

Huron Perth Public Health
BOARD OF HEALTH

In Person
West Gore Office – WG2/3

May 8, 2026
9:30 am

MINUTES

Membership Present: Marg Anderson (Deputy Mayor Central Huron and Councillor, Huron County)
Lesley Biehn (Councillor, City of Stratford)
Sheryl Feagan (Provincial Representative)
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)
Jared Petteplace (Provincial Representative)*
Paul Robinson (Provincial Representative)
Cody Sebben (Councillor, City of Stratford)
Bill Vanstone (Deputy Mayor Ashfield-Colbourne-Wawanosh and Councillor, Huron County)
Adam Waxman (Provincial Representative)* *entered remotely at 938am*

Membership Regrets: Robert Wilhelm (Deputy Mayor, Perth South and Councillor, Perth County)
Paul Robinson (Provincial Representative)

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

Media Present: Nicole Beswitherick, Midwestern Newspapers

*attended remotely

1. **Land Acknowledgement ~ Sheryl Feagan**
"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 approves the Agenda for the May 8, 2026, meeting as circulated.

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

3. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest - None**

4. **Closed Session ~ none**

5. **Director of Corporate Services Report – Julie Pauli**

a. **Statement of Accounts – March 2026**

Motion for Consideration

That the Board of Health approves the Statement of Accounts for the period ending March 31st, 2026, as presented.

Motion made by: Lesley Biehn
Seconded by: Marg Anderson
Carried.

b. **Financial Transactions – March 1–31, 2026**

Motion for Consideration

That the Board of Health approves the Financial Transaction Reports for the period of March 1 – March 31, 2026, in total amount of \$1,774,100.24.

Motion made by: Todd Kasenberg
Seconded by: Bill Vanstone
Carried.

c. **2025 Ministry Annual Report**

Motion for Consideration

That the Board of Health approves the signing of the 2025 Ministry Annual Report by the Medical Officer of Health & CEO and the Board Chair.

Motion made by: Bob Parker
Seconded by: Sheryl Feagan
Carried.

d. **2025 Ministry Annual Reconciliation Report and Auditors Attestation**

Motion for Consideration

That the Board of Health approves the signing of the 2025 Ministry Annual Reconciliation Report by the Medical Officer of Health & CEO and the Board Chair.

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

6. **MOH Report – Dr Miriam Klassen**

Discussion and recommendation to bring *Intimate Partner Violence* as a topic to the Board as an education session.

Motion for Consideration

That the Board of Health receives the Report of the Medical Officer of Health for information purposes.

Motion made by: George Finch
Seconded by: Bill Vanstone
Carried.

7. **Business Arising - None**

8. **New Business**

a. **alPHa Resolutions**

The Board of Health reviewed the four resolutions to be put forth at the alPHa Annual AGM and conference on June 9, 2026.

Motion for Consideration

That the Board of Health endorses the following resolutions, and authorizes attendees to vote in favour of the four resolutions with the ability to discuss and change their voting based on discussion and amendments presented at the meeting:

A26-01 Strengthening Hepatitis B Prevention in Ontario Through Vaccination in the First Year of Life - Boards of Health for the District of Algoma Health Unit and the Board of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.

Motion made by: Bill Vanstone
Seconded by: George Finch
Carried

A26-02 Strengthening Certified Public Health Inspector Capacity to Support Delivery of the Ontario Public Health Standards - ASPHIO.

Motion made by: Todd Kasenberg
Seconded by: George Finch
Carried.

A26-03 Mandatory and Regulated Alcohol Labelling on Alcohol Manufactured or Sold in Canada – Middlesex-London Health Unit and Toronto Public Health.

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

A26-04 Enhancing the Ontario Works Benefit – Middlesex-London Health Unit, Huron Perth Public Health Unit, Windsor-Essex County Health Unit, and Southwestern Public Health Unit.

Motion made by: Jared Petteplace
Seconded by: Adam Waxman
Carried.

9. **Other Business - None**

10. **Correspondence**

- a. WECHU letter re Advancing Bill C-63 (Online Harms Act) to Protect Children and Youth
- b. WECHU letter re Provincial Action to Protect Children and Youth from Online Harms
- c. Sudbury and District PH letter re Endorsement of Algoma Public Health Position Statement on Infant Hepatitis B Vaccination

Motion for Consideration:

That the Board of Health receives correspondence items for information purposes.

Motion made by: Bill Vanstone
Seconded by: Lesley Biehn
Carried.

11. **Approval of the Minutes of May 8, 2026, Board of Health meeting**

Motion for Consideration:

That the Board of Health approves the minutes of May 8, 2026, Board of Health meeting as presented.

Motion made by: Sheryl Feagan
Seconded by: George Finch
Carried.

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be held on **Friday, June 12, 2026 in person at the West Gore office of HPPH.**

13. **Adjournment**

Motion for Consideration:

That the meeting of the Huron Perth Public Health Board of Health be adjourned as of 10:16 am.

Motion made by: Cody Sebben

Seconded by: Lesley Biehn

Carried.

14. **Public Announcements**

15. **Education Session – Avian Influenza – Johanna Calamusa, Public Health Nurse and Patrick Landry, Public Health Inspector**