



# Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee

## Minutes - October 7, 2008

GODERICH, ONTARIO



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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 B. Van Diepenbeek.

## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

### **1. Minutes**

**Moved by B. MacLellan**

**Seconded by D. Johnston**

**That the minutes of the Board of Health portion of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee meeting of September 9, 2008 and the Board of Health meeting on September 16, 2008 be adopted as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

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

#### **a) Health Unit Update**

Marlene Price, Acting Director of the Health Unit, provided a verbal update of recent events for the information of committee and Council.

The Ministry is in the final stages of approvals of the revised Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS) and accompanying 26 protocols. An OPHS "Launch Day" is being planned in mid November. This event is geared at public health senior leadership (Medical Officers of Health, Directors and Board Chairs, AMO, alpha, OPHA). Following the "Launch Day", there will be a series of workshops planned for health unit staff to outline and discuss the implementation of the various programs and protocols.

A Health Link Infection Control audit report was presented in September. This report outlined the need for minor renovations to the Health Link clinic space to address infection control issues identified during the audit. Staff met with the Facilities Manager in June to discuss the recommendations from the audit and the renovations needed. The Facilities Manager is currently waiting on estimates for the work. There are currently unspent funds in the 2008 budget due to unintentional gapping and there will be a request to use those funds to fund the Health Link renovations once the estimates have been received. It now appears that it may not be possible to complete the renovations in 2008. There may be an additional request to use 2008 unspent funds to complete the project in 2009.

**Moved by Warden J. Bezaire**

**Seconded by D. Johnston**

**That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

#### **b) Good Food Box Program**

David Carey, Treasury, submitted the attached report dated September 28, 2008 as requested at the September 11, 2008 Cultural Services and Seniors Committee meeting for the information of committee and Council.

**Moved by B. MacLellan**  
**Seconded by M. Scott**  
**That the report 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. Also distributed to members was the Summer 2008 Lake Huron Southeast Shore Newsletter.

Pam Scharfe has been asked by her provincial and federal peers to present on Lake Huron and the nearshore issues affecting recreational water quality at the 2008 State of the Lakes Ecosystem Conference (SOLEC) being held Oct. 22-23 in Niagara Falls.

The State of the Lakes Ecosystem Conferences are hosted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Environment Canada on behalf of the two countries. These conferences are held every two years in response to reporting requirements of the binational Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA). The purpose of the Agreement is "to restore and maintain the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the waters of the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem." The conferences are intended to report on the state of the Great Lakes ecosystem and the major factors impacting it, and to provide a forum for exchange of this information amongst Great Lakes decision-makers.

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

**CARRIED**

### **4. Huron-Perth in Motion**

Marilyn King, Public Health Nurse, presented the attached report (Appendix B) for the information of committee and Council.

**Moved by B. MacLellan**  
**Seconded by Warden J. Bezaire**  
**That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

### **5. Nutritious Food Basket**

Cherie Dolmage, Public Health Nutritionist, presented the attached report (Appendix C) for the information of committee and Council.

Each year the Huron County Health Unit does a survey to determine the weekly cost of eating well in Huron County. This survey is called the Nutritious Food Basket. The results show if current minimum wage and social assistance rates can cover basic needs, like a healthy diet. Members received the 2008 Annual Report (attached). The following Newsletters were also distributed.

- September 2008, Nutrition, The Cost of Eating Well in Huron County
- May 2008, The Weekly Cost of the Nutritious Food Basket in Huron County for Individuals Over One Year of Age
- Annual Comparison of the Weekly cost of Feeding a Reference Family in Huron County 1999-2008

**Moved by K. Oke**  
**Seconded by R. Rognvaldson**  
**That the report be received.**

**CARRIED**

## **6. Co-ordination of School Services**

Sandra Feltz, Public Health Nurse, presented the attached report (Appendix D) for the information of committee and Council. Marion Doucette gave a web demonstration of the online database of school services that is a joint initiative of the Huron County and Perth District Health Units and the County of Huron IT Division. The resource can be accessed from [www.huroncounty.ca/health](http://www.huroncounty.ca/health) and [www.pdhu.on.ca](http://www.pdhu.on.ca).

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

**CARRIED**

## **7. Accounts and Financial Statements**

Accounts for September 2008 were reviewed.

General Health Programs	\$75,995.22
Healthy Hearts	275.41
Huron Addiction Services	734.30

Financial statements for the period ending August 31, 2008 were reviewed.

HEALTH UNIT	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
General Programs	\$3,207,716	\$3,081,350	\$3,882,515	\$4,243,558	\$674,799	\$1,162,208
Heart Health	16,109		16,130		21	
Huron Addiction	142,		144,037		1,326	

**Moved by B. MacLellan**  
**Seconded by M. Scott**  
**That the accounts and financial statements be received.**

**CARRIED**

**"IN CAMERA"**

**Moved by K. Oke**

**Seconded by M. Scott**

**That the committee proceed "In Camera" at 9:55 a.m. to discuss personnel matters and that Larry C. Adams, M. Price, P. Scharfe, A. Berry and Dr. Pollett remain in attendance.**

**CARRIED**

**Moved by B. MacLellan**

**Seconded by D. Johnston**

**That the committee rise from "In Camera" at 10:20 a.m.**

**CARRIED**

Larry C. Adams, CAO, submitted the attached report entitled, "Receipt of Agreement for Acting Medical Officer of Health" dated October 3, 2008 for the information of committee and Council

It is recommended that the Agreement attached hereto and forming part of this report be endorsed and that Board Chair John Grace and Acting Director Marlene Price be and are hereby authorized to execute the agreement with the Middlesex-London Board of Health for the provision of short term coverage of an Acting Medical Officer of Health to the Huron County Board of Health.

**Moved by B. MacLellan**

**Seconded by Warden J. Bezaire**

**That the recommendation be approved.**

**CARRIED**

There was a brief verbal report on an e-Coli incident on lettuce that has been rectified.

**8. Adjournment**

**Moved by Warden J. Bezaire**

**Seconded by M. Scott**

**That the Board of Health portion of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee meeting adjourn at 10:25 a.m.**

**CARRIED**

**AMBULANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

**9. Minutes**

**Moved by B. MacLellan**

**Seconded by K. Oke**

**That the minutes of the Ambulance and Social Services portion of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee meeting of September 9, 2008 be adopted as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

## 10. Land Ambulance Services

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

- a) Administrative Update (Appendix E)

**Moved by B. MacLellan**  
**Seconded by Warden J. Bezaire**  
**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 review the suggested lower tier amendments.

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

A lengthy discussion ensued. The following policies were noted as having issues yet to be worked out. Concerns are with varying setbacks in each municipality and varying sign designs.

- PI-1 Property & Intersection Identification, Signs & Blades  
Sign Design
- PI-4 Ordering of Property Blades
- R-2 Road Naming, Establishing Road Names

**Moved by B. MacLellan**  
**Seconded by M. Scott**  
**That the policies be received and deferred to the next meeting pending receipt of additional information.**

**CARRIED**

- c) Hydrogen Fuel Injection System

It is recommended that the trial program involving hydrogen fuel injection system be removed from the two ambulances in Huron County EMS.

**Moved by B. MacLellan**  
**Seconded by D. Johnston**  
**That the recommendation be approved.**

**CARRIED**

## 11. Accounts and Financial Statement

Emergency Medical Services accounts for September 2008 totalling \$40,347.57 were reviewed.

The financial statement for the period ending August 31, 2008 was reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Ambulance	\$2,515,185	\$2,682,098	\$5,089,590	\$5,386,463	\$2,574,405	\$2,704,365

**Moved by M. Scott**  
**Seconded by D. Johnston**  
**That the accounts and financial statement be received.**

**CARRIED**

## 12. Reports of the Social Services Department

### a) Presentation of Service Awards

The following Social Services staff were presented with their awards and congratulated by Warden J. Bezaire, Larry C. Adams, CAO, Dave Overboe, Director of Social Services and the Chair J. Grace.

15 Year	Shelley Collins
10 Year	Jen Bonello

**FOR INFORMATION**

### b) Administrative Update

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

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

**CARRIED**

### c) Residential Tax By-law for the Affordable Housing Program

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

It is recommended that the attached by-laws be approved which will tax the Affordable Housing Properties located at 45 Nelson Street - Goderich, 18 Waterloo Street - Goderich and 63 Main Street in Exeter at an effective tax rate equal to the residential tax rate, for those units in the above noted complexes that are funded under the Affordable Housing Program, and that the County of Huron provide written notice of the by-law to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation and the Secretary of all area School Boards.

**Moved by D. Johnston**  
**Seconded by K. Oke**  
**That the recommendation be approved and the necessary by-laws be passed.**

**CARRIED**

d) Huron County Community Home Child Care Update

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

It is recommended to increase fees paid for child care through the Huron County Home Child Care as per the chart below.

Huron County Home Child Care  
 Proposed Rate Change January 2009

Length of Day	Currently Amount Paid to Provider	Recommended Change in Jan 2009	Currently Amount Paid by Parent	Recommended Change in Jan 2009
12-18 hours <i>Extended Day</i>	\$38.00	\$40.00	\$42.00	\$44.00
9 – 12 hours <i>Long Day</i>	\$34.00	\$35.00	\$36.00	\$37.00
6 – 9 hours <i>Full Day</i>	\$28.00	\$30.00	\$31.00	\$32.00
2 – 6 hours <i>Half Day</i>	\$16.00	\$18.00	\$19.00	\$21.00

Moved by M. Scott

Seconded by B. MacLellan

That the recommendation be approved effective January 1, 2009.

**CARRIED**

**13. Accounts and Financial Statements**

Social Housing accounts for September 2008 totalling \$308,832.02 were reviewed.

Financial statements for the period ending August 31, 2008 were reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Social Services	\$11,330,081	\$11,045,330	\$14,351,728	\$13,634,265	\$3,021,647	\$2,588,935
Social Housing	1,694,000	1,551,040	2,283,108	2,599,187	589,108	1,048,147

Moved by Warden J. Bezaire

Seconded by K. Oke

That the accounts and financial statements be received.

**CARRIED**

**14. Correspondence Attached – For Information**

Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, Malcolm Bates, Director re: October Workshop Dates for Land Ambulance Response Time Standard.

**FOR INFORMATION**

**15. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Health, Ambulance and Social Services Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in the **GODERICH** Council Chambers.

**16. Adjournment**

**Moved by D. Johnston**

**Seconded by M. Scott**

**That the meeting adjourn at 12:10 p.m.**

**CARRIED**

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Chair