

Huron Perth Public Health
BOARD OF HEALTH

**Multipurpose Rooms
West Gore Site**

November 10, 2023

MINUTES

Membership Present: Marg Anderson (Deputy Mayor Central Huron and Councillor, Huron County)
Lesley Biehn (Councillor, City of Stratford)
Rhonda Ehgoetz (Mayor, Perth East and Warden Perth County) *via Zoom*
George Finch (Mayor South Huron and Councillor, Huron County)
Todd Kasenberg, Vice Chair (Mayor, North Perth and Councillor Perth County)
Marg Luna (Councillor, Town of St Marys)
Bernie MacLellan, Chair (Mayor Huron East and Councillor, Huron County)
Bob Parker (Provincial Representative)
Paul Robinson (Provincial Representative)
Cody Sebben (Councillor, City of Stratford) *via Zoom*
Bill Vanstone (Deputy Mayor Ashfield-Colbourne-Wawanosh and Councillor, Huron County)

Staff Present: Dr. Lauren Hayward, Physician Consultant
Dr. Miriam Klassen, MOH and CEO
barb Leavitt, Director of Population Health
Melissa Rintoul, Executive Assistant to the Medical Office of Health (Recorder)
Julie Pauli, Director of Corporate Services and Secretary to the Board of Health
Tanya Sangster, Director of Community and Family Health
Christina Taylor, Director of Health Protection

Public/Media Present: None

1. Land Acknowledgement ~ Todd Kasenberg

"We acknowledge that the land where we gather today is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Neutral, and Wendat peoples. We acknowledge and recognize our roles and shared responsibilities as treaty people committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation, gratitude, and respect with all Indigenous, First Nation, Métis and Inuit people."

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion for Consideration:

That the Board of Health approve the Agenda for the November 10, 2023 meeting as circulated.

Motion made by: Marg Anderson

Seconded by: George Finch
Carried.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Robert Parker and Paul Robinson declared pecuniary interest for Agenda item 4b.

4. Closed Session

Motion for Consideration:

That the Board of Health move into CLOSED Session at 9:32 for discussions that pertain to personal matters – the updated Organizational Chart and the appointment of Provincial Representatives .

Motion made by: Paul Robinson

Seconded by: Leslie Biehn
Carried.

The Board of Health ended CLOSED session at 9:47am

Reporting Out

- a. The Board of Health received the 2024 Organization Chart for information purposes; this will become public after it is shared with staff.
- b. *The Board of Health moved that Robert Parker and Paul Robinson be endorsed for reappointment to the HPPH Board of Health as Provincial Representatives.*

Motion made by: Todd Kasenberg
Seconded by: Leslie Biehn
Carried

5. **Director of Corporate Services Report**

- a. **Statement of Accounts** – September 30, 2023

Motion for Consideration:

That the Board of Health approve the Statement of Accounts for the period ending September 2023.

Motion made by: Bill Vanstone
Seconded by: Robert Parker
Carried.

- b. **Financial Transactions** – September 1-30, 2023

Motion for Consideration

That the Board of Health approve the Financial Transaction Reports for the period of September 1-30, 2023, in the total amount of \$1 347 610.12.

Motion made by: George Finch
Seconded by: Bob Parker
Carried.

6. **MOH Report**

Motion for Consideration:

That the Board of Health adopt the Report of the Medical Officer of Health as presented.

Motion made by: Marg Anderson
Seconded by: Bob Parker
Carried.

7. **Business Arising**

- a. Revised 2023 ASP – presented by Julie Pauli, Director of Corporate Services.

Motion for Consideration:

That the Board of Health approves the revised 2023 ASP and authorizes the Chair of the Board of Health, the Medical Officer of Health and CEO, and the Director of Corporate Services to sign.

Motion made by: Marg Luna
Seconded by: George Finch
Carried.

8. **New Business**

a. Strengthening Public Health Update

Dr Miriam Klassen provided an update on Ministry messaging regarding the Strengthening Public Health. The Board of Health had a discussion about the benefits and challenges of additional mergers.

Motion for Consideration:

WHEREAS Huron Perth Public Health is the result of a recent merger during the COVID pandemic, the consequences of which are yet to be fully understood, and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has issued an invitation to Health units to consider further amalgamations that the Board of Health feels would be premature for Huron Perth Public Health.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health directs staff not to pursue funding for feasibility planning of additional amalgamation(s) at this time.

Motion made by: Marg Luna

Seconded by: Todd Kasenberg

Carried.

9. **Other Business**

10. **Correspondence**

- a. Niagara Region re Bill 103, Smoke Free Ontario Amendment Act (Vaping is not for Kids), 2023
- b. Sudbury PH re – Public Health Strengthening and Chronic Disease Prevention
- c. Sudbury PH re – Support for a Funded Healthy School Food Program in Budget 2024 (Federal)
- d. Sudbury PH re – Calls for expansion of outdoor air quality monitoring stations and the Air Quality Health Index across Northern Ontario
- e. alPHa re – Reminder – 2023 alPHa Fall Symposium is fast approaching!
- f. alPHa re Summary – Fall Economic Statement

Motions for Consideration:

That the Board of Health support and endorse Item 10 c. and direct staff to send a letter to the Honourable Doug Ford, Sylvia Jones, Chrystia Freeland, Jenna Sudds, Lawrence MacAuley, Jean-Yves Duclos, Huron-Perth MPs, local MPP's, the Chief Medical Officer of Health and all Ontario Boards of Health and all others that were addressed in the original letter.

Motion made by: Todd Kasenberg

Seconded by: Marg Anderson

Carried.

Staff Recommended Motion for Consideration:

That the Board of Health endorse correspondence item 10b and direct staff to draft a letter to the Honourable Doug Ford, Sylvia Jones, and Michael Tibollo, and copy the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Public Health Ontario, the Ministry of Health, Huron Perth MPP's, and all Ontario Boards of Health.

Motion made by: George Finch

Seconded by: Paul Robinson

Carried.

That the Board of Health receive correspondence items 10a, d, e, and f, for information purposes.

Motion made by: Marg Luna

Seconded by: Leslie Biehn

Carried.

11. **Approval of the Minutes of the November 10, 2023, Board of Health meeting**

Motion for Consideration:

That the Board of Health approve the minutes of the November 10, 2023, Board of Health meeting as presented.

Motion made by: Marg Luna
Seconded by: Paul Robinson
Carried.

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be held on **Friday, December 8, 2023** via zoom.

13. **Adjournment**

Motion for Consideration:

That the meeting of the Huron Perth Public Health Board of Health be adjourned as of 11:08 am.

Motion made by: Marg Luna
Seconded by: Bill Vanstone
Carried.

14. **Public Announcements**

- Influenza (Flu) and COVID-19 immunizations are available to Board of Health members starting at 11am.

15. **Education Session – Oral Health ~ presented by Annette Hoyles**