



Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee

Minutes - November 10, 2008

GODERICH, ONTARIO



Goderich, Ontario
November 10, 2008

The HEALTH, AMBULANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE met in the Council Chambers, Goderich at 9:00 a.m. with all members present except Councillor B. MacLellan.

BOARD OF HEALTH

1. Minutes

Moved by D. Johnston

Seconded by Warden J. Bezaire

That the minutes of the Board of Health portion of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee meeting of October 7, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Report of the Director and Acting Medical Officer of Health

Mr. Omid Pour-ahmadi, Director of the Health Unit and Dr. B Warshawsky, Acting Associate Medical Officer of Health, presented the following reports for the information of committee and Council.

a) Health Link Renovation Report

It is recommended to reallocate unspent 2008 Health Unit funds to complete renovations to the Health Link clinic area and if necessary, to carry those funds into 2009 in order to complete the project.

Moved by B. Van Diepenbeek

Seconded by R. Rognvaldson

That the recommendation be approved.

CARRIED

Moved by B. Van Diepenbeek

Seconded by D. Johnston

That the lowest quotation in the amount of \$4,738.09 from Benmiller Construction be accepted for the cabinetry work at the Health Unit.

CARRIED

b) Ministry Update

Marlene Price, Public Health Manager, gave a verbal update on the following:

Ontario Public Health Standards

As part of the overall strategy to build public health capacity within the province, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, with key partners and stakeholders in the public health community and other ministries, has undertaken a review of the existing Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines (MHPSG) published in 1997. The review was intended to: transform the guidelines into program standards and link them with specific performance measures; renew program standards based upon current science, evidence, and best practices; and, establish an on-going review and enhancement process to ensure the standards are continually evolving.

The review process has culminated in the creation of the Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS) which are being rolled this month and implemented in January 2009. Twenty six protocols accompany the standards. The standards and accompanying protocols establish the minimum

requirements for fundamental public health programs and services which include assessment and surveillance, health promotion and policy development, disease and injury prevention and health protection. The OPHS apply to all boards of health in Ontario and are published by the Minister of Health and Long Term Care under the authority of the Health Protection and Promotion Act. As of January 1, 2009 the OPHS will replace the Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines, 1997. The Safe Water Program of the OPHS will come into effect on December 1, 2008.

A launch day has been scheduled for November 13, 2008 to provide an overview of the standards to Medical Officers of Health, Board of Health members and key agencies. This will be followed by seven one or two day workshops designed to provide health unit staff with an opportunity to discuss best practices and ways to operationalize the OPHS. Staff are also expected to play a "train the trainer" role upon their return to their respective health unit.

Ministry of Health Survey

The Ministry has asked each health unit across Ontario to complete an extensive survey of information related to their health unit. This information will be used to provide a comprehensive picture of public health in Ontario and will be printed in an upcoming public report on public health. The survey requests information based on 2007 data about:

- each of the core programs and services and corresponding planned spending program
- financial and administrative information, including total budget, listing of public health related programs and services and their budget, other programs delivered by public health and their budget, expenditure variances for 2007, expenditures on staff training and professional development, staffing levels by selected job categories, FTE status of MOH and Associates, vacant positions, length of staff service;
- community engagement; if the board has assessed local community members' familiarity with public health programs and services and how this was done eg. RRFS (Rapid Risk Factor Surveillance) or other local method;
- Board of Health organizational and governance information; if the board has issued a health status report, has a strategic plan, has an internal emergency response plan; participated in accreditation, performance evaluation of MOH, MOH reports at board meetings, board of health meetings dates and board member attendance, board member orientation, board self evaluation.

The Ministry is also interested in showcasing a number of local initiatives that will help illustrate unique programming or innovation and health units are encouraged to submit one or more case studies. Case studies will be included throughout the report to demonstrate the success of boards of health in addressing local needs.

The survey is to be completed, signed off and returned to the Ministry by Friday, November 14 giving Managers and staff approximately three weeks to complete the survey.

Great Lakes Basin Eco System Working Group

The Great Lakes St. Clarence Cities Initiative have formed a working group to help shape the 2010 Canada-Ontario Agreement respecting the Great Lakes Basin Eco System. One of the issues the working group will be addressing is recreational beach water quality. The Town of Goderich is a member of the working group and recommended to the Deputy Director of the Great Lakes Cities Initiative that Pam Scharfe, Public Health Manager be invited to participate in this municipal-provincial process due to her international expertise with beach water quality. The Deputy

Director, Nicola Crawhall extended an invitation for Pam's participation as the working group did not have a public health perspective at the table.

The Working Group consists of municipal representatives from each main region of the Great Lakes and the Ministries of Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture and Rural Affairs. Pam's participation would involve attending one or two meetings a month predominately via teleconference over the course of six months until April 2009.

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

CARRIED

- c) Health Unit 2009 Budget

Moved by Warden J. Bezaire
Seconded by R. Rognvaldson
That budget be received and forwarded to the Committee of the Whole for review.

CARRIED

- d) List of Board of Health correspondence for the month of November 2008. (*Available upon request.*)

FOR INFORMATION

- e) Acting Medical Officer of Health Coverage

It is recommended that the Board of Health of the Huron County Health Unit (HCHU) request a one month extension (i.e. to January 31, 2009) from the Board of Health of the Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU) to the agreement for short-term coverage for an Acting Medical Officer of Health.

Moved by Warden J. Bezaire
Seconded by D. Johnston
That the recommendation be approved.

CARRIED

Darcy Michaud, Director of Human Resources, gave a verbal update on the current status of the recruitment of a Medical Officer of Health.

Moved by Warden J. Bezaire
Seconded by D. Johnston
That the Director of the Health Unit prepare a "fall back" plan, to be in place effective for February 2009, for a Medical Officer of Health and bring back a report to the Board including a recommended salary range.

CARRIED

Moved by D. Johnston

Seconded by K. Oke

That all costs incurred by the Human Resources Department for the recruitment of a Medical Officer of Health be paid for by the Board of Health.

CARRIED

Moved by Warden J. Bezaire

Seconded by K. Oke

That the foregoing reports be received.

CARRIED

3. Safe Water Program

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

Moved by B. Van Diepenbeek

Seconded by K. Oke

That the report be received.

CARRIED

4. Accounts and Financial Statements

Accounts for October 2008 were reviewed.

General Health Programs	\$105,200.08
Healthy Hearts	1,673.76
Huron Addiction Services	2,525.40

Financial statements for the period ending September 30, 2008 were reviewed.

HEALTH UNIT	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
General Programs	\$3,443,671	\$3,466,520	\$4,314,439	\$4,773,999	\$870,768	\$1,307,479
Heart Health	16,359		16,359			
Huron Addiction	167,787		170,209		2,422	

Moved by Warden J. Bezaire

Seconded by M. Scott

That the accounts and financial statements be received.

CARRIED

5. Adjournment

Moved by Warden J. Bezaire

Seconded by B. Van Diepenbeek

That the Board of Health portion of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee meeting adjourn at 12:15 p.m.

CARRIED

AMBULANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES

6. Minutes

Moved by K. Oke

Seconded by Warden J. Bezaire

That the minutes of the Ambulance and Social Services portion of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee meeting of October 7, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

7. Land Ambulance Services

David Lew, Manager of Land Ambulance Operations, submitted the following reports. Jason Dodds, 911 Coordinator and Brad Lucas, Operations Manager, presented the reports.

- a) Administrative Update (Appendix B)

It is requested that the committee discuss and endorse the PRISM 911 program and pass a motion requesting the program be included with the 2009 budget. The PRISM 911 budget was presented at the November 4th Committee of the Whole, budget meeting.

Moved by M. Scott

Seconded by Warden J. Bezaire

That the PRISM 911 budget be approved subject to final budget approval of Council.

CARRIED

Moved by Warden J. Bezaire

Seconded by K. Oke

That the report be received.

CARRIED

- b) 911 Program Policies and Procedures

911 Policies and Procedures were distributed to members on June 10, 2008 for their review as requested at the May meeting. At the August 18, 2008 meeting the policies were forwarded to September for review and where received. The EMS Manager was directed to seek input from local municipalities; Jason Dodds made a presentation and reviewed the suggested lower tier amendments. There was a motion to defer the recommendation pending further information.

The attached correspondence from the Township of North Huron received November 3, 2008 and from the Municipality of Huron East received October 30, 2008 regarding the Municipal Addressing System and the their recommendations was reviewed.

It is recommended that the 911 Program Policies and Procedures be approved.

Moved by B. Van Diepenbeek

Seconded by M. Scott

That the report be received.

CARRIED

8. Accounts and Financial Statement

Emergency Medical Services accounts for October 2008 totalling \$93,930.32 were reviewed.

The financial statement for the period ending September 30, 2008 was reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Ambulance	\$2,828,922	\$3,017,359	\$5,676,154	\$6,059,778	\$2,847,232	\$3,042,419

Moved by Warden J. Bezaire

Seconded by M. Scott

That the accounts and financial statement 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. A chart was distributed depicting Ontario Works savings based on October Provincial/Municipal Fiscal Review.

Moved by D. Johnston

Seconded by B. Van Diepenbeek

That the report be received.

CARRIED

10. Accounts and Financial Statements

Accounts for October 2008 were reviewed.

Social Housing	\$263,428.92
Child Care	410,561.61
Early Years	17,562.58

Financial statements for the period ending September 30, 2008 were reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Social Services	\$12,691,790	\$12,425,997	\$16,091,110	\$15,338,555	\$3,399,320	\$2,912,558
Social Housing	1,902,780	1,744,920	2,680,583	2,917,840	777,803	1,172,920

Moved by M. Scott

Seconded by Warden J. Bezaire

That the accounts and financial statements be received.

CARRIED

11. Correspondence Attached – For Information

- a) Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
 - i. Approved one-time funding for 2008-2009 to assist with the implementation of mobile computers and Global Positioning System (GPS) / Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) hardware in emergency medical service vehicles to provide digital mapping technology up to \$3,125.
 - ii. Invitation to Ontario Public Health Standards Launch Day, November 12-13, 2008.
 - iii. Notification of the County of Huron Ambulance Service Review November 25, 2008.
- b) Ministry Municipal Affairs and Housing, Jim Cressos, Manager, received October 25, 2008 re: Social Housing Technology & Financial Management Survey.

FOR INFORMATION

12. Adjournment

**Moved by Warden J. Bezaire
Seconded by M. Scott
That the meeting adjourn at 11:15 p.m.**

CARRIED

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Chair