

THUNDER BAY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

February 20, 2007

1:00 pm – BOARDROOM

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

C. Bryson, Chair
N. Gale
S. Harasen
M. Harding
S. Hunt
L. Kloosterhuis
J. MacEachern
N. MacOdrum
A. Savela
I. Sullivan
L. Tolmonen
J. Virdiramo

Regrets:

B. Metzler

Administration Present:

Dr. N. Cameron, Medical Officer of Health / CEO
D. Heath, Business Administrative Officer
K. Allan, Director, Health Protection and Clinical Services
J. Black, A/Director, Health Promotion & Chronic Disease Prevention

Recorder: B. McClain

Meeting Called to Order – 1:00 pm

1. Attendance and Announcements

- Connie Bryson advised that Norm Gale and Andy Savela would be delayed for the meeting.
- Connie Bryson attended the January 15 coffee break to recognize Environmental Health Week.
- Maria Harding represented the Board of Health at the luncheon held as part of the “Blood, Sweat & Fears” Hep C Conference on February 15.
- Consultants from Blackstone Partners will present an overview of the Strategic Planning process.
- Joe Virdiramo noted the day’s announcement by Ministry of Children and Youth Services of youth employment opportunities in Thunder Bay through the Ministry.
- Connie Bryson noted that Board of Health orientation material from the aIPHa Conference was available for reference by Board Members.

- Connie Bryson reminded the Board Members that the Strategic Planning Focus Group would immediately follow adjournment of the Board Meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

3. Agenda Approval

Moved by: L. Kloosterhuis

Seconded by: S. Hunt

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Board of Health Meeting of February 20, 2007 be approved.

CARRIED

4. Presentation

Connie Brett and Susan Armstrong, Co-chairs of the Joint Occupational Health & Safety (JOHS) Committee, were introduced. Connie Brett presented on the role of the JOHSC Committee, and the responsibility and role of the Board of Health in Health & Safety.

5. Minutes

5.1 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of January 16, 2007

Moved by: I. Sullivan

Seconded by: L. Kloosterhuis

THAT the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Health of January 16, 2007 be approved.

CARRIED

5.2 Minutes of the Regular Board of Health Meeting of January 16, 2007

Moved by: I. Sullivan

Seconded by: N. MacOdrum

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board of Health Meeting of January 16, 2007 be approved.

CARRIED

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

7. Standing Reports

7.1 Divisional Reports

7.1.1 Health Protection and Clinical Services

Ken Allan presented the Divisional Report which included data on the 2006 Healthy Babies Healthy Children (HBC) Program and on 2006 Breastfeeding Consultation and Education Services. The Hepatitis C Conference, "Blood, Sweat and Fears" held on February 14 & 15 received positive reviews from participants. Environmental Health staff travelled to Nipigon to assist with the situation resulting from the Multiply Mill industrial fire. There was efficient implementation of emergency procedures by the municipality to manage the situation. It was noted that the statistics provided under "Safe Water" in the monthly report refer to those incidents covered under Regulations 170 and 152. Inquiries of the Board Members were addressed.

7.1.2 Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention

Janine Black presented the monthly report with focus on the Branch Offices. The tobacco program has been very successful throughout the District with the implementation of numerous worksite programs, and community action. It was noted that funding for the Heart Health Program may need repackaging by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in order for it to continue for 2008. It was noted that extensive work is being done in the area of chew tobacco; in particular, staff are working with schools, coaches and sports teams to educate young people. Additional inquiries from the Board were addressed.

7.1.3 Business Administrative Officer Report

Doug Heath provided an overview of 100% funded programs as part of the continuing orientation for the Board of Health. Thunder Bay District Health Unit typically provides a wider range of 100% programming than other health units in the province; the allocation of overhead costs of these programs is an ongoing concern. Two new Ministries, Health Promotion, and Children and Youth Services, host the majority of 100% funded programs. Board Members' questions were addressed.

7.2 Medical Officer of Health Report

Dr. Nancy Cameron commented on the ALPHA Semi-Annual Conference held February 1 and 2, noting the excellent quality of speakers and workshops. A summary of the process followed by the Technical Review Committee (TRC) in drafting the proposed revised Health Standards was provided. Information was shared with Board Members who may wish to submit comments to be considered for incorporation into the organization's consolidated response to the Committee's on-line survey regarding the draft standards.

Mark Walton of Blackstone Partners was introduced, and presented a brief overview of the strategic planning process currently underway at the Health Unit.

Board Members' inquiries were addressed.

Moved by: I. Sullivan

Seconded by: N. MacOdrum

THAT the Board of Health accept the Report of the Medical Officer of Health as presented in Report No.08-07.

CARRIED

8. New Business

8.1 alPHa Conference

Connie Bryson commented on the quality of the Conference and speakers, noting in particular the value of the orientation for Board of Health Members. Maria Harding, a member of the alPHa Executive, advised that there was discussion of possible collaboration between alPHa and the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA).

8.2 In-camera Session

Moved by: J. Virdiramo

Seconded by: J. MacEachern

THAT the Board of Health move to In-camera discussion regarding Labour Relations matters.

CARRIED

In-camera items were dealt with in their entirety.

Moved by: J. Virdiramo

Seconded by: J. MacEachern

THAT the Board of Health move out of In-camera discussion to resume regular business.

CARRIED

9. Other Business

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

11. Date of Next Meeting: March 20, 2007

Chair, Board of Health

Medical Officer of Health/CEO

Recording Secretary