

MINUTES
MIDDLESEX-LONDON BOARD OF HEALTH
2011 March 17

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Viola Poletes Montgomery (Chair)
Ms. Patricia Coderre (by teleconference)
Mr. Al Edmondson
Dr. Francine Lortie-Monette
Ms. Doreen McLinchey
Ms. Nancy Poole
Mr. Don Shipway

REGRETS:

Ms. Denise Brown
Mr. Marcel Meyer
Mr. Mark Studenny
Mr. Joe Swan

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dr. Graham Pollett, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Wally Adams, Acting Director, Environmental Health and Chronic Disease Prevention Services
Ms. Diane Bewick, Director, Family Health Services
Ms. Meighan Clifford, 4th Year Nursing Student
Mr. Dan Flaherty, Manager, Communications
Ms. Bernadette Garrity, Public Health Nurse, Family Health Promotion Team
Mr. Jeremy Hogeveen, Coordinator, Vector-Borne Disease Program.
Mr. John Millson, Director, Finance and Operations
Ms. Sherri Sanders, Executive Assistant to the Board of Health (Recorder)
Ms. Louise Tyler, Director, Human Resources and Labour Relations
Mr. David White, Manager, Environmental Health

MEDIA OUTLETS: None

As the Board of Health Chair, Pat Coderre, was participating in the meeting by teleconference from out of the country, Ms. Viola Poletes Montgomery assumed the role of Chair. Chair Poletes Montgomery called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT(S) OF INTEREST

Chair Poletes Montgomery inquired if there were any disclosures of conflict of interest to be made. None were declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Edmondson, seconded by Mr. Shipway *that the Minutes of the February 17, 2011, Board of Health meeting be approved.* Carried

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Ms. McLinchey, seconded by Ms. Poole *that the March 17, 2011, Agenda be approved.* Carried

Chair Poletes Montgomery informed Board Members that Mr. Mark Studenny was unable to attend the meeting due to a sudden illness in the family.

With regrets, Chair Poletes Montgomery announced the passing of Dr. Neil Farrell on March 12, 2011. She said tribute to Dr. Farrell who was the Director of Dental Services for over 33 years. A copy of her remarks is attached to the minutes.

ACTION REPORTS

1) Report No. 024-11 re Move for Two DVD: Promoting Physical Activity during Pregnancy

Ms. Bernadette Garrity, Public Health Nurse, assisted the Board with its understanding of this report through the use of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the slides is attached to the minutes.

Ms. Garrity emphasized the evidence-based benefits of physical activity to both mother and baby. The Physical Activity Readiness Medical Examination for Pregnancy (PARmed-X) is a form to be completed by the family physician before a pregnant woman begins using the DVD.

Ms. Garrity showed a portion of the DVD. She reported that over 2,600 DVD's have been distributed across the country, and staff has orders for more. The \$5 fee charged to non-residents of Middlesex-London covers shipping and producing additional copies. There is no charge for residents of Middlesex-London. Staff is currently investigating producing a Spanish and French version of the DVD.

It was moved by Ms. McLinchey, seconded by Dr. Lortie-Monette *that Report No. 024-11 re Move for Two DVD: Promoting Physical Activity during Pregnancy be sent to all Ontario Health Units.*

Carried

2) Report No. 025-11 11 re 2010 Vector-Borne Disease Report: West Nile Virus, Lyme Disease and Eastern Equine Encephalitis Surveillance and Control Activities for 2010

Mr. David White, Manager, Environmental Health, and Mr. Jeremy Hogeveen, Public Health Inspector, assisted the Board with its understanding of this report utilizing a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the slides is attached to the minutes.

The first mosquito larvae for the 2011 season were found under the ice on March 17, 2011. Seasonal staff begins employment on May 2nd. Health Unit staff will continue to educate land owners about the need to eliminate standing water as a control measure for mosquito growth (even a tire track could be habitat for over 2,000 mosquito larvae). The larvicide program uses a biological larvicide based on naturally occurring bacteria in the soil called, *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (B.t.i.), that only target mosquito larvae. Staff also emphasized that targeting mosquito larvae helps to control both West Nile Disease and Eastern Equine Encephalitis.

Mr. White reminded Board Members that the Health Unit requires a letter from each municipality endorsing the program before the Health Unit can apply for Ministry of the Environment permits to commence the larvicide program.

In response to a question from the Board, Mr. White agreed that aerating some storm water management ponds could be useful in eliminating mosquito larvae in the water. It was suggested by the Board that the building code could be amended so that it legislates installation of fountains to aerate water to reduce costs related to larviciding and to provide an aesthetic function.

It was moved by Dr. Lortie-Monette, seconded by Ms. McLinchey *that Report No. 025-11 re 2010 Vector-Borne Disease Report: West Nile Virus, Lyme Disease and Eastern Equine Encephalitis Surveillance and Control Activities for 2010 be forwarded to the City of London Council, Middlesex County Council and Middlesex Municipal Councils.*

Carried

3) Report No. 026-11 re 2011 Budget Update

Mr. John Millson, Director, Finance and Operations, assisted the Board with its understanding of this report. Mr. Millson highlighted that this report deals with a potential provincial grant increase of up to 3% that would not impact the municipal portion of the budget (i.e., the municipal share would remain at 0% for 2011).

It was moved by Mr. Edmondson, seconded by Mr. Shipway:

- 1) *That the Board of Health endorse the submission of a revised 2011 Mandatory & Related Programs budget (Cost-Shared Programs) to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in the amount of \$22,640,173 representing an increase of 3% (i.e., \$431,16) to the provincial portion of the budget with a 0% increase to the municipal portion; and further*
- 2) *Following the receipt of Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care funding approval, that staff be directed to submit to the Board of Health recommendations for application of the additional \$215,580 funding.*

Carried

4) Report No. 027-11 re Violence in Hockey

Dr. Graham Pollett, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer, assisted the Board with its understanding of this report. He reported that the letter highlighted in Report No. 027-11 was sent on February 25, 2011, to Mr. Gary Bettman, National Hockey League (NHL) Commissioner, and the NHL Board of Governors. Since that time, a high profile head injury incident has occurred further emphasizing the need for the NHL to take action against unnecessary violence in hockey.

It was moved by Ms. Poole, seconded by Dr. Lortie-Monette:

- 1) *That the Board of Health endorse the open letter to National Hockey League (NHL) Commissioner, Gary Bettman, and the Board of Directors attached as Appendix A to Report No. 027-11 re Violence in Hockey; and further*
- 2) *That Report No. 027-11 re Violence in Hockey be forwarded to Ontario Boards of Health, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA) Board of Directors, the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA) Board of Directors, and the City of London Council requesting endorsement of the open letter to the NHL Commissioner and Board of Directors.*

Carried

INFORMATION REPORTS

5) Report No. 028-11 re Medical Officer of Health Activity Report – March

Dr. Pollett reported that the fluoridation issue has remained active since the last Board of Health meeting. Dr. Bryna Warshawsky, Associate Medical Officer of Health and Director, Oral Health, Communicable Disease and Sexual Health Services, was on a radio talk show.

The Council of the Municipality of Adelaide Metcalfe will vote on the DineSafe Middlesex-London Bylaw on March 21, 2011. Staff is also awaiting the results from the Village of Newbury. Otherwise all Middlesex County municipalities have passed the requested bylaw. Recent media coverage about inspections of cafeterias in secondary and post-secondary institutions demonstrated to the public that Public Health Inspectors are out in the community ensuring public safety and seeing that food handling deficiencies are corrected.

Dr. Pollett also highlighted that at County Council on March 8, 2011, he presented a plaque to Mr. Vance Blackmore, former Board of Health member, honouring his 16 years of work with the Health Unit and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA).

Dr. Pollett welcomed Mr. Wally Adams as Acting Director, Environmental Health and Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention Services, while Mr. James Reffle is on leave.

It was moved by Mr. Shipway, seconded by Mr. Edmondson *that Report No. 028-11 re Medical Officer of Health Activity Report – March be received for information.*

Carried

6) Report No. 029-11 re Healthy Babies Healthy Children Research Project with a Social Worker

In response to a question from the Board about keeping the Social Worker beyond June 30, 2011, Ms. Diane Bewick, Director, Family Health Services, stated that the final results of the research are not yet known. Ms. Bewick reported that the budget for the Health Babies Healthy Children program has not been increased in four years; therefore, staff may have to prioritize needs if the research supports the continuation of a Social Worker but no additional funding is provided.

It was moved by Ms. Coderre, seconded by Mr. Edmondson *that Report No. 029-11 re Healthy Babies Healthy Children Research Project with a Social Worker be received for information.*

Carried

7) Report No. 030-11 re Bylaws for Food Premises Inspection Disclosure and Foodhandler Certification -County Update

8) Report No. 031-11 re 2010 Media Summary

9) Report No. 032-11 re Social Media Working Group Update

10) Report No. 033-11 re 2010 Budget – Fourth Quarter Review

11) Report No. 034-11 re Board of Health Performance Assessment

Dr. Pollett encouraged all Board Members to complete the Board of Health Performance Assessment questionnaire as all members have expertise and comments to offer whether having served on the Board of Health for a few months or several years. A link to the online survey and copies of the paper survey will be emailed to Board of Health members on Friday, March 18, 2011. Board of Health members are asked to complete the survey by March 25, 2011.

It was moved by Ms. Coderre, seconded by Ms. McLinchey *that the above Information Reports listed as items 7 through 10 be received for information.*

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

No questions re correspondence.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Poletes Montgomery advised Board members that the Board of Health photograph will be taken at 6:20 p.m. before the April 14, 2011, meeting. A reminder will be sent out with the next Board of Health Agenda.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 14, 2011

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:24 p.m., it was moved by Ms. Coderre, seconded by Dr. Lortie-Monette *that the meeting be adjourned.*
Carried

VIOLA POLETES MONTGOMERY
Chair

GRAHAM L. POLLETT:
Secretary-Treasurer