



Board of Health

Minutes - September 3, 2009

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BOARD OF HEALTH

Clinton, Ontario.
September 3rd, 2009.

The Board of Health (BOH) met in the Auditorium at the Health Unit in Clinton on the 3rd of September, 2009. Chair B. MacLellan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All members of the Board of Health were present except for Member J. Dietrich. Member N. Vincent arrived at 9:11 a.m.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member R. Rognvaldson and Seconded by: Member J. Fergusson:

THAT:

The minutes of the Special Board of Health meeting of July 7th, and the minutes of the Board of Health meeting of August 6th, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

There were no declarations of pecuniary conflict of interest.

Nigel Bellchamber representing the Ashfield Colborne Lakeshore Association, the Bayfield Ratepayer's Association and the Bluewater Shoreline Ratepayer's Association was in attendance at the Board of Health meeting. Also present was Dave McLaren, President of the Bayfield Ratepayer's Association. Mr. Bellchamber delivered a presentation on the beach water testing. A copy of the presentation is included with these minutes as Schedule A. There was a request from the Associations represented at the Board of Health meeting; that the County of Huron not reduce the amount of water testing done along the lakeshore. The members of the Associations believe there is merit in enhances to beach water testing at the Goderich and Bayfield main beaches.

The members of the Board of Health were given an opportunity to ask questions of Mr. Bellchamber. Public Health Inspector Bob Worsell was in attendance at the meeting and was able to answer some of the technical questions that were asked about the beach water testing.

Chair MacLellan requested Bob Worsell to bring the requirements for water testing to the next meeting. Chair MacLellan would also like a Report prepared that outlines the methods of water testing done in other jurisdictions.

The delegation left the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member R. Rognvaldson seconded by: Member N. Rintoul:

THAT:

Public Health staff be instructed to prepare a Report on current and past sampling practices both within the County and other jurisdictions around the Great Lakes.

CARRIED

Catherine Hardman, Executive Director of Choices for Change presented a message to the Board members that Huron County does not offer the level of services their residents require. There is one time funding available from the LHIN to amalgamate the services of the Huron Choices for Change with the Huron Addition Services (HAS). HAS is currently sponsored through the Huron County Health Unit. She advised that there needs to be more partnerships in Huron County, such as partnering with Family Health Teams.

There is a challenge for the HAS to amalgamate with the Huron Choices for Change and that is that the HAS staff work within a union environment and the Choices for Change is not in that environment. It may be prudent to look at how to get the unionized workers from HAS and the non-unionized workers from the Huron Choices for Change to become one team.

Patricia Dwyer was in attendance representing the Southwest Local Health Integrated Network (LHIN). After a great deal of discussion; with the members of the Board of Health given an opportunity to ask questions; it became very clear that a consultant needs to be hired to investigate the amalgamation of the two groups. LHIN has committed \$25,000 towards the hiring of a consultant. The Health Unit and Choices for Change are currently preparing a proposal for the terms of reference to hire a consultant. Patricia Dwyer confirmed that a Performance Agreement from LHIN will be the guideline for this consultant. A report to Senior Directors from Patricia Dwyer is attached to these minutes as Schedule B.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member D. Johnston and Seconded by: Member B. Dykstra:

THAT:

The Board of Health instructs Health Unit staff to work with Choices for Change to prepare a Terms of Reference for the amalgamation of Choices for Change and Huron Addiction Services (HAS).

CARRIED

Catherine Hardman and Patricia Dyer left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Board Member's Issues:

The mandatory septic system was discussed.

Health Unit representation at the County Council meetings was discussed. CAO Adams suggested it be prudent for this discussion to continue at the next Board of Health meeting when Dr. Cameron is present.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member D. Johnston and Seconded Member J. Fergusson:

THAT:

There be a representative from the Health Unit at each County Council meeting.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member B. Dykstra and Seconded by: Member N. Vincent:

THAT:

The Motion for a representative from the Health Unit to be at each County Council meeting be tabled until the next Board of Health meeting.

CARRIED

Administrative Issues:

CAO Adams advised that Director of Human Resources Michaud will be available at the next BOH meeting to discuss the proposal to amalgamate Choices for Change and HAS.

7. Health Unit Pandemic Plan:

Donna Parsons, Public Health Nurse – Emergency Preparedness presented a brief update on the Huron County Pandemic Plan for the information of the Board of Health. Christina Taylor, Manager of the Infectious Disease Team was also in attendance. Members of the Board of Health were given an opportunity to ask questions. There was a great deal of discussion.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member N. Vincent and Seconded by: Member R. Rognvaldson:

THAT:

The presentation entitled Huron County Pandemic Plan be received.

CARRIED

Donna Parsons and Christina Taylor left the meeting at 11:41

9. Report of the Medical Officer of Health/CEO:

Brad Lucas, Business Manager of the Health Unit presented Dr. Cameron's Report in her absence, for the information of the Board.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member N. Rintoul and Seconded by: Member B. Dykstra:

THAT:

The Report entitled Medical Officer of Health Update be received.

CARRIED

Accounts and Financial Statements

Accounts for July to August 27th, 2009 will be reviewed.

General Health Programs	\$129,157.97
Healthy Hearts	1,495.50
Huron Addiction Services	7,387.33

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Financial statements for the period ending July 31, 2009 will be reviewed.

HEALTH UNIT	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
General Programs	2,652,423	2,930,055	3,281,052	4,092,657	628,629	1,162,602
Heart Health	9,368		9,367		(1)	
Huron Addiction Services	143,767		143,770		3	

MOTION:

Moved by: Member N. Vincent and Seconded by: Member B. Dykstra:

THAT:

The accounts and financial statements for July 2009 be received.

CARRIED

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Board of Health will be on Thursday October 1st, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Health Unit & Library Complex in Clinton.

Adjournment:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member N. Vincent and Seconded by: Member D. Johnston:

THAT:

The Board of Health meeting adjourn at 11:46 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair B. MacLellan