

## THUNDER BAY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT

**MINUTES OF MEETING: BOARD OF HEALTH**

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 19, 2008

**TIME:** 12:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** AUDITORIUM

**CHAIR:** MR. J. VIRDIRAMO

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms. C. Bryson  
Mr. T. Fox  
Mr. N. Gale  
Ms. C. Gillies  
Ms. M. Harding  
Ms. L. Kloosterhuis  
Mr. J. Masters  
Ms. B. Metzler  
Mr. E. Rutherford  
Ms. L. Tolmonen  
Mr. J. Virdiramo

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:**

Dr. N. Cameron, Medical Officer of Health/CEO  
Dr. E. Alvarez, Associate Medical Officer of Health  
Mr. K. Allan, Director, Health Protection and Clinical Services  
Ms. J. Black, Director, Health Promotion & Chronic Disease Prevention  
Mr. D. Heath, Business Administrative Officer and Director – Administrative Services  
Ms. B. Moro, Executive Assistant to the Medical Officer of Health/CEO and Secretary to the Board

**REGRETS:**

Ms. S. Hunt  
Mr. S. Harasen  
Mr. J. MacEachern

**The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.**

**1. ATTENDANCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The following announcements were made at the meeting:

- Mr. Christopher Beveridge, Manager – Environment started his position on February 4, 2008

The Chair noted the following regrets:

- Steven Harasen
- Shirley Hunt
- John MacEachern

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. AGENDA APPROVAL**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Minutes of Ad Hoc 1 (MOH Recruitment) held on January 25, 2008
- OHA Conference: Leading Board Committees
- Memorandum from the Secretary relative to a Closed Session Meeting

Resolution No. 2008-19

MOVED BY: Mr. N. Gale

SECONDED BY: Mr. T. Fox

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Board of Health Meeting to be held on February 19, 2008, be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

**4. INFORMATION SESSION**

4.01 Lactation Services

Ms. L. Repo, Manager – Health Babies Healthy Children and Ms. E. Leinonen, Public Health Nurse, gave a PowerPoint presentation, provided an overview of the lactation services provided at the Thunder Bay District Health Unit, highlights of the recent program evaluation and responded to questions.

**5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

5.01 Thunder Bay District Board of Health

The Minutes of the Thunder Bay District Board of Health Meetings (Annual, Regular and Closed Session) held on January 15, 2008 to be approved.

Resolution No. 2008-20

MOVED BY: Ms. B. Metzler

SECONDED BY: Mr. T. Fox

THAT the Minutes of the Thunder Bay District Board of Health Meetings (Annual, Regular and Closed Session) held on January 15, 2008, be approved.

CARRIED

**5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Continued)**

5.02 Ad Hoc 1 (MOH Recruitment)

The Minutes of the Ad Hoc 1 (MOH Recruitment) Meeting held on January 25, 2008, for information, were distributed separately by email on February 15, 2008.

**6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**7. STANDING REPORTS**

7.1 Divisional Reports

7.1.1 Health Protection and Clinical Services

Report No. 12-2008 relative to providing an update to the Board on the Health Protection and Clinical Services Department, for information.

Mr. K. Allan, Director – Health Protection and Clinical Services provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

7.1.2 Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention

Report No. 13-2008 relative to providing an update to the Board on the Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Department, for information.

Ms. J. Black, Director – Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

7.1.3 Business Administrative Officer Report

Report No. 14-2008 relative to providing an update to the Board on the Business Administrative Services Department, for information.

Mr. D. Heath, Director – Business Administrative Officer provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

Resolution 2008-20(A)

MOVED BY: Ms. M. Harding  
SECONDED BY: Ms. C. Bryson

THAT with respect to Report No. 14-2008, we recommend that Resolution No. 2008-11 relative to Report No. 08-2008 – Medical Officer of Health Recruitment be amended by removing \$60,000 in paragraph two and replacing it with \$75,000;

**7.0 STANDING REPORTS** (Continued)

7.1.3 Business Administrative Officer Report

AND THAT paragraph three be amended to read:

“AND THAT the Board of Health request a one-time grant, in the amount of \$75,000, from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care for the purposes of recruiting for the position of Medical Officer of Health.”

CARRIED

7.2 Medical Officer of Health Report

Report No. 15-2008 relative to providing an update to the Board from Dr. N. Cameron, Medical Officer of Health.

Dr. N. Cameron, Medical Officer of Health gave an overview of the report and responded to questions.

Resolution No.: 2008-21

MOVED BY: Ms. L. Kloosterhuis  
SECONDED BY: Mr. N. Gale

THAT the Board of Health accept the Report of the Medical Officer of Health, as presented in Report No. 15-2008.

CARRIED

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

8.01 Issue Report - Protecting Children and Youth  
From Second-Hand Smoke in Motor Vehicles

Report No. 16-2008 relative to providing the Thunder Bay District Board of Health with background on *Bill 11*, proposed legislation that will limit the exposure of second-hand smoke on children as they travel in vehicles and introduce a resolution in support.

Resolution No.: 2008-22

MOVED BY: Ms. M. Harding  
SECONDED BY: Ms. L. Kloosterhuis

WHEREAS the World Health Organization and Health Canada agree that second-hand smoke is carcinogenic to humans, causing more than 1,000 deaths per year in non-smokers in Canada;

**8. NEW BUSINESS** (Continued)

8.01 Issue Report - Protecting Children and Youth  
From Second-Hand Smoke in Motor Vehicles (Continued)

AND WHEREAS children exposed to second-hand smoke are at a higher risk for respiratory illnesses including asthma, bronchitis and pneumonia, as well as sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and increased incidences of cancer and heart disease in adulthood;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Medical Association concludes that levels of second-hand smoke can be 23 times more concentrated in a vehicle than in a house because circulation is restricted within a small space;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Tobacco Research Unit reports that support for banning smoking in motor vehicles in Ontario increased from 68% in 2002 to 78% in 2005;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Cancer Society's national poll released in January 2008 states that 82% of Canadians, including 69% of current smokers, support a ban on smoking in vehicles with children younger than 18 years of age;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Medical Association in their 2004 report entitled "*Exposure to second-hand smoke: Are we protecting our kids?*", calls for the province to protect Ontarians from second-hand smoke by banning smoking in vehicles carrying children;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Thunder Bay District Board of Health support Bill 11 banning smoking in vehicles with children younger than 16 years of age and asks the provincial government to amend the Smoke-Free Ontario Act as stated in Bill 11;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Thunder Bay District Board of Health distribute this resolution to the Chief Medical Officer of Health and all Ontario health units for their endorsement, with copies sent to the Premier of Ontario, the provincial Minister of Health Promotion and local Members of Provincial Parliament.

CARRIED

In addition to those listed in the resolution, it was requested that the resolution be forwarded to the City of Thunder Bay, the District Municipalities, Thunder Bay Police, OPP, and Anishinabek Police Service.

**8. NEW BUSINESS** (Continued)

8.02 Issue Report – Closed Meeting Investigator

Report No. 17-2008 relative to recommending a closed meeting investigator for the Board of Health for the Thunder Bay District Health Unit as a result of amendments to the *Municipal Act* (Bill 130) was distributed separately by email on February 15, 2008.

Resolution No.: 2008-23

MOVED BY: Ms. C. Gillies  
SECONDED BY: Mr. T. Fox

THAT with respect to Report No. 17-2008 we recommend that the Board of Health for the Thunder Bay District default to the Ontario Ombudsman for the purposes of any Closed Meeting Investigations;

AND THAT the Ontario Ombudsman be advised accordingly.

CARRIED

8.03 Use of Auditorium for Board Meetings – Survey Results

Survey results for the location of Board of Health Meetings, for the information of the Board.

8.04 OHA Conference: Leading Board Committees

A request has been received from a Board Member to attend the above noted conference presented by the OHA in Toronto on Monday, February 25, 2008. The Chair has requested that this item be placed on the agenda for information.

The Board reviewed the policy for requesting approval to attend conferences. The Secretary will send email a copy of Policy No. BH-02-03 – Continuing Education for Board Members to the Board Members for information.

8.05 Board of Health (Closed Session) Meeting

Memorandum from the Secretary of the Board, dated February 19, 2008, containing a resolution relative to the above noted.

**8. NEW BUSINESS** (Continued)

8.06 Board of Health (Closed Session) Meeting (Continued)

Resolution No.: 2008-24

MOVED BY: Ms. C. Gillies  
SECONDED BY: Mr. T. Fox

THAT the Board of Health move into a Closed Session meeting to received information relative to personal matters about identifiable individuals, including employees of the Board.

CARRIED

At 1:56 p.m. the Board moved into Closed Session.

At 2:50 p.m. the Board reverted back to Open Session to resume regular business.

**10. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 12:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

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Chair, Board of Health

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Medical Officer of Health/CEO

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Recording Secretary