

Huron Perth Public Health
BOARD OF HEALTH

Via Zoom

January 12, 2023

MINUTES

Membership Present: Marg Anderson (Deputy Mayor Central Huron and Councillor, Huron County)
Lesley Biehn (Councillor, City of Stratford)
George Finch (Mayor South Huron and Councillor, Huron County)
Todd Kasenberg (Mayor, North Perth and Councillor Perth County)
Bernie MacLellan (Mayor Huron East and Councillor, Huron County)
Bob Parker (Provincial Representative)
Paul Robinson (Provincial Representative)
Cody Sebben (Councillor, City of Stratford)
Bill Vanstone (Deputy Mayor Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh and Councillor, Huron County)

Membership Regrets: Rhonda Ehgoetz (Mayor, Perth East and Warden Perth County)
Marg Luna (Councillor, Town of St Marys)

Staff Present: Dr. Lauren Hayward, Physician Consultant
Dr. Miriam Klassen, MOH and CEO
barb Leavitt, Director of Population Health
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

Public/Media Present: Kelsey Bent, Listowel Banner

Julie Pauli, Director of Corporate Services, chaired the meeting until the new Chair was elected.

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 Agenda for the January 12, 2024 meeting with the addition of 12a Inquiry regarding past contributions to House of Blessing.

Motion made by: George Finch

Seconded by: Lesley Biehn

Carried.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest – No declarations were made.

4. **Board of Health Elections**

a. **Board of Health Chairperson**

Motion for Consideration

That, Bernie MacLellan be nominated as Chairperson of the Huron Perth Health Unit Board of Health, from this day up until the first Board of Health meeting in January of 2025.

Motion made by: George Finch
Seconded by: Paul Robinson
Carried.

Newly elected Board of Health Chair, Bernie MacLellan, chaired the remainder of the meeting from this point forward.

b. **Board of Health Vice Chairperson**

Motion for Consideration

That, Todd Kasenberg be nominated as Vice Chairperson of the Huron Perth Health Unit Board of Health, from this day up until the first Board of Health meeting in January of 2025.

Motion made by: Todd Kasenberg
Seconded by: Lesley Biehn
Carried.

c. **Appointment of Board of Health Secretary**

Motion for Consideration

That, Julie Pauli, Director of Corporate Services be appointed Secretary to the Huron Perth Board of Health from this day up until the first Board of Health meeting in January of 2025.

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

5. **Closed Session**

Motion for Consideration:

That the Board of Health enter into CLOSED session at 9:37am to discuss legal matters pertaining to Strengthening Public Health and HPPH Insurance renewal.

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

The Board of Health ended CLOSED session at 9:54am

Reporting Out

a. The Board of Health received an update pertaining to Strengthening Public Health; discussion with MLHU from Bernie MacLellan and discussion with the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health from Dr Miriam Klassen.

b. The Board of Health received an update of the Insurance Coverage for Cyber and Liability Insurance for 2024.

Motion for Consideration:

That the Board of Health authorizes staff to renew Cyber and Liability Insurance for 2024 as presented.

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

6. **Risk and Governance**

Motion for Consideration:

That the Board of Health operationalize the Risk and Governance Committee as a Committee of the Whole to be incorporated as part of the regular Board of Health agenda and chaired by the Chair of the Board of Health for the year of 2024.

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

7. **Finance and Personnel**

Motion for Consideration:

That the Board of Health operationalize the Finance and Personnel Committee as a Committee of the Whole to be incorporated as part of the regular Board of Health agenda and chaired by the Chair of the Board of Health for the year of 2024.

Motion made by: Bill Vanstone
Seconded by: Paul Robinson
Carried.

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

a. **Statement of Accounts** – November 30, 2023

Motion for Consideration:

That the Board of Health approve the Statement of Accounts for the period ending November 30, 2023.

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

b. **Financial Transactions** – November 1-20, 2023

Motion for Consideration

That the Board of Health approve the Financial Transaction Reports for the period of November 1-30, 2023, in the total amount of \$1 518 774.74.

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

9. **MOH Report – Dr Miriam Klassen**

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: George Finch
Carried.

10. **Business Arising**

There is a meeting on January 22nd with the Minister of Health, in regards to the funding model for Public Health. Bernie MacLellan will be in attendance.

11. **New Business**

a. **Staff Report – The Real Cost of Eating: Food Insecurity in Huron and Perth 2023 – barb Leavitt – *attached***
Motion for Consideration

The Board of Health directed staff to bring back a report on the *Complexities of Living with Low Income*.

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

And,

That the Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH) Board of Health receive the attached report, *The Real Cost of Eating: Food Insecurity in Huron and Perth 2023*, as information.

Furthermore, that the HPPH Board of Health direct staff to:

1. Write a letter to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Ontario Minister of Health, in support of continued monitoring of food affordability by public health units as part of the revised 2025 Ontario Public Health Standards, in line with the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA) resolution [#A23-05: Monitoring Food Affordability in Ontario and Inadequacy of Social Assistance Rates](#);
2. Write a letter to the Honourable Michael Parsa, Ontario Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, and the Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in support of changes to social assistance payments that reflect the actual cost of living, including rental costs, to ensure that all recipients of social assistance have enough money for food and shelter and to increase the urgency of the work to address the housing crisis, including increasing affordable housing stock as a strategy to reduce household food insecurity;
3. Write a letter to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, and the Honourable Sean Fraser, federal Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities to increase the urgency of the work to address the housing crisis, including increasing affordable housing stock as a strategy to reduce household food insecurity.

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

b. **2024 Government of Ontario Budget Submissions**

Dr Klassen presented a draft HPPH Submission for the Ontario 2024 Budget Consultations

Motion for Consideration:

That the Board of Health approves the draft written submission and authorize staff to send to the Government of Ontario for their 2024 Budget Consultations, copying alPHA.

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

c. **Board of Health Self Evaluation**

Julie Pauli, Director of Corporate Services provided an overview of the sample of the Board of Health Self Evaluation Form and process for completing and submitting and the Board gave staff direction for implementation. Staff will send the survey to the Board of Health electronically with a requested completion date of January 31st, 2024.

12. **Other Business**

- a. Inquiry regarding past contributions to House of Blessing (Lesley Biehn, Councillor, City of Stratford)
Discussion regarding the needs of the community organization, House of Blessing.
- b. Chair Bernie MacLellan will be away for the next Board of Health meeting, and has requested that Vice Chair, Todd Kasenberg chair the February 9th meeting.

13. **Correspondence**

- a. Office of the CMOH Memo – Strengthening Public Health – Ontario Public Health Standards Review – Next Steps
- b. Office of the CMOH Memo – Addendum: Strengthening Public Health, Roles and Responsibilities
- c. alPHa letter re: Expansion of Alcohol Distribution
- d. Premier of Ontario response re: Importance of Local Health Promotion
- e. Municipality of North Perth letter re: Public Health Underfunding

Motion for Consideration:

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

Motion made by: George Finch
Seconded by: Lesley Biehn
Carried.

14. **Approval of the Minutes of the January 12, 2024, Board of Health meeting**

Motion for Consideration:

That the Board of Health approve the minutes of the January 12, 2024, Board of Health meeting as presented.

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

15. **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be held on **Friday, February 9, 2024** via zoom.

16. **Adjournment**

Motion for Consideration:

That the meeting of the Huron Perth Public Health Board of Health be adjourned as of 10:56 am.

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

17. **Public Announcements**

18. **Education Session – Health Promotion and Well-Being and Mental Health Framework - Lyndsay O’Donnell, Public Health Promoter; Ashley Furtney, Public Health Promoter; and Angela Willert, Manager**