



Board of Health

Minutes - March 11, 2009

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The County of Huron BOARD OF HEALTH met in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich at 9:05 a.m. with all members present.

1. Minutes

Moved by N. Vincent

Seconded by B. Dykstra

That the minutes of Board of Health meeting of February 11, 2009 and Special Board of Health meetings of January 23 and January 29, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Councillor's Issues

Warden K. Oke reported that he has received complaints that it is difficult for those sitting behind the rail to hear what is being said during the Board of Health and Library Board meetings. Councillors may sit on the sides of the Council Chambers during these meetings.

Councillor D. Johnston requested an "In Camera" with the CAO and Councillors for a personnel matter. B. MacLellan, the Board of Health Chair indicated that this "In Camera" issue will be dealt with later today.

Councillor B. Dykstra requested an up-date on the status of a public representative for the Board of Health. L.C. Adams, CAO, reported that the search is temporarily on hold due to other important issues. Warden K. Oke asked for and received clarification that the appointment would be from the general public.

2. Outbreaks

Christina Taylor, Public Health Manager provided a verbal update on current disease outbreaks at health care institutions for the information of the Board and Council.

Two respiratory outbreaks and one enteric outbreak have been reported to the Health Unit since February 11, 2009. All three outbreaks were investigated and quickly brought under control with the assistance of the facilities. No causative agents were identified for any of the outbreaks.

The Huron County Health Unit has received report of 26 cases of influenza since January 1, 2009. The numbers are slightly above last years numbers. However March 2008 was a record breaking year with over 50 cases being reported.

FOR INFORMATION

3. New Infection Control Practitioner Position

Christina Taylor, Public Health Manager presented the attached report (Appendix A) for the information of the Board and Council. She confirmed that the \$80,000 provided by the Ministry for the recruitment of one Infection Prevention and Control Nurse would be continual funding.

We have had the opportunity to revisit our initial decision and are now recommending that a Public Health Nurse be hired into the position of Infection Control Practitioner. We can not be short sighted and plan only for today. Public Health is now changing with the new program standards, there is an increasing movement towards surveillance, awareness and total population health therefore a PHN would be much better qualified for this role and bring the additional skills that are required to move forward.

Registered nurse job descriptions and duties are limited to clinical services and the implementation and evaluation of program services. Where as a Public Health Nurse brings those skills as well as the competency to plan and lead. It will give us the flexibility to manage the ever changing environment.

Because of the increased qualifications, a further investment of \$5767.00 is needed. We have reviewed the current budget and with slight modifications to another position can make it work. I strongly encourage you to accept the position as a PHN and assist us in meeting the ministry requirements and protecting the health of the residents of Huron County.

**Moved by J. Dietrich
Seconded by N. Vincent
That the recommendation be endorsed.**

CARRIED

4. School Nutrition Program

Sherri Bezaire, Public Health Manager presented the attached report (Appendix B) for the information of the Board and Council. A discussion ensued regarding the breakfast program.

**Moved by N. Rintoul
Seconded by B. Dykstra
That the report be received.**

CARRIED

5. Bluewater Rest Home Health Initiative

Jacqueline Hart, Public Health Manager presented the attached report (Appendix C) for the information of the Board and Council regarding the Ministry funded initiative to recruit a midwife to support the perinatal care of Huron County parents. There will be no budget implications.

**Moved by J. Fergusson
Seconded by Warden K. Oke
That the Board forward a letter to endorse the recruitment and retention of a midwife for the Bluewater Rest Home.**

CARRIED

**Moved by N. Vincent
Seconded by J. Dietrich
That the report be received.**

CARRIED

6. Amish Services

Jacqueline Hart, Public Health Manager presented the attached report (Appendix D) for the information of the Board and Council regarding Huron County Health Unit services that support and respect the Amish Community.

**Moved by J. Fergusson
Seconded by R. Rognvaldson
That the report be received.**

CARRIED

7. 2009 Board of Health Orientation Session Evaluation Results

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

**Moved by N. Vincent
Seconded by J. Dietrich
That the report be received.**

CARRIED

8. Safe Drinking Water Program

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

**Moved by B. Dykstra
Seconded by R. Rognvaldson
That the report be received.**

CARRIED

9. Public Health Programs and Funding

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

**Moved by N. Rintoul
Seconded by J. Dietrich
That the report be received.**

CARRIED

10. Correspondence

- 10.1 Ministry of Health and Long Term Care – Expenditure Restraints
- 10.2 Ministry of Health and Long Term Care - Funding Allocations for one Infection Prevention and Control Nurse
- 10.3 Ministry of Health and Long Term Care – Launch of Sector Engagement on Building Public Health Capacity

FOR INFORMATION

11. Accounts

Accounts for February 2009 will be reviewed.

General Health Programs	\$44,974.25
Healthy Hearts	4,895.65
Huron Addiction Services	4,288.12

**Moved by J. Fergusson
Seconded by Warden K. Oke
That the accounts be received.**

CARRIED

The committee had a break at 9:42 a.m. and resumed at 10:00 a.m.

"IN CAMERA"

**Moved by N. Vincent
Seconded by J. Fergusson**

That the Board of Health do now go into a closed session at 10:00 a.m. under Section 229 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended to discuss an item which relates to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees and that the following staff members remain in attendance: L. C. Adams, D. Michaud, N. Rennick, and D. Carey; KPMG employees R. Porter and K. Grogan; G. Stewart, County Solicitor; and County Councillors – D. Kelly, G. Robertson, J. Bezaire, B. Van Diepenbeek, M. Demaray, T. Collyer, B. Dowson, B. Siemon, M. Scott.

CARRIED

D. Carey, N. Rennick, R. Porter and K. Grogan left the Chambers at 11:05 a.m.

**Moved by J. Fergusson
Seconded by R. Rognvaldson**

That the committee rise from "In Camera" at 12:15 p.m. and staff are instructed to proceed as directed "In Camera".

CARRIED

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting of Board of Health will be on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the Court House Council Chambers, in Goderich.

13. Adjournment

Moved by J. Dietrich

Seconded by N. Vincent

That the Board of Health meeting adjourn at 12:16 p.m.

CARRIED

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Chair