of committee and Council.

A lengthy question and answer period ensued. Public Health Manager, Marlene Price, was also in attendance to answer questions of the committee. Topics of discussion included similarity of services, the County's mandate, the differences between the services offered, and how monies would be utilized. It was noted that T.H.E. Bus Program is a unique mobile service.

Moved by D. Shewfelt

Seconded by J. Bezaire

That the request for \$23,000 from the Child Abuse Prevention Committee be endorsed with funding to come from the 2007 Budget process.

MOTION DEFEATED

It was noted that staff does encourage collaboration amongst the agencies to ensure adequate services and to help minimize any duplications in services.

Moved by J. Bezaire

Seconded by M. Scott

That the report be received.

CARRIED

14. Huron County Housing Services

Don Brisson, Manager of Housing Services, submitted the attached report (Appendix L) for the information of committee and Council.

Moved by K. Oke

Seconded by Warden R. Morley

That the report be received.

CARRIED

15. Accounts and Financial Statements

Social Housing accounts for September 2006 in the amount of \$404,044.09 were reviewed.

Financial statements for the period ending August 31, 2006 were reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Social Services	\$10,753,790	\$12,416,258	\$13,859,715	\$15,619,172	\$3,105,925	\$3,202,914
Social Housing	1,493,973	1,461,933	2,214,885	2,421,688	720,912	959,755

Moved by M. Scott
Seconded by Warden R. Morley
That the accounts and financial statements be received.

CARRIED

16. Correspondence Attached – For Information

- a) List of Board of Health correspondence for the month of October 2006. (*Available upon request.*)
- b) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.
 - Doug Barnes, Assistant Deputy Minister, John Gerretsen, Minister re: Ontario's Affordable Housing Strategy, Information Booklet, August 2006. (*Available upon request.*)

FOR INFORMATION

17. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

18. Adjournment

Moved by J. Bezaire
Seconded by D. Shewfelt
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

CHAIR