



Minutes of the Board of Health Regular Meeting
 Thursday, April 16, 2020
 Teleconference
 4:00 p.m. – 6:05 p.m.

Present:

Doug Malanka, Chair	Doug Struthers
Candace Kaine, Vice Chair	Toni Surko
Bill Dobson	Anne Warren
Jeff Earle	Ray Young - absent
Peter McKenna	Paula Stewart, Medical Officer of Health
Sherryl Smith	Heather Bruce, Executive Assistant
Shani Gates, Director - QIPS	Michelle Foote, Public Health Resident - OMOH
Jane Hess, Director - HLD	Brian Vermeulen, Finance and Property Manager - OMOH
Jane Lyster, Director - CHP	Paul Armstrong, Chad Haffie, Wayne Lowrie, Tim Baltz

1. Call to Order

Doug Malanka called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed J. Cunningham and members of the press.

2. Traditional Land Acknowledgement Statement

Doug Malanka read the Traditional Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda items were reviewed. Item 6.4. was added Status of Inspections in Seniors Homes.

*Motion: That the agenda of the April 16, 2020 Regular Meeting be approved as amended.
 Motion Carried.*

4. Conflict of Interest Declaration

None declared.

5. Consent Agenda

Motion: That the following items on the consent agenda be approved as circulated save and accept item 5.1. :

5.1. Approval of the Minutes from the Board of Health Regular Meeting held on February 27, 2020

5.2. Approval of the Minutes from the Information Session held on March 24, 2020

- 5.3. *General Correspondence*
 - 5.4. *MOH/CEO Duty of Care Report*
 - 5.5. *Governance and Quality Assurance Committee Duty of Care Report*
- Motion Carried.*

Item 5.1. Minutes from the Board of Health Meeting held on February 27, 2020 will be discussed separately. Bill Dobson asked if dental programs and baby friendly programs are still going forward or are they non-essential? Jane Hess will cover that information in her update to the Board from HLD. The planned provincial meeting about public health modernization was deferred due to COVID-19.

Motion: That Item 5.1. Minutes from the Board of Health Meeting held on February 27, 2020 be approved as circulated.
Motion Carried.

6. New Business:

6.1. COVID-19 LGL Data – John Cunningham

See Health Unit Summary Report on COVID-19 Response.

6.2. COVID-19 Update

See Health Unit Summary Report on COVID-19 Response.

Paula Stewart advised that the Finance, Audit, Property and Risk Management Committee met as the COVID-19 situation was just beginning and in our reserve we do have funding we could access quickly, if needed, until the ministry funds the extraordinary expenses associated with our response.

6.3. Update on Provincial Appointments

Paula Stewart advised that the minister's office is still considering re-appointments for Toni Surko and Candace Kaine. The Appointments Office indicated that the Minister's office is no longer considering extension of Sherryl Smith's appointment and a thank you letter has been received by Sherryl Smith. The Chair thanked Sherryl Smith for her contribution and expressed regret that her appointment wasn't renewed.

6.4. Status of Inspections in Senior's Homes

Concern was expressed that only 6 or 7 out of more than 600 LTC homes have been fully inspected in the last 12 months because money was decreased and a lot of homes have not been inspected since 2017. Paula Stewart advised that this is outside the purview of public health.

The public health role is to provide information, resources and guidance for infection prevention and control, and ensure safe food practices. The public health nurses and inspectors have been visiting these homes, and supporting the ones with outbreaks including COVID-19.

7. Time, Date and Location of Next Meeting:

Action: During the pandemic a 1 hour monthly meeting will be held to discuss COVID-19.

Doug Malanka thanked members leaving the Board for their service and for their time, energy and advice.

Doug Malanka also thanked staff members for the work they are doing and the heavy load that they are taking on. As Chair he is proud of the work being accomplished.

8. Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Motion Carried.

Doug Malanka, Chair

Date

Heather Bruce, Executive Assistant

Date

c: Board members