

MINUTES
MIDDLESEX-LONDON BOARD OF HEALTH
2011 November 17

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Patricia Coderre (Chair)
Ms. Denise Brown
Mr. Al Edmondson
Dr. Francine Lortie-Monette
Ms. Doreen McLinchey
Mr. Marcel Meyer
Mr. Stephen Orser
Ms. Viola Poletes Montgomery (Vice Chair)
Ms. Nancy Poole
Mr. Don Shipway
Mr. Mark Studenny

REGRETS: none

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dr. Graham Pollett, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Wally Adams, Director, Environmental Health and Chronic Disease Prevention Services
Ms. Diane Bewick, Director, Family Health Services
Mr. Jonathon Bullick, Social Justice Research, Scent-Free London
Ms. Leila Davis, Tobacco Enforcement Officer
Mr. Dan Flaherty, Manager, Communications
Mr. Ross Graham, Manager, Special Projects
Mr. Ken Hall, Advisor, Community Relations, Enbridge Pipelines Inc.
Ms. Christine Heffer, Lyme Disease Awareness Advocate
Mr. Jeremy Hogeveen, Coordinator, Vector Borne Disease Program
Ms. Kim Leacy, Public Health Dietitian
Ms. Sarah Neil, Public Health Nurse
Mr. John Millson, Director, Finance and Operations Services
Ms. Amy Pavletic, Public Health Inspector
Ms. Christine Preece, Manager, Young Adult Team
Ms. Melissa Rennison, Public Health Nurse
Ms. Sherri Sanders, Executive Assistant to the Board of Health (Recorder)
Ms. Pat Simone, Manager, Emergency Preparedness
Mr. Rick Shantz, Director, Information Technology Services
Ms. Linda Stobo, Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention and Tobacco Control
Ms. Heather Thomas, Public Health Dietitian
Ms. Louise Tyler, Director, Human Resources and Labour Relations Services
Mr. Alex Tymi, Coordinator, Online Communications Coordinator
Dr. Bryna Warshawsky, Associate Medical Officer of Health and Director, Oral Health, Communicable Disease & Sexual Health Services
Ms. Amy Yateman, Health Promoter

MEDIA OUTLETS:

Mr. Joe Belanger, London Free Press
Mr. Wayne Jennings, CTV News
Ms. Victoria Mattan, XFM News
Ms. Angela Mullins, Metro News
Ms. Lisa Xing, CTV News

Ms. Patricia Coderre, Chair of the Board of Health, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT(S) OF INTEREST

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Studenny, seconded by Ms. Poletes Montgomery *that the Agenda for the November 17, 2011, Board of Health meeting be approved with the addition of Report No. 122-11 re Groundwater Contamination – 189 Adelaide Street, London, and Report No. 123-11 re Board of Health Training on Public Health Accountability Agreement and Organizational Standards.* Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Orser, seconded by Ms. McLinchey *that the Minutes of the October 20, 2011, Board of Health meeting be approved.* Carried

REPORTS WITH DELEGATIONS

8) Report No. 109-11 re Emergency Preparedness – 2011

Chair Coderre introduced Mr. Ken Hall, Advisor, Community Relations, Enbridge Pipelines Inc., who presented a cheque for \$2,500 to Ms. Pat Simone, Manager, Emergency Preparedness, for the Health Unit's Community Emergency Response Volunteer (CERV) program. Mr. Hall stated that the safety of the communities and the people who live and work along Enbridge's pipelines is the company's highest priority. Therefore, Enbridge supports safety initiatives in these communities. Mr. Hall highlighted that the CERV program is a very unique initiative that makes invaluable contributions to the Middlesex-London community in the areas of safety and emergency preparedness.

Ms. Simone reported that the Health Unit currently has close to 100 participants in the CERV program. These volunteers have received training in many areas of emergency preparedness including basic search and rescue techniques, first aid and critical incident management; and they provide much needed assistance to the Health Unit in emergency situations and safety exercises.

On behalf of the Health Unit, Chair Coderre thanked Mr. Hall for the donation from Enbridge Pipelines Inc.

Chair Coderre congratulated Ms. Simone on her work with the CERV program.

It was moved by Mr. Orser, seconded by Ms. Poletes Montgomery *that Report No. 109-11 re Emergency Preparedness - 2011 be received for information.*

Mr. Al Edmondson arrived at 7:25 p.m.

1) Report No. 102-11 re Lyme Disease Surveillance and Promotional Activities in Middlesex-London

Chair Coderre welcomed Ms. Christine Heffer, a Lyme Disease Awareness Advocate from Lambton County, to make a presentation to the Board of Health. Ms. Heffer made a PowerPoint presentation which is filed with the minutes.

Board of Health members thanked Ms. Heffer for her presentation and her dedication to educating people about Lyme disease.

Chair Coderre welcomed Dr. Bryna Warshawsky, Associate Medical Officer of Health and Director, Oral Health, Communicable Disease & Sexual Health Services. Dr. Warshawsky assisted Board members with their understanding of this report with the use of a PowerPoint presentation that is filed with the minutes.

In response to a question from the Board of Health about the control of ticks, Dr. Warshawsky explained that it is not possible to control the spread of Lyme disease as with West Nile Virus (WNV) by destroying habitat and reducing the number of vector organisms. The best prevention of Lyme disease is to avoid tick bites, check for ticks after outdoor exposure and remove ticks within 24 hours. Dr. Warshawsky explained that an infected tick must be attached to the individual for over 24 hours for that person to become infected with Borrelia burgdorferi, the bacterium that causes Lyme disease.

Dr. Warshawsky explained that Middlesex-London is currently not an endemic area for ticks that carry the Lyme disease bacteria.

It was moved by, Ms. McLinchey seconded by Mr. Studenny *that the Board of Health endorse the ongoing Lyme Disease surveillance and promotional activities in Middlesex-London as outlined in Report No. 102-11.* Carried

Ms Denise Brown arrived at 8:24 p.m.

2) Report No. 103-11 re Smoke-Free Public Outdoor Spaces - Technical Report and Recommended Policy Option

Dr. Graham Pollett, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer, and Ms. Linda Stobo, Manager, Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention & Tobacco Control, assisted Board members with their understanding of this report.

Ms. Stobo highlighted that of the 60 Ontario municipalities that have enacted bylaws regulating smoking in public outdoor spaces that are stricter than the Smoke Free Ontario Act, 8 of the municipalities have included restaurants and bar patios.

Ms. Stobo also explained that hospitals, universities, colleges and long-term care facilities are covered under the Smoke Free Ontario Act which bans smoking within 9 metres of the entrance of those buildings.

Therefore, these facilities, under Option 3, are given the choice to be added as a schedule to the public outdoor spaces bylaw.

Dr. Pollett highlighted that the term "public outdoor spaces" is an extension of public indoor spaces.

Dr. Pollett also explained that surveys have been conducted on behalf of the Health Unit to seek the level of public support for public outdoor spaces smoking restrictions. These surveys, conducted by York University, revealed that the public's tolerance for smoking in certain areas has decreased since the original County and City bylaws were passed in 2003. Dr. Pollett noted that Figure 1 on page 2.11 of the Board of Health package shows the public support for smoking bans in the areas recommended in Option 3.

In response to a question about enforcement of the bylaws recommended in Option 3, Ms. Stobo explained that the Health Unit's Tobacco Enforcement Officers would enforce the Smoke Free Ontario (SFO) Act as well as municipal bylaw amendments. Hospital and campus enforcement officers would assist in those facilities. Adequate signage and education would be essential. Ms. Stobo also emphasized that people using the public outdoor spaces would help with enforcement, as compliance increases with public support.

Ms. Stobo explained that municipalities cannot legislate smoking on sidewalks as the Municipal Act states that municipalities cannot regulate areas which are covered under the Highway Traffic Act (such as roadways and sidewalks).

Board members expressed a number of concerns related to patio smoking restrictions:

- Potential loss of business for establishments with patios.
- Discrepancies will exist between municipalities (some will have more strict smoking legislation than others)
- Better clarification of what exactly is a public enjoyment area is needed.
- Smoking is a provincial issue and the province should set the legislation.

Several Board members noted that the provincial government passed the Smoke Free Ontario Act only after municipalities took the lead in passing smoke free bylaws. It is therefore important that Boards of Health and local municipalities take the lead in implementing smoking restrictions in public outdoor spaces.

It was moved by Ms. Poole, seconded by Mr. Studenny *that the Board of Health support the establishment of smoke-free public outdoor spaces by endorsing Option 3 of the document entitled, Building the Case for Smoke-Free Public Outdoor Spaces: Technical Report, attached as Appendix A to Report No. 103-11.*

A recorded vote was requested.

The following Board members voted in favour of the motion: Ms. Coderre, Mr. Edmondson, Dr. Lortie-Monette, Ms. Poletes Montgomery, Ms. Poole and Mr. Studenny.

The following Board members voted against the motion: Ms. Brown, Ms. McLinchey, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Orser and Mr. Shipway.

6 For 5 Against. Carried

It was moved by Ms. Poletes Montgomery and Mr. Studenny *that London City Council and Middlesex County Council be petitioned to establish smoke-free public outdoor spaces by amending their smoking bylaws to include the provisions of Option 3 as highlighted in Board of Health Report No. 103-11.*

A recorded vote was requested.

The following Board members voted in favour of the motion: Ms. Coderre, Mr. Edmondson, Dr. Lortie-Monette, Ms. Poletes Montgomery, Ms. Poole and Mr. Studenny.

The following Board members voted against the motion: Ms. Brown, Ms. McLinchey, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Orser and Mr. Shipway.

6 For 5 Against. Carried

3) Report No. 104-11 re Nutritious Food Basket Costing Results for 2011 and the Opportunities for Action

Ms. Heather Thomas, Public Health Dietitian, assisted Board members with their consideration of this report. Ms. Thomas' PowerPoint presentation is filed with the minutes.

A copy of the link to a Youtube video entitled, HungerCount 2010, mentioned by Ms. Thomas, has been emailed to Board of Health members.

It was moved by Ms. Poletes Montgomery, seconded by Ms. McLinchey:

1. *That the Board of Health petition the Premier of Ontario, the Right Honourable Dalton McGuinty, to develop a comprehensive Ontario Food and Nutrition Strategy ; and further*

2. *That Report No. 104-11 re Nutritious Food Basket Costing Survey Results for 2011 and the Opportunities for Action be forwarded to appropriate community agencies, Members of Parliament, Members of Provincial Parliament, City of London Council, Middlesex County Council, the Minister of Health and all Ontario Health Units; and further*
3. *That the Board of Health petition the Association of Local Public Health Agencies to request that the Ontario government return to the practice of preparing a provincial Nutritious Food Basket summary report to enable each Board of Health the ability to compare Nutritious Food Basket results.*

Carried

ACTION REQUIRED

4) Report No. 105-11 re Chief Nursing Officer Funding

It was moved by Mr. Studenny, seconded by Ms. Brown *that the Board of Health approve the following actions to access the \$116,699 100% ministry funding and to ensure compliance to Requirement 6.16 of the Organizational Standards:*

- a) *That Ms. Diane Bewick, Director, Family Health Services, be designated Chief Nursing Officer;*
- b) *That 1.0 FTE public health nursing hours be implemented as described in Report No. 105-11 re Chief Nursing Officer funding; and further*
- c) *That the Chair of the Board of Health be authorized to sign the amendments to the Public Health Accountability Agreement as appended to Report No. 105-11.*

Carried

5) Report No. 106-11 re Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)

Ms. Louise Tyler, Director, Human Resources and Labour Relations, assisted Board members with their consideration of this report. A copy of the link to the online training has been forwarded to Board of Health members.

It was moved by Mr. Studenny, seconded by Ms. Brown *that the Board of Health members complete the two-part self-study training program in compliance with the training requirements under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and its regulations.* Carried.

6) Report No. 107-11 re Energy Drinks: Health, Safety and Regulation

It was moved by Mr. Studenny, seconded by Ms. Poletes Montgomery *that the Board of Health endorse the recommendations of the Public Health Energy Drink workgroup correspondence to Health Canada attached as Appendix B to Report No. 107-11.* Carried.

INFORMATION REPORTS

7) Report No. 108-11 re Medical Officer of Health Activity Report – November

It was moved by Mr. Orser, seconded by Ms. McLinchey *that Report No. 108-11 re Medical Officer of Health Activity Report –November be received for information.* Carried.

9) Report No. 110-11 re Strategic Plan –Ten Year Vision and Three Year Strategic Directions - Update

10) Report No. 111-11 re Child and Youth Network: Ending Poverty Demonstration Project

11) Report No. 112-11 re Addressing Food Insecurity in Two Priority Populations

12) Report No. 113-11 re Food Security, Literacy and Skills Programs in Middlesex-London

13) Report No. 114 -11 re Mother Reach Postpartum Support Services

14) Report No. 115-11 re Update on Parenting Support

15) Report No. 116-11 re Revisions to the Healthy Workplace Program Resources

16) Report No. 117-11 re The Last Smear Campaign Aims to Raise Awareness about the Importance of PAP Tests

17) Report No. 118-11 re 2011 Budget – Third Quarter Review

18) Report No. 119-11 re HVAC Upgrades – Tender Results

19) Report No. 120-11 re Board of Health Performance Assessment – Third Review

21) Report No. 122-11 re Groundwater Contamination – 189 Adelaide Street, London

22) Report No. 123-11 re Board of Health Training on Public Health Accountability Agreement and Organizational Standards

It was moved by Mr. Edmondson, seconded by Dr. Lortie-Monette *that the above Information Reports listed as items 9 through 19, 21 and 22 be received for information.* Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no questions re correspondence.

Mr. Orser had to leave the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

IN CAMERA - CONFIDENTIAL

At 9:39 p.m., it was moved by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Studenny *that the Board of Health move in camera for the purpose of considering a matter concerning labour relations or employee negotiations.* Carried.

At 9:53 p.m., the Board of Health returned to public session and report that progress had been made on matters concerning labour relations or employee negotiations.

Next Board of Health Meeting – **Thursday, December 8, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.**

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:55 p.m., it was moved by Ms. Brown, seconded by Ms. Poletes Montgomery *that the meeting be adjourned.* Carried.

PATRICIA L. CODERRE
Chair

GRAHAM L. POLLETT
Secretary-Treasurer