Huron Perth Public Health
BOARD OF HEALTH

In Person **October 9, 2026**
West Gore Office – WG2/3 **9:30 am**

MINUTES

Membership Present: Marg Anderson (Deputy Mayor Central Huron and Councillor, Huron County)
Lesley Biehn (Councillor, City of Stratford)
Sheryl Feagan (Provincial Representative)
George Finch (Mayor South Huron and Councillor, Huron County)
Todd Kasenberg, Vice-Chair (Mayor, North Perth and Councillor Perth County)
Marg Luna (Councillor, Town of St Marys)
Bernie MacLellan, Chair (Mayor Huron East and Councillor, Huron County)
Bob Parker (Provincial Representative)
Paul Robinson (Provincial Representative)
Cody Sebben (Councillor, City of Stratford)
Bill Vanstone (Deputy Mayor Ashfield-Colbourne-Wawanosh and Councillor, Huron County)
Adam Waxman (Provincial Representative) *
Robert Wilhelm (Deputy Mayor, Perth South and Councillor, Perth County)

Membership Absent: Jared Petteplace (Provincial Representative)

Staff Invited: Dr. Lauren Hayward, Associate Medical Officer of Health
Dr. Miriam Klassen, Medical Officer of Health and CEO
Julie Pauli, Director of Corporate Services and Secretary to the Board of Health
Melissa Rintoul, Executive Assistant to the Medical Officer of Health (Recorder)
Christina Taylor, Director of Health Protection

Staff Regrets: Tanya Sangster, Director of Community and Family Health

Media Present: Nicole Beswitherick, Listowel Banner/Wingham Advance Times

*Attended via Zoom

1. **Land Acknowledgement ~ Marg Luna**

"We acknowledge that the land and water around where we gather today is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe, and Neutral Peoples. Today, this land is still home to Indigenous Peoples, and we are grateful to have the opportunity to meet and work on this territory.

We recognize the First Peoples' continued stewardship of the land and water, and that this territory was subject to the Dish with One Spoon wampum under which multiple nations agreed to care for the land and resources by the Great Lakes in peace.

We acknowledge and recognize the Upper Canada Treaties signed regarding this land, which include Treaty #29 and Treaty #45 1/2, and our roles and shared responsibilities as treaty people committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation, gratitude, and respect with all Indigenous, First Nation, Inuit and Métis people."

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion for Consideration:
That the Board of Health approves the Agenda for the October 9, 2026, meeting as circulated.

Motion made by: Bill Vanstone
Seconded by: George Finch
Carried.

3. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest ~ None**

4. **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion for Consideration:

That the Board of Health move into closed session at 9:31am for discussions pertaining to:

- *Personal matters about an identifiable individual.*

Motion made by: Robert Wilhelm
Seconded by: Bob Parker
Carried.

The Board of Health returned to OPEN session at 11:05 am

Reporting Out

- Julie Pauli, Director of Corporate Services, presented the draft 2027 budget. The Board directed staff to return the draft budget to the November 13, 2026, Board of Health meeting for further consideration.

5. **Director of Corporate Services Report – Julie Pauli**

a. Statement of Accounts – August 2026

Julie Pauli, Director of Corporate Services provided an overview and explanation of the August 2026 Statement of Accounts.

Motion for Consideration

That the Board of Health approves the Statement of Accounts for the period ending August 31st, 2026, as presented.

Motion made by: Marg Luna
Seconded by: George Finch
Carried.

b. Financial Transactions – August 1- 31, 2026

Julie Pauli, Director of Corporate Services provided an overview of the Health Unit's Financial transactions for August 2026, with highlighted expense explanations.

Motion for Consideration

That the Board of Health approves the Financial Transaction Reports for the period of August 1 - 31, 2026, in total amount of $1,482,011.13.

Motion made by: Bill Vanstone
Seconded by: Robert Wilhelm
Carried.

c. *2027 Budget ~ Deferred to November 13, 2026*

6. **MOH Report – Dr Miriam Klassen**

Dr Miriam Klassen, presented the Report of the Medical Office of Health to the Board, answering questions regarding West Nile Virus in Huron and Perth Counties.

Motion for Consideration

That the Board of Health receives the Report of the Medical Officer of Health for information purposes.

Motion made by: Marg Anderson
Seconded by: Sheryl Feagan
Carried.

7. **Business Arising ~ None**

8. **New Business ~ None**

9. **Other Business ~ None**

Chair Bernie MacLellan, requested that representatives for each of the four municipalities present a letter to the partnering Municipalities outlining the measures taken by the Health Unit to reduce costs, including the layoffs in recent years, and advocating for a review of the Health and Promotion Act, Schedule 14 in Regulation 553 of HPPA, and requesting a reduction in the Board size. A letter will be drafted by Provincial Representative Bob Parker and Board Member Marg Anderson, for circulation to the Board of Health via email.

10. **Correspondence**

a. MLHU endorsement letter re: Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada – Vape Flavouring
b. alPHa email re: 2026 Ontario Municipal Election Resources
c. alPHa email re: 2026 Leadership Series – Navigation Change – Registration Open
d. alPHa InfoBreak Newsletter – Sept-Oct 2026
e. WECHU letter re BOH Resolution - Governance Continuity During a Municipal Election Year
f. WECHU letter of support re Bill 125, Smoke-Free Ontario Amendment Act (Vaping is Not for Kids), 2026
g. WECHU BOH Resolution re WECHU Charity Status Application
h. WECHU BOH Resolution re Recommendations for Improvements to the Provincial Publicly Funded Immunization Program
i. WECHU BOH Resolution re Public Health Support for Windsor Essex Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

Motion for Consideration:
That the Board of Health receives correspondence items for information purposes.

Motion made by: Lesley Biehn
Seconded by: Bill Vanstone
Carried.

11. **Approval of the Minutes of October 9, 2026, Board of Health meeting**

Motion for Consideration:
That the Board of Health approves the minutes of October 9, 2026, Board of Health meeting as presented.

Motion made by: Robert Wilhelm
Seconded by: Todd Kasenberg
Carried.

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in person on **November 13, 2026, at the West Gore office of HPPH. The Board Luncheon and All Staff Gathering will follow at the Mitchell Golf and Country Club.**

13. **Adjournment**

Motion for Consideration:
That the meeting of the Huron Perth Public Health Board of Health be adjourned as of 11:29 am.

Motion made by: Adam Waxman
Seconded by: Sheryl Feagan
Carried.

14. **Public Announcements**

15. **Education Session**
Intimate Partner Violence, presented by: Kate Underwood, Public Health Nurse, Janet Jackson, Manager – Sexual Health and Harm Reduction