



Board of Health

Minutes - September 1, 2011

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Clinton, Ontario
September 1st, 2011

The Board of Health met in the Auditorium at the Health and Library Complex south of Clinton on the 1st of September, 2011. Chair MacLellan called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. All members of the Board of Health were present except for Member Jewitt. Also present were Medical Officer of Health/CEO Dr. Nancy Cameron, Board Secretary/CAO Larry Adams and Clerk Barb Wilson.

Dr. Cameron wanted to take the opportunity to recognize the Health Unit staff and Public Health Managers for all their hard work and dedication over the past week and a half when the F3 tornado devastated parts of Goderich. The Environmental Health Team/Safe Water has been very busy working with all the food establishments. The staff have all worked together and put in many long hours. Dr. Cameron wanted to publicly thank the staff for working so well together under such difficult circumstances.

Dr. Cameron introduced all the public health inspectors and support staff of the Environmental Health Team/Safe Water as well as Miechelle Gill, Environmental Health Manager. Dr. Cameron reported that Miechelle Gill was a calm presence in all this turmoil. She was supportive and protective of her team and offered guidance and direction to her staff.

Chair MacLellan echoed his appreciation to the staff and Miechelle Gill the Environmental Health Manager.

Board Secretary/CAO Adams offered his sincere appreciation for the hard work and dedication from the Health Unit staff, in particular the Public Health Managers. At a time when tragedy strikes it is reassuring to know that we have staff that have the ability to efficiently pull together and get the job done. Board Secretary/CAO Adams advised at a meeting in the Emergency Operations Centre in Goderich on August 31st, a report was issued that 100% of all the inspections were completed. Board Secretary/CAO Adams offered kudos to Dr. Cameron and her team.

Miechelle Gill wanted to publicly thank Dr. Cameron for all her support over this time. Miechelle Gill who accepted the position not long ago reported her team is amazing and she was thankful they were able to show what they were capable of doing, as a team.

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The minutes of Board of Health meeting of August 4th, 2011; be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Declarations of Pecuniary Conflict of Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

There were no declarations of pecuniary conflict of interest.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member B. Dowson and Seconded by: Member R. Rognvaldson:

THAT:

The Board of Health Agenda for September 1st, 2011; be accepted and all Reports included in the Agenda; be received.

CARRIED

Board Member's Issues:

Chair MacLellan questioned how the Health Unit had been affected by the various departments of the County moving into the Health and Library Complex. Dr. Cameron reported the Crown Attorney is the only staff from the Court House that is in the Health and Library Complex currently.

Board Secretary/CAO Adams reported that the Health and Library Complex Auditorium will be used for County Council and Committee meetings until the Court House is available for County staff to return to work there.

Chair MacLellan questioned if there is something we have learned from this exercise that we could do better?

Board Secretary/CAO Larry Adams reported that for the most part people are managing to provide the daily services to the public. There will be a meeting after everything returns to normal that will review the positives and negatives from the emergency.

Member Rintoul requested that the lines of communication continue to be kept open.

Member Vincent advised that he was not in a position to make a statement until this past weekend. He wanted accurate information and it was not available until the end of the week. Member Vincent will continue to communicate accurate information as it becomes available to him.

Administrative Issues:

7. Information Session:

7.1 Healthy Communities Partnership:

Janice Dunbar, Community Developer – Community Health; provided a presentation entitled Healthy Communities Partnership; for the information of the Board.

8. Safe Water Program:

Bob Worsell, Public Health Manager – Safe Water; prepared a report entitled Safe Water Program; for the information of the Board. Dr. Cameron updated the members on the report.

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

Dr. Nancy Cameron, Medical Officer of Health/CEO presented a report entitled Medical Officer of Health Update; for the information of the Board.

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The Motion that was prepared regarding the Chief Nursing Officer in the Public Health Working Group; be deferred until the next Board of Health meeting.

CARRIED

Dr. Cameron advised the week of October 3rd to October 7th is Breast Feeding Awareness Week. On October 6th the Breast Feeding Program is holding a cake and coffee hour and the Board Members are invited to attend after the Board of Health meeting.

Dr. Cameron reported she was advised by Dr. Klassen that there was some discussion in the Perth Health Unit Strategic Plan about more partnership with Huron Health Unit. Dr. Cameron advised the Board that the two health units partner on several initiatives at this time; for example, school surveillance, joint meetings with the school boards, In Motion and youth events. We intend to continue this practice as appropriate.

Board Secretary/CAO Adams advised there were discussions with the Perth Health Unit some time ago and the Huron County Health Unit was open and receptive but cautious. He advised the response from the Perth Board of Health and Perth County Senior Management Team was not to blend together. This is not a Ministry initiative.

10. Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards:

The Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards were reviewed and there was some discussion.

11. Correspondence:

Accounts and Financial Statements:

Accounts up to and including August 26th, 2011 were reviewed.

General Health Programs	\$55,933.85
Healthy Hearts	\$.22

Financial Statements for the period ending July 31st, 2011; were reviewed.

HEALTH UNIT	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
General Programs	3,309,286	3,328,374	3,625,253	4,379,158	315,967	1,050,784
Heart Health	36,468	-	36,468	-	-	-

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The accounts up to and including August 26th, 2011 and the financial statements as of July 31st, 2011; be received.

CARRIED

13. "Closed to the Public Session":

There was no closed to the public session.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Board of Health will be on Thursday October 6th, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Auditorium at the Health and Library Complex, south of Clinton.

Adjournment:

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The Board of Health meeting adjourn at 10:22 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair B. MacLellan