



Ottawa Board of Health

Minutes

Meeting #: 25
Date: September 19, 2022
Time: 5:00 pm
Location: Electronic Participation

Present: Chair: Councillor Keith Egli, Vice-Chair: Tammy DeGiovanni, Member Elyse Banham, Member Jean Cloutier, Member Eli El-Chantiry, Member Glen Gower, Member Theresa Kavanagh, Member Lewis Leikin, Member Suzanne Pinel, Member Peter Tilley

Absent: Member Shawn Menard

1. Notices and meeting information for meeting participants and the public

Please see the attached document for public notices and meeting information, including: availability of simultaneous interpretation and accessibility accommodations; *in camera* meeting procedures; processes and timelines for

written and oral submissions; personal information disclaimer for correspondents and public speakers; notices regarding minutes; and remote participation details.

This draft Minutes document contains a summary of the disposition of items and actions taken at the meeting. This document does not include all of the text that will be included in the final Minutes, such as the record of written and oral submissions. Recorded votes and dissents contained in this draft Minutes document are draft until the Minutes of the meeting are confirmed by the Board of Health. The final draft Minutes will be published with the agenda for the next regular Board meeting and, once confirmed, will replace this document.

2. Announcements / Ceremonial Activities

Recognition of Wendy Muckle, Executive Director, Ottawa Inner City Health

On behalf of the Board of Health and Ottawa Public Health, Chair Egli presented Wendy Muckle, Executive Director of Inner City Health, with a certificate recognizing her career-long achievements.

3. Roll Call

Member Menard was absent.

4. Regrets

Member Menard sent regrets.

5. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were filed.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

Confirmation of minutes of the meeting of June 20, 2022.

Carried

7. Communications

Six communication items have been received (held on file with the Board of Health Secretary).

8. Motion to Introduce Reports

Motion No. BOH 25/01

Moved by Member Elyse Banham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Presentation by Dr. Daniel Myran - Cannabis Poisoning in Children Following Non-Medical Cannabis Legalization, the Chair of the Board of Health Verbal Report, the Medical Officer of Health Verbal Report, and the reports titled: Health Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at Ottawa Public Health, Reconcili-Action Plan Update - Annual Report, Results of the Third-Party Review by Dr. Paul Gully of Ottawa Public Health's COVID-19 Response, Recovery Planning Status Update, Update on Ottawa Public Health's 2022 Fall Immunization Plan, Ottawa Public Health's Strategic Plan for 2019-2022 – Update from Quarter Two of 2022, 2022 Operating and Capital Budget Q2 – Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit Status Report, Delegation of Authority – Contracts Awarded for the Period of January 1 to June 30, 2022, and Performance Appraisal of Medical Officer of Health - In Camera – Personal Matters About an Identifiable Individual - Reporting Out Date: Not to be reported out, be received and considered.

Carried

8.1 PRESENTATION - Cannabis Poisoning in Children Following Non-Medical Cannabis Legalization

Presentation by Dr. Daniel Myran

Dr. Daniel Myran presented on his research relating to cannabis poisoning in children following non-medical cannabis legalization, after which he responded to questions from Members of the Board of Health.

The Board then voted to receive Dr. Myran's presentation. Discussions on this item lasted approximately 35 minutes.

That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit receive this presentation for information.

Received

8.2 Chair of the Board of Health Verbal Report

File ACS2022-OPH-BOH-0008 – City-wide

In his verbal report, Chair Egli talked about: Capital Pride events, namely the flag raising ceremony at Mary Pitt Centre and OPH's participation in the Pride Parade; International Overdose Awareness Day, which brought together OPH staff with community partners, persons with lived

experience, family and friends from across Ottawa; the Working on Wellness Festival 2022 (formerly known as Recovery Day), organized by the Community Addictions Peer Support Association; the National Truth and Reconciliation Day, which honours survivors of residential schools and the children who never returned home, and Orange Shirt Day, a grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the inter-generational impacts of residential schools, both taking place on September 30th; and upcoming award presentations recognizing some OPH employees for their work relating to mental health.

In closing, the Chair thanked the Province and the Ontario Minister of Health for their recent announcement recognizing the importance of providing sustainable, predictable funding for local public health units and their crucial work.

The Board then voted to receive the Chair's Verbal Report. Discussions on this item lasted approximately 12 minutes.

That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit receive this verbal report for information.

Received

8.3 Medical Officer of Health Verbal Report

File ACS2022-OPH-MOH-0007 – City-wide

Dr. Etches began her verbal report by introducing Dr. Laura Bourns, who joined OPH as an Associate Medical Officer of Health in late August, as well as Pauline Tam, Director of Stakeholder Relations and Community Engagement, and Jo-Anne Henderson-White, Program Manager of Health Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, who both joined OPH in July. She took a moment to highlight the Reconcili-Action Plan Update report and to thank community members and partners for their significant contribution. She also thanked Dr. Paul Gully for his work in reviewing OPH's pandemic response, noting that there have been many lessons learned from the pandemic.

Dr. Etches then updated the Board on: the local COVID-19 situation; OPH's work to support the return to school; the local monkeypox situation; and recommended changes to Canada's Low-Risk Alcohol Drinking Guidelines. She talked about the backlog in routine childhood immunization and the need for a long-term effort with partners to ensure

we sustain levels that protect the community from highly preventable deaths and severe disease that carries lifelong impacts. She referenced the recent Provincial funding announcements relating to the public health sector and explained what that meant for OPH specifically. In closing, Dr. Etches talked about health equity, diversity and inclusion at OPH and expressed her support for and commitment to this work.

The Board received one (1) written submission from Greg Macdougall with respect to how public input is reflected in meeting records, COVID-19 in schools, OPH's approach to long COVID and COVID-19 in general, and the growing public health care / hospital crisis. A copy of this submission is held on file with the Board Secretary.

The Board then voted to receive the Medical Officer of Health's Verbal Report. Discussions on this item lasted approximately 40 minutes.

That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit receive this verbal report for information.

Received

Motion No. BOH 25/02

Moved by Member Elyse Banham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health approve that the meeting time be extended past 7:00 p.m. pursuant to Subsection 8(1)(c) of the Procedural By-law.

Carried

8.4 Health Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at Ottawa Public Health

File ACS2022-OPH-EDI-0002 – City-wide

The Board received a presentation from Dr. Ariff Kachra of Strat-Ology on the findings of the diversity audit of OPH and from Jo-Anne Henderson-White, Program Manager of Health Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, on OPH's action plan moving forward. The Board also heard from two (2) public delegates representing the Ottawa Local Immigration Partnership (OLIP), who spoke in support of the report:

- Andrea Gardner, Associate Executive Director, Jewish Family Services & Co-Chair, OLIP Health & Wellbeing Sector Table;

- Naini Cloutier, Executive Director, Somerset West Community Health Centre & Co-Chair, OLIP Health & Wellbeing Sector Table.

Following the presentations and public delegations, Dr. Kachra, Ms. Henderson-White and Dr. Etches responded to questions from Board Members.

The Board then voted to approve the report recommendations. Discussions on this item lasted approximately 42 minutes.

That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit:

1. **Receive, for information, the results of Ottawa Public Health's diversity audit, as highlighted in this report and found at Document 2, attached; and**
2. **Approve the Health Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan for 2022 and 2023, as described in this report.**

Carried

8.5 Reconcili-Action Plan Update - Annual Report

File ACS2022-OPH-EDI-0003 – City-wide

That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit:

1. **Receive, for information, this update on OPH's continuing efforts to become a culturally safe and humble organization;**
2. **Approve that, going forward, Indigenous cultural safety training (ICST) be a mandatory requirement as part of the onboarding process and training for all new members of the Board of Health and OPH Leadership Team; and**
3. **Receive, for information, an overview of priorities and concerns identified by Indigenous partners relating to health and wellness.**

Carried

8.6 Results of the Third-Party Review by Dr. Paul Gully of Ottawa Public Health's COVID-19 Response

File ACS2022-OPH-OPS-0001 – City-wide

Dr. Paul Gully responded to questions from Board Members on the findings of his third-party review of OPH's response to COVID-19.

The Board then voted to approve the report recommendations. Discussions on this item lasted approximately 8 minutes.

That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit:

1. **Receive, for information, the findings from the third-party review, as outlined in the consultant's report attached as Document 1; and**
2. **Direct that Ottawa Public Health (OPH) consider how best to advance each of the consultant's recommendations, found in Document 2 attached, within existing planning and operational cycles.**

Carried

8.7 Recovery Planning Status Update

File ACS2022-OPH-OPS-0002 – City-wide

That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit receive this report for information.

Received

8.8 Update on Ottawa Public Health's 2022 Fall Immunization Plan

File ACS2022-OPH-HPP-0002 – City-wide

The Board heard from two (2) local doctors who shared their concerns about the backlog in routine early childhood immunization:

- Dr. Jason Brophy, CHEO, Staff Physician, Division of Infectious Diseases;
- Dr. Kelley Zwicker, Pediatrician.

Following the public delegations, staff responded to questions from Board Members. The Board then voted to receive the report. Discussions on this item lasted approximately 20 minutes.

That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa receive, for information, the 2022 Fall Immunization Plan, as outlined in this report.

Received

8.9 Ottawa Public Health's Strategic Plan for 2019-2022 – Update from Quarter Two of 2022

File ACS2022-OPH-KPQ-0003 – City-wide

That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit receive this report for information.

Received

8.10 2022 Operating and Capital Budget Q2 – Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit Status Report

File ACS2022-OPH-PCS-0006 – City-wide

That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit receive the 2022 Q2 operating and capital budget status report for information.

Received

8.11 Delegation of Authority – Contracts Awarded for the Period of January 1 to June 30, 2022

File ACS2022-OPH-PCS-0005 – City-wide

That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit receive this report for information.

Received

9. In Camera Items*

NOTICE*

In Camera Items are not subject to public discussion or audience. Any person has a right to request an independent investigation of the propriety of dealing with matters in a closed session. A form requesting such a

review may be obtained, without charge, from the City's website or in person from the Chair of this meeting. Requests are kept confidential pending any report by the Meetings Investigator and are conducted without charge to the Requestor.

9.1 Performance Appraisal of Medical Officer Of Health - – In Camera – Personal Matters About an Identifiable Individual. Reporting Out Date: Not to be Reported Out

File ACS2022-OPH-BOH-0009 – City-wide

This item was CARRIED on consent, eliminating the need for the Board to move In Camera.

Report issued separately

Carried

10. Motion to Adopt Reports

Motion No. BOH 25/03

Moved by Member Elyse Banham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Presentation by Dr. Daniel Myran - Cannabis Poisoning in Children Following Non-Medical Cannabis Legalization, the Chair of the Board of Health Verbal Report, the Medical Officer of Health Verbal Report, and the reports titled: Health Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at Ottawa Public Health, Reconcili-Action Plan Update - Annual Report, Results of the Third-Party Review by Dr. Paul Gully of Ottawa Public Health's COVID-19 Response, Recovery Planning Status Update, Update on Ottawa Public Health's 2022 Fall Immunization Plan, Ottawa Public Health's Strategic Plan for 2019-2022 – Update from Quarter Two of 2022, 2022 Operating and Capital Budget Q2 – Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit Status Report, Delegation of Authority – Contracts Awarded for the Period of January 1 to June 30, 2022, and Performance Appraisal of Medical Officer of Health - In Camera – Personal Matters About an Identifiable Individual - Reporting Out Date: Not to be reported out, be received and adopted.

Carried

11. Motions Requiring Suspension of the Rules of Procedure

There were no motions requiring suspension of the rules of procedure.

12. Notices of Motions (For Consideration at Subsequent Meeting)

There were no Notices of Motion.

13. Confirmation By-law

Motion No. BOH 25/04

Moved by Member Elyse Banham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Confirmation By-law no. 2022-5, a by-law of the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit to confirm the proceedings of the Ottawa Board of Health at its meeting of September 19, 2022, be read and passed.

Carried

14. Inquiries

There were no Inquiries.

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

16. Next Meeting

Monday, November 7, 2022 - 5:00 PM

Board Secretary

Board Chair