

Huron Perth Public Health
BOARD OF HEALTH

Via Zoom

February 14, 2025
9:30am

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)
Bill Vanstone (Deputy Mayor Ashfield-Colbourne-Wawanosh and Councillor, Huron County)

Membership Regrets: Paul Robinson (Provincial Representative)
Cody Sebben (Councillor, City of Stratford)
Robert Wilhelm (Councillor, Perth South and Councillor, Perth County)

Staff Present: 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)

Staff Regrets: Dr. Lauren Hayward, Physician Consultant
Tanya Sangster, Director of Community and Family Health
Christina Taylor, Director of Health Protection

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

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 2025.

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 February 14, 2025 meeting as circulated.

Motion made by: George Finch
Seconded by: Jared Petteplace

Carried.

3. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

Lesley Biehn – Item number 003242 Countryside Midwives in 5a.

4. **Closed Session**

Motion for Consideration:

That the Board of Health enter into CLOSED session for discussions pertaining to labour relations – mandate for bargaining of the CUPE collective agreement.

Motion made by: Marg Luna
Seconded by: George Finch

Carried.

The Board of Health returned to OPEN session at 9:45am

Reporting Out

The Board of Health provided staff with direction with regard to CUPE collective agreement negotiations.

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

a. **Financial Transactions – December 1-31, 2024**

Motion for Consideration

That the Board of Health approve the Financial Transaction Reports for the period of December 1-31, 2024, in the total amount of \$2 594 204.64.

Motion made by: Marg Luna
Seconded by: Jared Petteplace

Carried.

6. **MOH Report – Dr Miriam Klassen**

Dr Miriam Klassen presented a report to Board of Health and provided opportunity for questions and clarification.

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 ~ None**

8. **New Business**

a. **2024-2027 Strategic Plan Update; presented by Dr Miriam Klassen**

Dr Miriam Klassen provided an update to the Board of Health on the 2024 Strategic Plan.

Motion for Consideration

That the BOH receive the Staff Report – 2024-2027 Strategic Plan Update for information purposes.

Motion made by: Bill Vanstone
Seconded by: Lesley Biehn

Carried.

b. **Designated Board of Health Closed Meeting Investigator request from Ontario Ombudsman; presented by Julie Pauli**

Julie Pauli, Director of Corporate Services, led discussion regarding a request from the Ontario Ombudsman for a designated Closed Meeting Investigator for the HPPH Board of Health.

Motion for Consideration

That the Board of Health appoint the Ontario Ombudsman to be the Investigator for complaints pertaining to Closed Board of Health meetings and direct Julie Pauli, DOCS to inform such to the Office of the Ombudsman.

Motion made by: Jared Petteplace

Seconded by: George Finch

Carried.

c. 1.01.025 Procedures for the Board of Health; presented by Julie Pauli

Motion for Consideration

That the Board of Health approves the updated Board of Health Policy 1.01.025 Procedures for the Board of Health as presented with additional amendments clarifying that Confidentiality Agreements are signed annually.

Motion made by: Marg Anderson

Seconded by: Marg Luna

Carried.

d. Staff Report – Reducing Alcohol Harms in Huron and Perth: A Primer for Municipalities; presented by Dr Miriam Klassen

Motion for Consideration:

That the Huron Perth Public Health Board of Health (HPPH BOH) receives this report for information purposes and directs staff to share report (including appendix) to all municipalities in Huron and Perth Counties on behalf of the Board of Health.

Motion made by: Marg Luna

Seconded by: Bob Parker

Carried.

e. Staff Report – Ontario Student Nutrition Program Update; presented by Dr Miriam Klassen

Motion for Consideration

That the Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH) Board of Health receive this report and write a letter stating support for the Coalition for Healthy School Food's (CHSF) request for increased provincial funding for Ontario Student Nutrition Programs (OSNPs) to the current provincial Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services and copy the following: Local municipalities, Current MPPs for Perth and Huron Counties, Coalition for Health School Food – Ontario Chapter, Ontario Student Nutrition Program, alPHa and Other Boards of Health, Avon Maitland District School Board, Huron Perth Catholic District School Board.

Motion made by: Bob Parker

Seconded by: Marg Luna

Carried.

9. Other Business ~ none

10. Correspondence

- a. alPHa memo re 2025 alPHa Winter Symposium
- b. Sudbury Public Health letter re recommendation for amendment to Bill 231 – Class/Section 22 orders
- c. Ministry of Health News release re Ontario Building Safer Communities With 18 Additional Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment Hubs
- d. Ministry of Health News Release re Ontario Investing Over \$1.8 Billion to Connect Every Person in Ontario to a Family Doctor and Primary Care Teams

- e. aPHa Training Courses for Boards of Health
- f. aPHa letter re 2024 Pre-Budget Submission: Public Health Programs and Services
- g. aPHa newsletter – Public Health Matters – January 2025

Motion for Consideration:

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

Motion made by: Marg Luna

Seconded by: Bob Parker

Carried.

11. **Emergency Response Training for the Board of Health – Dale Lyttle, Senior Public Health Inspector**
Dale Lyttle, Senior Public Health Inspector led the mandatory Board training on Emergency Response.

12. **Approval of the Minutes of the February 14, 2025, Board of Health meeting**

Motion for Consideration:

That the Board of Health approve the minutes of the February 14, 2025, Board of Health meeting as presented.

Motion made by: George Finch

Seconded by: Marg Luna

Carried.

13. **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be held on **Friday, March 14, 2025.**

14. **Adjournment**

Motion for Consideration:

That the meeting of the Huron Perth Public Health Board of Health be adjourned as of 11:12 am.

Motion made by: George Finch

Seconded by: Marg Luna

Carried.

15. **Public Announcements**

16. **Education Session**

Deferred due to mandatory Board of Health Emergency Response Training.