



**County  
of Huron**

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



**Minutes - November 13, 2007**

*GODERICH, ONTARIO*

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November 13, 2007

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 B. MacLellan.

## **1. Minutes**

**Moved by M. Scott**

**Seconded by D. Johnston**

**That the minutes of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee meeting of October 9, 2007 be adopted as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

### **2. Report of the Director**

Penny Nelligan, Director of the Health Unit, and Dr. Henning, Medical Officer of Health, presented the following for the information of committee and Council.

a) 2007 Accreditation Award

Meighan Finlay, Executive Director, Ontario Council on Community Accreditation (OCCHA), was introduced and presented a certificate to Warden D. J. Shewfelt, Chair John Bezaire, Penny Nelligan, Director of the Health Unit, Dr. Henning, Medical Officer of Health, and staff in attendance. The OCCHA having conducted an intensive investigation of the organizational structure and management of the Huron County Health Unit certifies that our Public Health Unit has not only met but excelled the standards set by OCCHA on October 19, 2007. The Huron County Health Unit has achieved a four year accreditation (for the period June 15, 2007 to June 15, 2011).

Ms. Findlay stated that the Health Unit started their journey many years ago and at that time made the decision to use the accreditation standards and process to develop innovative processes and tools to move forward as an organization. The accreditation report provides a comprehensive summary of the survey team and the OCCHA Board of Directors. It identifies the strengths of the Health Unit and acknowledges the tremendous efforts to-date of the staff of the Health Unit. The certificate is provided in recognition of the efforts across all programs and in all levels to provide effective and efficient public health programs and services.

The committee requested that this award be presented at a future County Council Session and that the members of the press be invited to attend and send a news release regarding this accomplishment.

**Moved by N. Rintoul**

**Seconded by K. Oke**

**That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

b) 2008 draft Health Unit Budget

The draft budget was distributed and reviewed at the meeting.

**Moved by K. Oke**

**Seconded by D. Johnston**

**That the draft 2008 Health Unit Budget be received and forwarded to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion in the consolidated budget.**

**CARRIED**

c) Smoke Free Ontario (SFO) budget

The Health Unit Director distributed correspondence addressed to the Ministry of Health Promotion, Smoke Free Ontario from Public Health Supervisor, Sherri Bezaire. The letter addresses funding shortfalls for the remainder of 2007 resulting in reduced programming and reduction in staff, effective October 1, 2007.

A lengthy discussion ensued. It was felt that the Ministry does not consider travel etc. and the unique challenges to Huron County as they have not designated this program as rural, which is why the County has not received extra funding. The Director has invited ministry representatives to visit the County in the past to attempt to describe budget pressures, but no invitation has been accepted to date.

**Moved by D. Johnston**

**Seconded by K. Oke**

**That the Chair of the Board of Health invite the Minister of the Health Promotion and Protection, and local M.P.P. to attend a meeting to discuss the comments of their staff and funding for our programs in a rural setting.**

**CARRIED**

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

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

**Moved by D. Johnston**

**Seconded by R. Rognvaldson**

**That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

### **4. School Health Services**

Sandra Feltz, School Health Coordinator, submitted the attached report (Appendix B) and a group presentation will also be provided for the information of committee and Council. After discussion it was decided that due to time constraints this report could be dealt with at the next meeting.

**Moved by M. Scott**

**Seconded by N. Rintoul**

**That the report be deferred to the December Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee meeting.**

**CARRIED**

## 5. Accounts and Financial Statements

Accounts for October 2007 were reviewed.

General Health Programs	\$78,159.63
Healthy Hearts	7,315.13
Huron Addiction Services	8,081.81

Financial statements for the period ending September 30, 2007 were reviewed.

HEALTH UNIT	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
General Programs	\$3,343,930	\$3,399,803	\$4,124,363	\$4,706,458	\$780,433	\$1,306,655
Heart Health	18,757				(1)	
Huron Addiction	178,278		178,278			

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

**CARRIED**

## AMBULANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES

### 6. Land Ambulance Services

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

- a) Administrative Update (Appendix C)

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

**CARRIED**

A discussion ensued on the post location in Brussels. There is some question as to the air quality in this location and the lack of proper ventilation. It was noted that to conduct an air quality test could cost approximately \$4,800. Councillor J. Bezaire suggested that perhaps an agreement could be made between the County and Huron East for a 50/50 cost share for either the study or a remedy such as installing ventilation. Councillor M. Scott suggested that it would be cheaper to install ventilation. Councillor D. Johnston requested that the committee review the lease agreement and wished to see a submission in writing from Huron East explaining their position or terms for a remedy.

**Moved by D. Johnston**  
**Seconded by M. Scott**  
**That staff request a written response from Huron East regarding the alleged air quality issue and possible remedies for the Brussels base.**

**CARRIED**

b) Addendum to Response Agreement (Appendix D)

It is recommended that Huron County Council approve a First Response Agreement between the County and the Brussels Fire Department.

**Moved by M. Scott**  
**Seconded by K. Oke**  
**That the recommendation be approved.**

**CARRIED**

c) 2008 draft EMS Budget

The draft budget was distributed and discussed at the meeting with a preliminary overview.

**Moved by D. Johnston**  
**Seconded by K. Oke**  
**That the draft 2008 EMS Budget be accepted and forwarded to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion in the consolidated budget and brought back to committee for further detailed review.**

**CARRIED**

## 7. Accounts and Financial Statement

Emergency Medical Services accounts for October 2007 totalling \$52,531.36 were reviewed.

The financial statement for the period ending September, 2007 was reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Ambulance	\$3,043,836	\$2,796,484	\$5,574,541	\$5,750,398	\$2,530,705	\$2,953,914

**Moved by Warden D. Shewfelt**  
**Seconded by N. Rintoul**  
**That the accounts and financial statement be received.**

**CARRIED**

## 8. Reports of the Social Services Department

a) Administrative Update

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

On November 7, 2007 at the Session of County Council, a question was raised regarding the Water Filter Fund and the potential risk of depositing the used lead filled filters in the landfill sites in Huron County. Michelle Gaynor, Ontario Works Manager, called the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) and spoke to the Senior Environmental Officer for Huron County. He advised that the amount of lead actually contained in each filter is minimal and would not pose a risk to landfill sites even with an increase in filter use. He felt Council should also be aware that the MOE monitors each landfill site in the County and lead levels are evaluated as part of the monitoring process. Currently, the MOE has no concerns regarding lead in any County landfill.

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

**CARRIED**

- b) 2008 draft Social Services Budget

The draft budget was distributed and discussed at the meeting with a preliminary overview.

**Moved by Warden D. Shewfelt  
Seconded by K. Oke**

**That the draft 2008 Social Services Budget be accepted and forwarded to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion in the consolidated budget and brought back to committee for further detailed review.**

**CARRIED**

- c) Huron County Housing Services

Don Brisson, Manager of Housing Services, presented the attached reports for the information of committee and Council.

- i. Affordable Housing Program  
Rental Supportive – Residual Funding (Appendix F)

It is recommended that the proposed Affordable Housing – Rental Supportive project for 45 Nelson Street in Goderich be approved for funding from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's recent release of residual funding under this program and that County Staff be authorized to work with proponents and Provincial officials to execute the necessary paperwork and administrative agreements to allow the recommended project to move forward.

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

**CARRIED**

- ii. Maintenance – Custodian/Repair Position (Appendix G)

It is recommended that the Housing Services Division be authorized to hire a maintenance person for custodial and repair work for the sites in Wingham.

After discussion it was noted that this position would also be utilized in other areas of the County to provide assistance as required.

**Moved by D. Johnston  
Seconded by N. Rintoul  
That the recommendation be approved.**

**CARRIED**

- d) Community Home Child Care

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

It is recommended to increase fees charged to full fee paying parents for Home Child Care services by one dollar in January 2008.

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

**CARRIED**

### 9. Accounts and Financial Statements

Social Housing accounts for October 2007 totalling \$179,785.78 were reviewed.

Financial statements for the period ending September 30, 2007 were reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Social Services	\$13,575,835	\$13,517,661	\$17,196,261	\$17,156,540	\$3,620,426	\$3,638,879
Social Housing	1,718,296	2,365,640	2,552,689	3,219,458	834,393	853,818

**Moved by K. Oke**  
**Seconded by Warden D. Shewfelt**  
**That the accounts and financial statements be received.**

**CARRIED**

### 10. Correspondence Attached – For Information

- a) List of Board of Health correspondence for the month of November 2007. (*Available upon request.*)
- b) Manitoulin Sudbury District Social Services Administration Board, Ray Chenier, Chair, DSSAB, Resolution No. 07-74 re: OW/ODSP.
- c) Region of Peel, Corporate Services Clerk's, received October 18, 2007 re: Social Housing Financing.
- d) Social Housing Services Corporation, Honourable John Gerretsen, received October 23, 2007 re: discussion paper on capital shortfalls in social housing for fiscal review tables.

**Moved by Warden D. Shewfelt**  
**Seconded by K. Oke**  
**That the resolution of the Region of Peel be supported and forwarded to the Federal and Provincial Government.**

**CARRIED**

- e) South Western Ontario Ambulance Group (SWOAG), Linda Rockwood, Chair, correspondence received October 29, 2007 re: Base Hospital Restructuring in South Western Ontario.

**FOR INFORMATION**

**11. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

**12. Adjournment**

**Moved by M. Scott**  
**Seconded by Board Member R. Rognvaldson**  
**That the meeting adjourn at 2 p.m.**

**CARRIED**

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Chair