



The meeting of the Board of Health for Oxford Elgin St. Thomas Health Unit was held on March 20, 2023, at the St. Thomas site (1230 Talbot St.) and virtually via MS Teams commencing at 12:03 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. J. Couckuyt	Board Member
Mr. J. Herbert	Board Member
Mr. D. Mayberry	Board Member
Mr. M. Peterson	Board Member
Mr. J. Preston	Board Member (Chair)
Mr. M. Ryan	Board Member
Mr. D. Warden	Board Member
Ms. B. Wheaton	Board Member (Vice Chair)
Ms. C. St. John	Chief Executive Officer
Ms. A. Koning	Executive Assistant

**represents virtual participation*

GUESTS:

Mr. P. Heywood	Program Director*
Mr. D. McDonald	Director, Corporate Services and Human Resources*
Mr. D. Smith	Program Director*
Ms. M. Cornwell	Manager, Communications*
Ms. C. Richards	Program Manager*
Mr. I. Santos	Manager, Information Technology
Ms. W. Lee	Administrative Assistant

**represents virtual participation*

REGRETS:

Mr. L. Rowden	Board Member
Dr. N. Tran	Medical Officer of Health

1.1 CALL TO ORDER, RECOGNITION OF QUORUM

J. Preston recognized and acknowledged the loss of SWPH’s board member D. McPhail. He commended D. McPhail on his unwavering dedication to his community and his commitment to

public health. C. St. John noted that it was a pleasure working with D. McPhail for many years and the community has lost a wonderful man. She noted that a flower arrangement was sent to the family and a donation was made to a charity of the family's choice in honour of D. McPhail, on behalf of the SWPH Board of Health. Lastly, she had flags lowered to half mast until after D. McPhail's celebration of life concluded.

1.2 AGENDA

Resolution # (2023-BOH-0320-1.2)

Moved by D. Mayberry

Seconded by M. Peterson

That the agenda for the Southwestern Public Health Board of Health meeting for March 20, 2023 be approved.

Carried.

1.3 Reminder to disclose Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof when Item Arises.

1.4 Reminder that Meetings are Recorded for minute-taking purposes.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution # (2023-BOH-0320-2.1)

Moved by D. Warden

Seconded by J. Herbert

That the minutes for the Southwestern Public Health Board of Health meeting for February 9, 2023 be approved.

Carried.

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

The Board discussed concerns regarding the appointment process and C. St. John provided an overview of the process for reappointment of members of the SWPH Board. It was noted that a report will be brought forward at the April meeting that outlines what historically was the Governance Committee's roles and responsibilities with managing provincial appointments and reappointments.

It was noted that consent agenda items 3.3. and 3.4 are receive and file at this time as SWPH will be developing letters of support based on the results of our situational assessments to apply a local approach to the letters. C. St. John noted that these letters will be brought forward to the Board Chair for approval.

Resolution # (2023-BOH-0320-3.1)

Moved by D. Warden

Seconded by M. Ryan

That the Board of Health for Southwestern Public Health receive and file consent agenda items 3.1 -3.4.

Carried.

4.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING ACTION

It was noted that the Ontario Government's budget is most likely approved and that this letter is really an advocacy letter for continued discussion about the importance in investing in public health. It was requested that the obligated municipalities be copied on the letter of support.

Resolution # (2023-BOH-0320-4.1)

Moved by D. Warden

Seconded by J. Herbert

That the Board of Health for Southwestern Public Health support correspondence 4.1 – 2023 Pre-Budget Submission from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA).

Carried.

5.0 AGENDA ITEMS FOR INFORMATION.DISCUSSION.DECISION

5.1 Chief Executive Officer's Report for March 20, 2023

C. St. John reviewed her report.

The Board advised that there is an opportunity to receive information as it is available, regarding how SWPH proposes to improve population health levels, should additional funds be available. It was noted that the Board does not want to hold out if there are proposals and decisions that could be made ahead of the June Board meeting.

The Board discussed the importance in converting the school-focused nursing into base funding and not one-time funding, as it is difficult to manage. It was noted that the School Boards should be copied on the advocacy letter as well. It was noted that specific data for school-based programs would be helpful in supporting funding requests. The Board agreed that our work in schools is very important for our youth, and we must continue to advocate for funding. It was noted that the Association of Local Public Health Agencies should be writing in support of this funding as all health units appear in support of this initiative to continue.

Resolution # (2023-BOH-0320-5.1)

Moved by B. Wheaton

Seconded by M. Peterson

That the Board of Health for Southwestern Public Health accept the Chief Executive Officer's report for March 20, 2023.

Carried.

5.2 Medical Officer of Health's Report for March 20, 2023

It was noted that Dr. Tran was unable to attend the board meeting and C. St. John requested that the report be deferred to the next board meeting.

D. Mayberry noted that the provincial Chief Medical Officer of Health's report was well done and he believes that there are some great learnings noted. He noted his concerns regarding the erosion of trust of public health due to the pandemic.

The Board Chair noted that Dr. Tran can speak to this matter at the next Board meeting.

Resolution # (2023-BOH-0320-5.2)

Moved by M. Ryan

Seconded by D. Mayberry

That Board of Health for Southwestern Public Health defer the Medical Officer of Health's report for March 20, 2023 to the next board meeting.

Carried.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS/OTHER

None at this time.

9.0 FUTURE MEETING & EVENTS

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Health is April 27, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. The Board of Health orientation session will be held on at 12:00 p.m. on the same day.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Resolution # (2023-BOH-0320-10)

Moved by D. Warden

Seconded by M. Peterson

That the Board of Health meeting adjourns at 12:54 p.m.

Carried.

Confirmed: _____

