

**Chatham-Kent Board of Health
Minutes**

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

9:45 a.m.

Call to Order

Present: Councillor Joe Faas (Chair)
Councillor Karen Kirkwood-Whyte
Councillor Brock McGregor (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Carmen McGregor
Ms. Noreen Blake
Mr. Joshua Caron
Mr. Michael Genge
Ms. Magdiel Hoste
Teresa Bendo, Director, Public Health
Dr. David Colby, Medical Officer of Health
Dr. April Rietdyk, General Manager, Community Human Services
Lisa Powers, Executive Assistant, Community Human Services

1. Provision for Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

No member of the Board declared a pecuniary interest on any matter on the open session agenda.

2. Recess to Closed Session

Mr Caron moved, seconded by Ms. Blake:

“That the Chatham-Kent Board of Health move into a Closed Session Meeting pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, for the following reasons:

- a) **Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees with regard to staffing.**
- b) **Labour relations or employee negotiations with regard to ONA negotiations.**
- c) **Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees with regard to compensation.”**

The Chair put the Motion.

Motion Carried

3. Adjournment of Closed Session

“That Chatham-Kent Board of Health adjourn the Closed Session Meeting of September 15, 2021.”

4. Resumption of Open Session Meeting – 11:00 AM.

5. Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 16, 2021

Councillor Kirkwood-Whyte moved, seconded by Mr. Caron:

“That the minutes of the Board of Health meeting of June 16, 2021 be approved.”

The Chair put the Motion.

Motion Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes - None

7. Education/Training

a) COVID-19 and Vaccines update, by Dr. David Colby, Medical Officer of Health

In an effort to update the Board, Dr. Colby shared a PowerPoint presentation, highlighting the following points:

- As of September 14, Chatham-Kent had 116 active COVID-19 cases, 16 people in hospital, and 17 deaths (unchanged since June Board meeting)
- Virtually all hospitalized cases are unvaccinated individuals
- As of this meeting, there are two outbreaks in Chatham-Kent
- Almost all new cases are the Delta variant and are contacts of known cases
- Two cases of the Mu variant have been detected
- As of this meeting, Chatham-Kent has administered over 142,000 doses of vaccine
- 73% of those age 12 and up have two doses of vaccine, 53% of those between the ages of 12-17 have two doses of vaccine, 88% of those over the age of 80 have two doses of vaccine; working on increasing numbers in the 12-17 age group
- The mass vaccination clinic will be replaced by pop up clinics in the community, as well as pharmacies
- Currently vaccinating about 200 people/day, many are first doses
- Long Term Care and High Risk Retirement Home residents are eligible for their booster vaccine five months after their second dose was administered
- Immunocompromised individuals are eligible for a third dose 8 weeks after their second dose was administered to complete primary series (the third dose is not considered a booster)
- Routine third doses are not considered at present
- Need to stay the course, continue extensive case and contact management, get people isolating when they need to be isolating, and reaffirm the safety and effectiveness of vaccines

Councillor B. McGregor moved, seconded by Mr. Genge:

“That the presentation by Dr. Colby be received as information.”

The Chair put the Motion.

Motion Carried

8. New Business

A. Items Requiring Action - None

B. Information Reports to be received

a) Director’s Update for the Month of September, 2021, prepared by Teresa Bendo

Background

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of current events or issues arising at Public Health.

Comments

Amendments to Ontario Public Health Standards and Protocols

On June 9, 2021 CK Public Health received notice that the Ontario Public Health Standards, Protocols and Guidelines had been amended. In particular, the following documents have been amended:

- OPHS 2021
- Oral Health Protocol, 2021
- Consumption and Treatment Services Compliance and Enforcement Protocol, 2021
- Tobacco, Vapour and Smoke Protocol, 2021
- Tobacco, Vapour and Smoke Guideline, 2021

A majority of the changes are ‘housekeeping’. These include:

- A requirement to deliver the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP) in accordance with the revised *Oral Health Protocol*;
- Amendments to the Effective Public Health Practice Standard; Chronic Disease Prevention and Well-Being Standard; School Health Standard and Substance Use and Injury Prevention Standard to incorporate the *Tobacco, Vapour and Smoke Protocol, 2021* and the *Tobacco, Vapour and Smoke Guideline, 2021*; and
- Changes to update or remove historical references that are no longer relevant.

The Consumption and Treatment Services Compliance and Enforcement Protocol, 2021 is new and currently there is no expectation of immediate action by boards of health. The Ministry will communicate at a later date with respect to timing of required enforcement, training on the new protocol, and other next steps.

2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Ministry of Health Funding Approvals

On July 22, 2021 CK Public Health received notice from the ministry that it will receive up to \$7,273,500 in base funding for the period January 1, 2021- December 31, 2021.

CK Public Health will receive up to \$2,402,500 in one-time funding for the period of April 1, 2021- March 31, 2022 which includes the following:

- \$968,000 in mitigation funding
- \$150,000 in COVID-19 extraordinary costs
- \$222,000 in COVID-19 vaccination efforts
- \$562,500 in Ontario Senior Dental Program capital for dental clinic renovations
- \$500,000 for the school-focused nurses initiative

In addition, CK Public Health will receive up to \$165,000 in one-time funding for the period of April 1, 2022- March 31, 2023 for the school-focused nurses initiative.

2020 Service Award Recipients

In 2020 CK Public Health celebrated the long-time service of 19 valuable team members. Congratulations to all for the continued dedication to CK Public Health and service to the community of Chatham-Kent.

5 years

Ann Marie Bedell
Teresa Bendo
Rebecca Haskell-Thomas
Paige Shea
Lisa Tetrault
Terrylynn Timmermans

10 years

Hamid Ali

15 years

Lynnly Hoskins
Lindsay Nicholls

20 years

Kim Derynck

25 years

Betty Schepens (since retired)

30 years

Marian McEwan

Retired

Rosemarie Arndt

Michelle Bogaert

Marg DeVos

Michael Hatten

Lydia Maxwell

Patti Nauta

Jackie Pepper

Ongoing Training/Education in Public Health Topics

September 30 is Orange Shirt Day. A day where hundreds of people across Canada wear an orange shirt to honour the children who survived the Indian Residential School and remember those who did not. **Every Child Matters.**

The story behind Orange Shirt Day:

“I went to the Mission for one year. I had just turned 6 years old. We never had very much money, and there was no welfare, but somehow my granny managed to buy me a new outfit to go to the Mission School in. I remember going to Robinson’s store and picking out a shiny orange shirt. It had eyelets and lace, and I felt so pretty in that shirt and excited to be going to school! Of course, when I got to the Mission, they stripped me, and took away my clothes, including the orange shirt. I never saw it again, except on other kids. I didn’t understand why they wouldn’t give it back to me, it was mine! Since then the colour orange has always reminded me of that and how my feelings didn’t matter, how no one cared and how I felt like I was worth nothing. I finally get it, that the feeling of worthlessness and insignificance, ingrained in me from my first day at the mission, affected the way I lived my life for many years...I want my orange shirt back!”

The impact of residential schools affects every Canadian. To learn more about Orange Shirt Day, visit these links:

<https://www.ictinc.ca/blog/what-is-orange-shirt-day>

<https://irshdc.ubc.ca/visit/events/orangeshirtday/>

<https://www.orangeshirtday.org/>

Consultation

There was no consultation required to produce this information report.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications with this information report.

Ms. Bendo highlighted the names of the staff honoured with service awards in 2020.

Ms. Hoste moved, seconded by Councillor C. McGregor:

“That the Director’s report be received as information.”

The Chair put the Motion.

Motion Carried

C) Items to be Received and Filed

Mr. Genge moved, seconded by Mr. Caron:

“That items a through f be received and filed”

- a) Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aIPHa) Information Break, dated June 21, July 20, and August 13, 2021
- b) Letters from Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit, and Southwestern Public Health to Christine Elliott, regarding public health funding for 2022
- c) 2021 aIPHa Conference and Annual General Meeting Proceedings,
- d) Correspondence from Toronto City Clerk regarding response to COVID-19, June 2021 update
- e) Announcement from Peterborough Public Health regarding new Medical Officer of Health
- f) Message from aIPHa BOH Chair Wess Garrod to Ontario Boards of Health

The Chair put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Councillor B. McGregor moved, seconded by Councillor Kirkwood-Whyte:

“That administration send a letter to the Province on behalf of the Board outlining our request for consistency in funding with respect to mitigation funding over the next several years.”

The Chair put the Motion.

Motion Carried

9. Non-Agenda Items – None

10. Motions of Closed Session

The Board received an update regarding staffing.

The Board received an update regarding ONA negotiations.

The Board provided advice to administration in regard to compensation for an identifiable individual.

Ms. Blake moved, seconded by Councillor C. McGregor:

“That the minutes of the closed session meeting of June 16, 2021 be approved.”

The Chair put the Motion.

Motion Carried

11. Time, Date and Place for the Next Meeting of the Board

The next meeting of the Board will be held virtually on Wednesday, October 20, with the open portion of the meeting to start at 11:00 a.m.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Caron that the meeting be adjourned at 11:35 am.

Joe Faas, Chair