



**County
of Huron**

Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee



Minutes - September 12, 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 J. Bezaire.

1. Minutes

Moved by K. Oke

Seconded by M. Scott

That the minutes of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee meeting of August 1, 2006 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Councillor's Issues

Councillor P. Klopp requested that the committee discuss an issue from the Blue Water Shoreline Association.

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 distributed the following material for review and requested discussion.

The following staff were introduced and welcomed by the committee. In the Supporting Healthy Communities quad are Lori Stanley, Steve Murphy and Alycia Collins. The County's Epidemiologist, Rachael Savage, was also welcomed.

- a) Medical Officer of Health Performance and Development Appraisal

The Director of the Health Unit requested discussion and direction regarding the Medical Officer of Health performance Appraisal. The following was distributed to assist the committee in formulating an appraisal: Brant County sample appraisal; and a template from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies. (*Available in the Clerk's Office upon request.*)

Moved by P. Klopp

Seconded by Warden R. Morley

That the Chair, N. Rintoul; the past Chair, D. Shewfelt; and Councillor K. Oke be appointed to develop the County's Medical Officer of Health Performance and Development Appraisal and report back to the committee.

CARRIED

b) Board of Health Appointments

There was a discussion on Board of Health Appointments. The application process from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care was distributed explaining new appointments and re-appointments of current appointees. *(Available in the Clerk's Office upon request.)*

Moved by D. Shewfelt

Seconded by P. Klopp

That a letter be sent to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care requesting that two (2) ministry appointments be made to the County's Board of Health for the next term, and further that a copy be sent to the M.P.P., Carol Mitchell.

CARRIED

c) Ministry of Children and Youth Services

Correspondence received September 11, 2006 from Mary Anne Chambers, Minister of Ministry of Children and Youth Services, responding to the Chairs' letter regarding funding for the Best Start Initiative.

FOR INFORMATION

d) Recent Events Update

The Medical Officer of Health (MOH) informed the committee that a response was followed up regarding the request for monies from the Blue Water Residents Shoreline Association. A letter of support was also sent for Crediton and Centralia sewage hook up.

The MOH presented the fact sheets on cryptosporidium. It was noted that Dr. Henning and P. Nelligan will be attending the council meeting in September for the Municipality of Bluewater.

Moved by D. Shewfelt

Seconded by K. Oke

That the materials be received.

CARRIED

3. Safe Water Program

Bob Worsell, Public Health Inspector, presented the attached report (Appendix A) and answered questions for the information of committee and Council.

Moved by M. Scott

Seconded by P. Klopp

That the report be received.

CARRIED

4. 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 following Board of Health policies be approved:

- BOH 1.01 Consistency with Other Policy Manuals
- BOH 1.02 Policy Manuals
- BOH 2.02 The Board of Health
- BOH 2.04 Legislative Acts and Regulations
- BOH 2.04 A List of Ontario Acts & Regulations Affecting Public Health

Moved by K. Oke
Seconded by Warden R. Morley
That the recommendation be approved.

CARRIED

5. Accounts and Financial Statements

Accounts for July 2006 were reviewed.

General Health Programs	\$97,214.83
Healthy Hearts	1,164.79
Huron Addiction Services	1,813.36

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

HEALTH UNIT	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
General Programs	\$2,081,429	\$2,560,373	\$2,832,834	\$3,574,184	\$751,405	\$1,013,811
Initiatives	102,076	181,227	102,074	181,228	(2)	1
Heart Health	26,410		26,409		(1)	
Huron Addiction	96,220		97,705		1,485	

Moved by P. Klopp
Seconded by M. Scott
That the accounts and financial statements be received.

CARRIED

There was some discussion on septic systems and the ongoing possibility of a re-inspection program in the future. Councillor D. Shewfelt requested committee members to keep in mind that the County could arrange either interest free loans or a type of grant for this kind of program. The Director of the Health Unit advised the committee that this issue was to address poverty issues, allowing access to a septic system for all residents.

AMBULANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES

6. Land Ambulance Services

David Lew, Manager of Land Ambulance Operations, presented the following reports and answered questions of the committee.

a) EMS Update (Appendix C)

A lengthy discussion ensued on call volume and vehicle response times for the period reported. It was also reported that Ron Latham has been appointed as chair to the non-emergent transfers working group. Their next meeting is scheduled for September 19th and the group will be reviewing a presentation from Voyager.

The manager reported that EMS is taking a look at special events request for emergency coverage and how the process affects the County's service. A discussion ensued.

IN CAMERA

Moved by M. Scott

Seconded by K. Oke

That the committee proceed "In Camera" at 11:50 a.m. to discuss a legal matter and that Larry C. Adams and D. Lew remain in attendance.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Klopp

Seconded by Warden R. Morley

That the committee rise from "In Camera" at 12:00 a.m.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Klopp

Seconded by K. Oke

That the report be received.

CARRIED

b) Casual Staff (Appendix D)

It is recommended that the service retain six (6) of the current contract staff as casual employees at the end of their contract as outlined within the Collective Agreement, to assist in bringing down the overtime and response time experienced due to current staffing levels.

Moved by D. Shewfelt

Seconded by M. Scott

That the recommendation be approved.

CARRIED

7. Accounts and Financial Statement

Emergency Medical Services accounts for July 2006 totalling \$23,994.36 were reviewed.

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

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Ambulance	\$1,614,840	\$1,615,530	\$3,991,247	\$4,259,893	\$2,376,407	\$2,664,363

Moved by P. Klopp

Seconded by M. Scott

That the accounts and financial statement be received.

CARRIED

8. Report from the Social Services Department

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

Moved by P. Klopp

Seconded by K. Oke

That the report be received.

CARRIED

9. Indigent Burials

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

It is recommended that, in 2007, the County of Huron establish a fund in the amount of \$10,000 to cover the cost of any indigent burials which cannot be funded by Ontario Works.

Moved by P. Klopp

Seconded by M. Scott

That the recommendation be approved.

CARRIED

10. Ontario Works, IT Equipment Reserve

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

It is recommended that \$15,000 be placed in an IT Ontario Works Equipment Reserve for future replacement of Ontario Works computer equipment and an annual budgeted amount set through the approval of the departmental budget be allocated yearly to the reserve fund as well. The asset replacement schedule will be set and monitored by the IT Department.

Moved by P. Klopp
Seconded by K. Oke
That the recommendation be approved.

CARRIED

11. Children's Services

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

Moved by P. Klopp
Seconded by M. Scott
That the report be received.

CARRIED

12. Huron County Child Abuse Prevention Committee

At the August 8, 2006 Committee of the Whole meeting Dorothy Beuermann, Program Services Manager, and Marie Tyler, Executive Director, from the Huron County Child Abuse Prevention Committee (HCCAPC), Rural Response for Healthy Children presented a funding proposal to County Council requesting \$23,000 to support program delivery costs for three innovative programs. Social Services staff were instructed to prepare a report for the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee to review.

Evy McDonagh, Children's Services Manager, presented the attached report entitled, "Rural Response for Healthy Children Report", (Appendix I) and answered questions for the information of committee and Council. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Moved by P. Klopp
Seconded by K. Oke
That the report be received for information and further that staff be instructed to conduct additional research and report back to committee on statistical data of families served and how monies would be specifically utilized by the group.

CARRIED

13. Huron County Housing Services

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

Warden R. Morley brought attention to the fact that out of the forty-two Housing Delivery Plans submitted only eighteen are being approved. The Warden wished to thank Don Brisson for doing a great job.

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

CARRIED

14. Accounts and Financial Statements

Social Housing accounts for July 2006 totalling \$178,937.09 were reviewed.

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

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Social Services	\$9,427,259	\$10,864,225	\$12,102,813	\$13,666,782	\$2,675,554	\$2,802,557
Social Housing	1,306,055	1,279,191	1,945,897	2,118,979	639,842	839,788

Moved by P. Klopp
Seconded by M. Scott
That the accounts and financial statements be received.

CARRIED

15. Correspondence Attached – For Information

- a) List of Board of Health correspondence for the month of September 2006. (*Available upon request.*)
- b) Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, George Smitherman, Minister, received August 21, 2006 regarding the 2006 Program-Based Grant allocation.
- c) Letter of appreciation received August 30, 2006 from Dr. J. Hollingworth, M.D., regarding “It All Ends Up in the Lake” conference.
- d) South West Local Health Integrated Network Exchange, Issue 2, August 2006.

FOR INFORMATION

16. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

17. Adjournment

Moved by P. Klopp

Seconded by M. Scott

That the meeting adjourn at 12:40 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