



**County  
of Huron**

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



**Minutes - May 8, 2007**

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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.

## 1. Minutes

**Moved by M. Scott**

**Seconded by K. Oke**

**That the minutes of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee meeting of April 10, 2007 be adopted as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

## BOARD OF HEALTH

### 2. Report of the Director

Penny Nelligan, Director of the Health Unit, provided an update of recent developments for the information of committee and Council.

a) Ministry Appointment to the Board of Health

In November 2006 the Chair of the Board of Health, Neil Rintoul, sent a letter to the Honourable George Smitherman and copied M.P.P., Carol Mitchell, requesting two Ministry appointments be made.

Notification was received May 3, 2007 from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, announcing that Rosemary Rognvaldson, has been appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council as a member of the Board of Health for the Huron County Health Unit for a period of three years commencing May 2, 2007.

**FOR INFORMATION**

b) Request for Proposal, Mosquito Identification and Viral Testing

The committee reviewed the Request for Proposal for the mosquito identification and viral testing portion of the West Nile Virus Surveillance Program for 2007. Tenders will be accepted until May 14, 2007. Staff will be presenting a report and recommendation at the Committee of the Whole meeting to award the contract.

**FOR INFORMATION**

c) Health Unit Literature

Health Unit Publications were distributed to members depicting their new branding format displayed on various materials such as letterhead, folders, and cards handed out to the community. The new brand is "creating **healthy** communities *together*".

**FOR INFORMATION**

d) 2007 aPHa Annual Conference

The conference is being held Sunday, June 10 to Tuesday, June 12, 2007 in Windsor. If interested please contact the Health Unit. Also, Board Members are invited to attend the Accreditation Orientation being held at the Health Unit from 9 a.m. to noon on June 5, 2007. Board Member R. Rognvaldson, Councillor J. Bezaire and Councillor B. MacLellan will be attending.

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

**CARRIED**

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

Dr. Beth Henning, Medical Officer of Health, provided a power point presentation on further information regarding Public Health Liabilities and the Health Protection and Promotion Act. A discussion ensued.

**Moved by B. MacLellan**  
**Seconded by D. Johnston**  
**That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

### **4. Safe Water Program**

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

A letter was distributed from the Ministry of the Environment, Drinking Water Management Division, dated April 27, 2007 regarding elevated levels of lead in drinking water samples in the City of London. Also distributed was a notice dated May 3, 2007 from the Middlesex-London Health Unit educating their communities on the risks associated to lead and advice to address concerns on how to minimize any exposures.

**Moved by Warden D. Shewfelt**  
**Seconded by D. Johnston**  
**That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

### **5. Poverty Report**

In April the Board of Health participated in a presentation that focused on the impact of poverty on health. Staff continued this presentation and focused on services offered by the Health Unit and Social Services that address poverty and health.

**Moved by N. Rintoul**  
**Seconded by K. Oke**  
**That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

### **6. Accounts**

Accounts for April 2007 were reviewed.

General Health Programs	\$312,403.80
Healthy Hearts	2,565.77
Huron Addiction Services	9,371.51

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

**CARRIED**

## **AMBULANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

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

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

a) Administrative Update (Appendix B)

The new base in Wingham has been operational for over three months and all aspects are functioning well. The Official Opening is scheduled for Tuesday, June 19, 2007 with an Open House 2 – 7 p.m. and the Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies beginning at 3 p.m.

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

**CARRIED**

b) 911 System

Jason Dodds, 911 Coordinator, provided the attached overview to the 911 system in general and more specifically, the Huron County 911. Mr. Dodds addressed the Bell Canada's 2006 Error List.

There was some discussion on the Ministry of Transportation's plans to remove all unapproved 911 entrances along Highway 21 between Amberly and GrandBend. There is a meeting scheduled on May 22, 2007 in the Council Chambers to discuss this issue.

**FOR INFORMATION**

c) Emergency Medical Services Collaboration

The attached report dated May 4, 2007 was distributed for the information of committee and Council. Meetings will continue with Grey, Lambton, Huron, Bruce, and Perth Counties to proceed with an approach to review opportunities to reduce costs. This initiative will review procurement policies, cross training agreements, hiring processes, and centralized testing and training.

**Moved by B. MacLellan**  
**Seconded by M. Scott**  
**That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

d) Heart and Stroke Foundation, Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) Program

Material was distributed regarding Funding Application for Automated External Defibrillators from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, including the PAD Program; a Memorandum of Understanding, and a News Release dated March 29, 2007 announcing that the McGuinty Government is providing \$3 million to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario for the creation of a 'Thousand Defibrillators Program' for Ontario's recreational facilities. The submission deadline for the PAD Program is May 31, 2007.

A lengthy question and answer period ensued. Topics included: ongoing funding, installation, equipment supplied and training. There is a tentative request for twenty (20) PAD's with possible locations at Arena's, Community Centres, the Goderich Court House, Nursing Homes and Community Pools.

**Moved by B. MacLellan**

**Seconded by M. Scott**

**That the Huron County Emergency Medical Services be directed to submit an application to the Heart and Stroke Foundation for the Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) Program, which supplies funding for Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) at various locations around the County.**

**CARRIED**

**8. Accounts**

Emergency Medical Services accounts for April 2007 totalling \$47,209.36 were reviewed.

**Moved by Warden D. Shewfelt**

**Seconded by D. Johnston**

**That the accounts be received.**

**CARRIED**

**9. Reports of the Social Services Department**

Dave Overboe, Social Services Administrator, presented the attached report (Appendix C) for the information of committee and Council.

**Moved by D. Johnston**

**Seconded by B. MacLellan**

**That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

**10. Accounts**

Social Housing accounts for April 2007 in the amount of \$155,856.78 were reviewed.

**Moved by N. Rintoul**

**Seconded by K. Oke**

**That the accounts be received.**

**CARRIED**

**11. Correspondence Attached – For Information**

- a) List of Board of Health correspondence for the month of May 2007. (*Available upon request.*)
- b) Ministry of Children and Youth Services, Mary Anne Chambers, Minister, received April 10, 2007 regarding the Best Start child care allocation.

**FOR INFORMATION**

**12. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

**13. Adjournment**

**Moved by D. Johnston**  
**Seconded by B. MacLellan**  
**That the meeting adjourn at 12:55 p.m.**

**CARRIED**

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Chair