



Board of Health

Minutes - February 7, 2013

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BOARD OF HEALTH

Clinton, Ontario
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The Board of Health met in Seminar Room 2 at the Health and Library Complex south of Clinton on the 7th of February 2013. Chair J. Steffler called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All members of the Board of Health were present. Also present were Medical Officer of Health/CEO, Dr. Nancy Cameron and Manager – Administration, Audrey King.

1. Minutes:

MOTION:

Moved by: Warden G. Robertson and Seconded by: Member R. Rognvaldson

THAT:

That the minutes of Board of Health meeting of January 3rd, 2013 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

There were no declarations of pecuniary conflict of interest.

3. Agenda and Reports:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member B. MacLellan and Seconded by: Member B. Van

Diepenbeek:

THAT:

The Board of Health Agenda for Thursday, February 7th, 2013 be accepted and all reports included in the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

4. Board Member Issues:

4.1 Animal Control:

Member D. Jewitt asked for clarification on what the privacy legislation says in regards to reporting only second dog bites to the Animal Control Officer.

Jean-Guy Albert, Public Health Manager provided background information on the Rabies Prevention Program. He explained that hospitals are obligated to report any bites to the HU. He said that most bites occur within the family home, by the family pet and are mostly accidental in nature. On occasion reports are received where a dog has bitten on more than one occasion, has bitten more than one person or there has been vicious attack or a bite has been from a stray animal. If we feel a situation cannot be allowed to continue or if the public is at risk, we will contact the animal control officer and they will enforce what needs to be done for example requiring the pet owner to use a muzzle on their dog.

With regards to the legislation, the information that is shared with us is considered personal and private information. The legislation says that we can share this information if the public would be protected. When an initial bite is dealt with, it is not likely that there is danger to the public, unless it was from a stray animal, or a vicious attack, and so it is not necessary to share the information. It's when the situation becomes more serious that the Animal Control Officer needs to be contacted.

Jean-Guy Albert stated that he has met with Mr. Trick and has explained the program and the legislation to him.

4.2 Septic Re-inspection Program:

Member B. MacLellan mentioned the Councillor Shewfelt requested a recommendation from the Board of Health as to whether the Septic Re-inspection Program has merit from a health standpoint.

Discussion ensued.

Member D. Jewitt stated that he sees the program as a viable program. His council turned it down as they would like to see some changes to the program.

Dr. Nancy Cameron stated that it would be more beneficial to wait and see if the plumbing and septic programs go to the lower tiers before the Health Unit does more planning for the septic re-inspection program.

Warden G. Roberston suggested this discussion be deferred to the Committee of the Whole discussion in two week's time.

5. Administrative Issues:

There were no administrative issues.

6. Information:

6.1 Immunization:

Ruth Ann Ogilvie, Public Health Nurse – Infectious Disease, presented an update on immunization for the information of the Board.

Ruth Ann confirmed that the Health Unit only stocks publicly funded vaccines and that the combination Hep A and Hep B vaccine is not publically funded.

Discussion was held on the topic of shingles and the vaccine.

Discussion ensued on the recent Letter to the Editor in the Focus and the Signal Star regarding the flu shot. Member B. Van Diepenbeek reported that he had several people approach him about the article and one person in particular did so knowing that he was on the Board of Health. He inquired as to whether a correction would be issued by the Health Unit.

Dr. Nancy Cameron stated that our response is often determined by the public's response to controversial information. Sometimes information is printed and just goes ignored by the public. If this is the case, it is best left alone. However, if the public are asking for clarification such as the examples you give, then we take a look at it and respond accordingly. Dr. Cameron stated that she will speak to our Epidemiologist and the Manager of Infectious Disease and ask them to prepare a response.

6.2 Technical Documents for Tobacco Bylaw:

Sherri Preszcator, Public Health Manager – Community Health and Angela Willert, Senior Health Promoter, Community Health, presented Technical Documents for the Tobacco Bylaw for the information of the Board.

Discussion ensued regarding the various options presented.

MOTION:

Moved by: Warden G. Robertson and Seconded by: Member D. Jewitt:

THAT:

The above presentation be provided to County Council and that Council move forward in their work to improve public safety in outdoor spaces.

CARRIED

7. Safe Water Program:

Dr. Nancy Cameron presented a report entitled Safe Water Program for the information of the Board.

Member B. MacLellan raised the following questions from County Council: Is the Health Unit happy with the number of people testing their water and is the Health Unit happy with the results they are receiving?

Dr. Nancy Cameron will ask Jean-Guy Albert, Public Health Manager to respond.

8. 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.

9. CUPE Flex Schedule Report:

Dr. Nancy Cameron, Medical Officer of Health/CEO presented a report entitled CUPE Flex Schedule for the information of the Board.

10. 2013 Health Unit Budget:

Dr. Nancy Cameron, Medical Officer of Health/CEO and Nancy Rennick, Manager of Financial Services & Deputy Treasurer presented the 2013 Health Unit Budget.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member B. MacLellan and Seconded by: Member B. Van Diepenbeek

THAT:

The Health Unit Budget for 2013 be accepted.
 CARRIED

11. Correspondence:

- 11.1 aPHa letter to Rick Miller, Chair, OMERS Administration Corporation re: OMERS's investments in tobacco companies – dated December 17th, 2012
- 11.2 Northwestern Health Unit letter to the Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario re: Resolution #96-2012 endorsing the Report of the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH), Oral Health – More Than Just Cavities (2012 – dated January 3rd, 2013)
- 11.3 aPHa letter to all members of Ontario Boards of Health re: 2013 Winter Symposium – dated January 10th, 2013

12. Accounts and Financial Statements:

12.1 Accounts up to and including December 28, 2012 were reviewed.

General Health Programs	81,296.21
Healthy Hearts	---

Financial statements for the period ending November 30, 2012 were reviewed.

HEALTH UNIT	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
General Programs	4,894,092	5,105,822	5,977,115	7,052,341	1,083,023	1,946,519
Heart Health	11,810	-	14,866	-	3,056	-

MOTION:

Moved by: Member R. Rognvaldson and Seconded by: Member D. Jewitt

THAT:

The accounts up to and including December 28, 2012 and the financial statements as of November 30, 2012 be received.

CARRIED

12.2 Accounts up to and including January 31, 2013 were reviewed.

General Health Programs	9,3076.11
Healthy Hearts	----

MOTION:

Moved by: Warden G. Robertson and Seconded by: Member R. Rognvaldson

THAT:

The accounts up to and including January 31, 2013 be received.

CARRIED

13. "Closed to the Public Session":

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The Board of Health do now go into a "closed to the public session" at 11:03 a.m. under *Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended*; to discuss an item/items that relates to:

- Labour relations

AND FURTHER THAT:

Dr. Nancy Cameron and Audrey King, Manager – Administration, remain in attendance.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Member B. McLellan and Seconded by: Warden G. Robertson:

THAT:

The Board of Health rise from "Closed to the Public Session" at 11:30 a.m.

CARRIED

14. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Board of Health will be on Thursday, March 7th, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Health Unit in Clinton.

15. Adjournment:

MOTION:

Moved By: Member D. Jewitt and Seconded by: Member R. Rognvaldson

THAT:

The Board of Health meeting adjourn at 11:34 a.m..

Chair J. Steffler