

SIMCOE MUSKOKA DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT

Board of Health

Date: November 21, 2007
Location: Gravenhurst Office
Time: 10:00 am to 12:30 pm
Present: Dennis Roughley (Chair), Terry Pilger, Ben Rattelaide, Anita Dubeau, Barry Ward, Cal Patterson, Doug Skeaff, Dr. Charles Gardner, Medical Officer of Health; Sandra Horney, Director of Corporate Service;
Regrets: Gord Adams, Vice Chair, Michael Fogarty, Fred Hamelink, Bill Hutton Associate Director of Corporate Service, John Brassard
Recorder: Phyllis Graham-Crowe

MINUTES

No.		Item	Action/Motion
1.0		Call To Order The meeting was called to order at 10:14 am.	
2.0		Approval of the Agenda	PILGER/RATTELAIDE THAT the Board of Health approves the agenda as presented. CARRIED
3.0		Declaration of Conflict of Interest	No conflict was declared
4.0		Minutes of Previous Meeting	
	4.1	Approval of minutes from November 7, 2007. The minutes were approved as submitted.	RATTELAIDE/PILGER THAT the Board of Health approves the Board Committee meeting minutes from November 7, 2007. CARRIED
5.0		In Camera	RATTELAIDE/PILGER THAT the Board of Health go into In-Camera to discuss a property issue. CARRIED
	5.1	Property Issue. The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Property Subcommittee recommended to the Board of Health that the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit enter into a lease agreement with the Town of Gravenhurst. T. Pilger reported that the Town of Gravenhurst has met and passed a resolution in support to the sale of the property.	DUBEAU/SKEAFF THAT the Board of come out of In-Camera and reports. CARRIED DUBEAU/SKEAFF That the Board of Health enter into a lease agreement with the Town of Gravenhurst for

	<p>There was recognition that the arrangement with the local Family Health Team is beneficial to the Town and the health unit and to clients in the Gravenhurst area as it allows for one stop health care in the area.</p>	<p>specified space within the property at 5 Pinegate Drive.</p> <p>And further, that the agreement to lease between the Town and the Health Unit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be negotiated at local market rate; • provide for the subletting of the leased premises; • permit alterations or additions to the premises at the Town's own expense, including but not limited to: erecting partitions, attaching equipment and installing necessary furnishings or additional equipment; and • would be dissolved upon completion of the sale of the building. <p>CARRIED</p>
6.0	Business Arising	
	<p>6.1 Building Healthy Communities Update: Literature Review on the Built Environment and Health. Presentation (Briefing Note and Literature Review: <i>The Impact of the Built Environment on the Health of the Population: A Review of the Review Literature.</i>) Dr Gardner. Joyce Fox attending</p> <p>Dr. Gardner, presented on the ongoing initiative to address the built environment and on the work with the Simcoe County Health and Lifestyles Sub-Committee. He introduced Myrna Wright and Megan Williams, co-authors of the literature review which will be an important tool for making the case for changes in the built environment to be more health promoting and to incorporate quality of life planning into the policy development stage of community design in the future.</p> <p>Myrna & Megan presented recommendations from the Building Healthy Environments Committee to incorporate design elements that would support walking, cycling and public transportation for all age and income levels, to consider effects on mental health, on sustaining agricultural lands; and on addressing impacts of traffic flow and water and air quality.</p> <p>Board member commended Myrna and Megan on the literature review describing it as very readable.</p> <p>It was noted by members of the board that approaching building healthy communities from the grass roots up rather than from the top down might facilitate momentum and that this was reinvigorating old concepts of living within the community with easy access to amenities.</p>	<p>WARD/DUBEAU</p> <p>That the Board of Health receives the briefing note on Building Healthy Communities and the attached report entitled <i>The Impact of the Built Environment on the Health of the Population: A Review of the Review Literature as information.</i></p> <p>Furthermore that the report be provided to all boards of health in Ontario, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, the Ontario Public Health Association, the Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, the provincial Ministers of Health, Health Promotion, Transportation, Environment, Children and Youth Services, Community and Social Services, Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Natural Resources, Public Infrastructure Renewal, Municipal Affairs and Housing, and to the MPs and MPPs and the municipal councils of the</p>

		<p>The question was raised about what Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit staff are doing to demonstrate the healthy community strategy and several examples including encouragement of car pooling, consideration of working in offices closer to home, and adjusting temperatures in offices were given.</p> <p>The board requested that a role for health units be explored to encourage more rail transport with a focus on improving air quality.</p> <p>Barry Ward advised that an open house at the South Shore Centre is being held this evening and health unit attendance was encouraged.</p>	<p>County of Simcoe, the cities of Barrie and Orillia and the District of Muskoka CARRIED</p>
	6.2	<p>Annual Report to The Ontario Council on Community Health Accreditation (Briefing Note and Report) Sandra Horney and Phyllis Graham-Crowe attending.</p> <p>Sandra reported on the annual report that has been prepared for submission to OCCHA as a requirement of the three year award. Commendations were given to Sandy and Phyllis for the work done.</p>	<p>PATTERSON/SKEAFF</p> <p>That the Board of Health approves the accreditation annual progress report for submission to OCCHA for the year November 2006 – November 2007. CARRIED</p>
7.0		New Business	
	7.1	<p>Nutritious Food Basket Survey Update (Briefing Note). Joyce Fox and Public Health Nutritionists Jane Shrestha and Becky Blair, attended.</p> <p>Joyce introduced Jane Shrestha and Becky Blair to speak to the briefing note contents. The Nutritious Food Basket Survey is undertaken to get an actual idea of cost variations across the province. Results are used and communicated to health partners. The Chief Medical Officer of Health receives this information from each health unit in the province. This will also be part of the requirements of the draft Ontario Public Health Standards. It was identified that food dollars are often used to augment other essential needs such as housing. For someone on social assistance paying market value for housing, this can sometimes mean as little as \$4.00 per week left over for food which also impacts the quality of food the dollars are spent on.</p> <p>Board members asked about the communication strategies staff will use to get the info out to have the impact it should have. It was identified that some communication strategies will include newspaper, community partners and involving other agencies. Advocacy is an important element and alPHA is also joining in advocacy to the province.</p> <p>An alPHA report will be provided to the board that shows comparison of Simcoe County and Muskoka food basket costs to other areas of the province.</p>	<p>SKEAFF/PATTERSON</p> <p>That the Board of Health accepts as information the briefing note Nutritious Food Basket Survey Update and the 2007 survey reports “The Cost of Healthy Eating in Simcoe County, June 2007 edition” (Appendix A) and “The Cost of Healthy Eating in Simcoe Muskoka, June 2007 edition” (Appendix B) that provide up-to-date food costing information for Simcoe County and Simcoe Muskoka residents aged one and over.</p> <p>That the Board of Health support the development of a food security strategy that would involve collaboration with and input from community partners, the Chronic Disease Prevention - Healthy Lifestyle Program, Family Health and other health unit service areas that have a link to any aspect of food security, and further that Chronic Disease Prevention -</p>

			<p>Healthy Lifestyle and Family Health public health nutritionists provide support in the development of this strategy.</p> <p>That the Board of Health invite the appropriate service area staff to present on this food security strategy in 2008 to provide an update on progress made in the implementation of the strategy and make further recommendations for action. CARRIED</p>
	7.2	Request for Unpaid Leave of Absence. (Briefing Note and Letter). Dr. Gardner presented a briefing note asking for an unpaid leave of absence for Dana Strength.	<p>DUBEAU/WARD THAT the Board of Health approves an unpaid leave of absence for Ms. Dana Strength effective May 1, 2008 to September 10, 2008. CARRIED</p>
8.0		Items of Information.	
	8.1	Copy of Letter from The Regional Municipality of Durham to The Honourable Tony Clement that the resolution of the City of Port Colborne regarding the assessment of Salvia Divinorum (hallucinogen) by Health Canada be endorsed.	
	8.2	alPHa memo and media release on their recent election-related activities.	
	8.3	Thank you card from Chyvonne Hastings.	
9.0		Date and Time of Next Meeting	
	9.1	The next meeting will be Board of Health Meeting December 5, 2007 at 9:30 in Barrie Office.	
10.		Adjournment	<p>WARD/DUBEAU That the Board of Health meeting be adjourned. CARRIED</p>

 Dennis Roughley, Chair

 Dr. Charles Gardner, Medical Officer of Health and CEO

 Phyllis Graham-Crowe, Recorder