

Huron Perth Public Health
BOARD OF HEALTH

**West Gore Site
Multipurpose Rooms**

**April 11, 2025
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)
Bill Vanstone (Deputy Mayor Ashfield-Colbourne-Wawanosh and Councillor, Huron County)
Robert Wilhelm (Councillor, Perth South and Councillor, Perth County)

Membership Absent: Cody Sebben (Councillor, City of Stratford)

Staff Present: Dr. Lauren Hayward, Physician Consultant *
Dr. Miriam Klassen, MOH and CEO
Irene Louwagie, Corporate Services Coordinator (Recorder)
Julie Pauli, Director of Corporate Services and Secretary to the Board of Health
Christina Taylor, Director of Health Protection

Staff Regrets: Tanya Sangster, Director of Community and Family Health

Member of the Public/Media Present: Nicole Beswitherick, Listowel Banner;

*attended virtually

Note: Finance and Personnel Committee (F&P) and Risk and Governance Committee (R&G) are operationalized as committees of the whole as per BOH motions January 2024 and January 2025.

1. **Land Acknowledgement ~ Bernie MacLellan**

"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 movement of agenda Item 4c Audited Financial Statements – 2024 to 4a. and followed by 6b and the remainder of the Agenda for the April 11, 2025 meeting as circulated.

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

3. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

None were declared.

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

- a. **Audited Financial Statements – 2024** – Ferruccio Da Sacco, Partner, BDO Canada
Julie Pauli, Director of Corporate Services introduced Ferruccio Da Sacco, Partner, BDO Canada, who presented the 2024 Audited Financial Statements Report for Huron Perth Health Unit.

Motion for Consideration

That the Board of Health approve the Audited Financial Statements – 2024.

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

b. **United Way Presentation - Living Wage - Kristen Crane**

Dr Miriam Klassen introduced Kristen Crane, Director Community Impact and Research of United Way Huron Perth, who presented to the Board of Health on *Living Wage*.

That the Board accept this presentation for information purposes.

Moved by: Marg Luna
Seconded by: Sheryl Feagan
Carried.

c. **Statement of Accounts – February 2025**

Motion for Consideration:

That the Board of Health approve the Statement of Accounts for the period ending February 28, 2025.

Motion made by: Bill Vanstone
Seconded by: Bob Wilhelm
Carried.

d. **Financial Transactions – February 1-28, 2025**

Motion for Consideration

That the Board of Health approve the Financial Transaction Reports for the period of February 1-28, 2025, in the total amount of \$1,403,782.51.

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

5. **MOH Report – Dr Miriam Klassen**

Motion for Consideration

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

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

6. **Business Arising**

e. **alPHa AGM and Conference – June 18th to 20th 2025**

HPPH Staff will circulate the alPHa Resolutions as soon as they are received for review and consideration and will present recommendations at the May Board of Health meeting.

Dr Miriam Klassen, Medical Officer of Health, Julie Pauli, Director of Corporate Services and Todd Kasenberg will attend the alPHa AGM and Conference to represent HPPH. Sheryl Feagan may attend.

7. **New Business**

a. **Staff Report – Monitoring Food Affordability**

Dr Klassen presented the staff report to the Board of Health.

Motion for Consideration

That the Board of Health receive The Real Cost of Eating: Food Insecurity in Huron and Perth 2024 for information purposes.

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

That the Board of Health write a letter to the Ontario Ministers' of Finance, and of Municipal Affairs and Housing, copying local municipalities, the Federal Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, and Ontario Boards of Health, asking that they increase the urgency of the work to address the housing crisis, including supporting expansion of the supply of non-market government and not-for-profit housing, which could positively impact household food insecurity; and

That the Board of Health write a letter to the provincial government, copying local Members of Provincial Parliament, and Ontario Boards of Health, calling for policy action to address the root causes of food insecurity, including enhancing and indexing to inflation income security programs such as Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program.

Moved by: Bob Parker
Seconded by: Paul Robinson
Carried.

b. **Board of Health Policies**

1.03.300 Staffing of the Health Unit (Finance and Personnel)

Motion for Consideration

That the Board of Health approve the updated Board of Health policy 1.03.300 Staffing of the Health Unit as presented.

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

1.05.050 Donations to the Health Unit (Finance and Personnel)

Motion for Consideration

That the Board of Health approve the updated Board of Health policy 1.05.050 Donations to the Health Unit as presented.

Motion made by: Bill Vanstone
Seconded by: Bob Wilhelm
Carried.

8. **Other Business**

No other business added to the agenda.

9. **Correspondence**

- a. alPHa email re; Public Health Matters Newsletter
- b. WECHU letter re Addressing Household Food Insecurity
- c. WECHU letter re Animal Bite Prevention Strategies in Windsor and Essex County
- d. WECHU letter re Intimate Partner Gender Based Violence
- e. WECHU letter re Rabies Prevention in Windsor and Essex County

Motion for Consideration:

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

Motion made by: Sheryl Feagan
Seconded by: Marg Anderson
Carried.

10. **Approval of the Minutes of April 11, 2025, Board of Health meeting**

Motion for Consideration:

That the Board of Health approve the minutes of the April 11, 2025, Board of Health meeting as presented.

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

11. **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be held on **Friday, May 9, 2025**. Todd Kasenberg and George Finch send regrets for this meeting.

12. **Adjournment**

Motion for Consideration:

That the meeting of the Huron Perth Public Health Board of Health be adjourned as of 10:53 am.

Motion made by: George
Seconded by: Bob Wilhelm
Carried.

13. **Public Announcements**

14. **Education Session** – deferred due to Measles Response impacting staff capacity