

Board of Health

Minutes

April 19, 2023

9:15 am - 12:00 pm

Board Members Present: S. Cairns, R. Cipolla, P. Koetsier, S. Warnock, P. Willmott, L. Oehm, S. Kinsella, A. Kungl, N. Nigussie, B. Gordon, J. Leduc, B. Norris, T. Walker, A. Dubeau, S. Read

Staff Present: C. Gardner, K. Ellis-Scharfenberg

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:15am.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

A. Dubeau read the Land Acknowledgement.

1.2 Welcome to New Board of Health Member Sondra Read

Board Chair A. M. Kungl welcomed new Board member Sondra Read to the Board.

1.3 Acknowledgement/Thank you to Christine Miller

Board Chair A. M. Kungl acknowledged and thanked Christine Miller for her 9 years of service supporting the Board of Health, especially during the years of the COVID-19 pandemic and public health modernization.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion 2.0

MOVED BY P. Willmott

SECONDED BY S. Kinsella

THAT the Board of Health approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

4. Consent Agenda

Motion 4.0

MOVED BY P. Koetsier

SECONDED BY J. Leduc

THAT the Board of Health approve the following consent agenda item:

4.1 Minutes from March 15, 2023.

CARRIED

5. In Camera

Motion 5.0

MOVED BY B. Norris

SECONDED BY L. Oehm

THAT the Board of Health go in camera to approve the March 15, 2023 in camera minutes and discuss one Finance and Infrastructure Issue and one HR Issue.

CARRIED

Motion 5.0.1

MOVED BY T. Walker

SECONDED BY P. Willmott

THAT the Board of Health come out of in camera and report.

CARRIED

Motion 5.0.2

MOVED BY S. Warnock

SECONDED BY T. Walker

THAT the Board of Health approve the proposed two-year lease extension to the Collingwood office.

CARRIED

- 5.1 Approval of Minutes
- 5.2 Finance and Infrastructure Issue
- 5.3 HR Issue

6. Business Arising

6.1 Legionella Outbreak in Orillia

Briefing Note. Dr. Charles Gardner, and Dr. Steven Rebellato presenting.

C. Gardner, S. Rebellato and C. Lee provided background information and outlined current activities regarding the Orillia Legionella outbreak in the fall of 2022. Through genetic sub-typing the source was determined. The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) is currently working with Public Health Ontario (PHO) and the Ministry of Health on the potential for a provincial registry and safety requirements for cooling towers. Additionally, SMDHU is working with PHO to hold education events to raise awareness on the topic and S. Rebellato is leading the publication of a paper on the outbreak.

Board members discussed the topic of legionella control and provincial policy.

Motion 6.1

MOVED BY S. Read

SECONDED BY L. Oehm

THAT the Board of Health receive this briefing note as information.

CARRIED

7. New Business

7.1 Review and Revision of Board Bylaw and Policies

Briefing Note. Dr. Charles Gardner presenting.

C. Gardner presented the item and outlined the process and costs regarding the review of Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) Board of Health bylaw and policies by legal firm Borden, Ladner and Gervais (BLG). He also outlined the formation of a Board Governance Committee which was proposed to include the Board Chair and Vice Chair as well as two additional members.

Board members discussed and amended the motion to:

AND FURTHER THAT the Board of Health strike a time-limited Board of Health Governance Committee to oversee the Board bylaw and policies review.

The Board also changed the Committee membership to include three additional members to form the committee alongside the Board Chair and Vice Chair. Interested members are to notify S. Hakkarainen by April 28, 2023, of their desire to join the committee.

Motion 7.1

MOVED BY B. Norris

SECONDED BY A. Dubeau

THAT the Board of Health receive this briefing note as information;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board of Health strike a time-limited Board of Health Governance Committee to oversee the Board bylaw and policies review.

CARRIED

7.2 SMDHU Focus on Recovery Framework - Status Update

Briefing Note. Dr. Charles Gardner and Natalie Riewe presenting.

C. Gardner and N. Riewe provided a Recovery Framework update. All staff have returned to base programs and all programs are cited within the agency's Annual Service Plans to the province. The Recovery Framework includes 6 key focus areas (Prevent and protect, People, Programs and services, Partnerships, Plan, and Finance) which have made progress with multiple targets met.

Next steps for the Recovery Framework include a proposal to shift the framework to an interim Strategic Plan. It is intended that the Strategic Plan be presented to the Board of Health at the May meeting.

Motion 7.2

MOVED BY J. Leduc

SECONDED BY B. Gordon

THAT the Board of Health receive this briefing note as information.

CARRIED

7.3 Addressing Climate-Health and Healthy Built and Natural Environments Through Public Health Advocacy

Briefing Note. Dr. Charles Gardner, Dr. Steven Rebellato, and Brenda Armstrong presenting.

C. Gardner presented the item outlining the proposal for further advocacy on climate change and the built and natural environment. S. Rebellato and S. Warren provided further detailed information on climate change outlining the threats and opportunities for public health, climate change action, the need for green space, and advocacy for health.

Board members discussed and considered the support of the Board for climate change and built environment advocacy. Currently, the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health (OCMOH) and Public Health Ontario (PHO) are commencing a provincial review on preparedness for heat events, and this provides an opportunity to support work provincially.

J. Leduc requested an SMDHU climate change presentation at a committee meeting. J. Leduc to send C. Gardner details regarding the committee meeting next Wednesday.

Discussion included C. Gardner's suggestion that advocacy take place in the form of an Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aLPHa) resolution, or by other similar means.

Discussion included the potential to share the climate change and built and natural environment content with the municipalities, and to learn what Board members are doing in their municipalities and about the activities of SMDHU staff.

It was recommended that staff report again with recommendations on Board advocacy on climate change at the June Board meeting.

Motion 7.3

MOVED BY A. Dubeau

SECONDED BY R. Cipolla

THAT the Board of Health receive this briefing note as information,

AND FURTHER THAT the Board of Health advise on their willingness to engage in public health advocacy on climate change and the built and natural environment.

CARRIED

7.4 The New Canadian Dental Care Plan

Briefing Note. Colleen Nisbet and Simone Guenette presenting.

C. Nisbet and S. Guenette provided information outlining the new Dental Care Program for low-income individuals and how they can access the services. Families will be able to start applying to the federal program by the end of 2023.

Board members discussed the uptake and promotion of the new program as well as access to dental care in Muskoka.

Motion 7.4

MOVED BY L. Oehm

SECONDED BY S. Cairns

That the Board of Health receive this briefing note for information.

CARRIED

8. Items of Education

8.1 Spring Retreat - May 23, 2023

8.2 aPHa Conference and Annual General Meeting - June 12-14, 2023

8.3 Board of Health Indigenous Cultural Safety Training - September 22, 2023

9. Items of Information

9.1 Letter from Ann-Marie Kungl, Board Chair for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Health, House of Commons

re Support for 'Bill S-254 An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (warning label on alcoholic beverages)'.
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 Email from the Office of the Honourable Patrick Brazeau, Senate of Canada to the Office of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

re Acknowledgement of Support for 'Bill S-254 An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (warning label on alcoholic beverages)'.

- 9.2 Order in Council from Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

re Appointment of Sondra Read to the SMDHU Board of Health.

- 9.3 Blog from Dr. Charles Gardner, Medical Officer of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to all Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit staff and Board of Health

re Urban Indigenous COVID-19 Vaccination Strategy in Simcoe Muskoka: Celebrating a successful collaborative approach.

- 9.4 Letter from Kristine Preston, Deputy Clerk for the City of Orillia, to Dr. Charles Gardner, Medical Officer of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

re 2023 Budget Ratification - Acknowledgement of appearance at the Budget Committee meeting held on February 6, 2023.

- 9.5 Ontario Budget 2023 Summary document from ALPHA

re ALPHA's summary of the 2023 Ontario Budget.

- 9.6 Letter from Joe Preston, Board Chair, and Cynthia St. John, Chief Executive Officer for Southwestern Public Health to the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance

re Support for the ALPHA 2023 Pre-Budget Submission.

- 9.7 Letter from René Lapierre, Board Chair for Public Health Sudbury & Districts to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

re Minimum Wage Increase.

- 9.8 ALPHA March 2023 Infobreak.

- 9.9 Thank you letter from Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre Foundation for a bereavement donation in memory of a staff family member.

- 9.10 Thank you card from staff member in acknowledgement of Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit bereavement donation on behalf of family member.

10. Announcements

11. Date of Next Meetings

- May 17, 2023
- June 21, 2023

12. Adjournment

Motion 12.0

MOVED BY S. Read

SECONDED BY S. Warnock

THAT the Board of Health meeting be adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

CARRIED

ORIGINAL Signed By:

Ann-Marie Kungl

Chair, Board of Health

ORIGINAL Signed By:

Dr. Charles Gardner

Medical Officer of Health