
HALDIMAND-NORFOLK HEALTH UNIT
Regular Board of Health Meeting

July 5, 2022

2:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

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16. Adjournment

To: Members of the Board of Health

From: Dr. Matt Strauss, Acting Medical Officer of Health

Date: June 27, 2022

Re: Acting Medical Officer of Health Update

For all local intents and purposes the Covid-19 pandemic is over. In my view, any remaining restrictions harm rather than improve the public health. Now is a great time to remove any pleixglass barriers you may be harboring.

Monkeypox has arrived in Haldimand-Norfolk. Our first case was identified this past week. Monkeypox is more deadly than Covid-19. However, it transmits less readily and there is already a good vaccine available. We believe that vaccination prevents 85% of transmission. There are ~200 cases identified in Canada so far, of which 33 are in Ontario. The case we have identified was not acquired in our community.

In general, monkeypox is transmitted when an individual has direct physical contact with another person's rash. The rash often looks like chickenpox, but can have a variety of appearances.

So far in Canada, direct physical contact resulting in monkeypox has generally occurred through sexual activity.

Our health unit is, at the moment, generally seized with preparations for managing a monkeypox epidemic. We are developing and executing contact management, vaccination, and health promotion strategies.

I expect we will be offering vaccination as pre-exposure prophylaxis for at-risk individuals in the coming days. Currently, men who have casual sex with multiple male partners are considered at risk and should be vaccinated.

Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit Board of Health Minutes

**June 7, 2022
2:00 p.m.
Council Chambers**

Present: Vice-Chair Chris Van Paassen, Kristal Chopp, Tom Masschaele, Linda Vandendriessche, Michael Columbus, Ian Rabbitts, Ryan Taylor, Amy Martin, Kim Huffman

Staff Present: Al Meneses, Dr. Matthew Strauss, Heidy VanDyk, Syed Shah, Alexis Wynveen, Michael Vansickle, Teresa Olsen, Julie Ellis

1. Ceremonial Activities

2. Approval of Agenda/Changes to the Agenda

Resolution No. 1

Moved by: Board Member Taylor

Seconded by: Board Member Vandendriessche

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & The General Nature Thereof

4. Consent Items

5. Close Session (If early session required)

6. Presentations & Deputations

6.1 Dr. Matthew Strauss Re: Medical Officer of Health Update

Resolution No. 2

Moved by: Board Member Taylor

Seconded by: Board Member Columbus

THAT the update provided by Dr. Matthew Strauss, Acting Medical Officer of Health be received as information.

Carried.

Resolution No. 3

Moved by: Board Member Huffman

Seconded by: Board Member Taylor

THAT the Board of Health direct staff to investigate the creation of a working group to develop a recruitment plan to increase the number of doctors within the Haldimand-Norfolk-Health District and further bring back a report to a future meeting to review the project scope.

Carried.

7. Approval/Correction of Board of Health Meeting Minutes

7.1 Board of Health Minutes - May 3, 2022

Resolution No. 4

Moved by: Board Member Rabbitts

Seconded by: Board Member Taylor

THAT the May 3, 2022 Board of Health minutes be approved as presented.

Carried.

8. Communications

9. Staff Reports/Discussion Items

9.1 Vector-borne Disease Program Update 2021-2022, HSS-22-017

Heidy Van Dyk, General Manager of Health and Social Services, introduced the report.

Alexis Wynveen, Program Manager, Environmental Health, presented and responded to questions of the Board.

Michael Vansickle, Senior Financial Analyst, responded to questions of the Board.

Resolution No. 5

Moved by: Board Member Martin

Seconded by: Board Member Vandendriessche

THAT Staff Report HSS-22-017, Vector-borne Disease Program Update 2021-2022, be received as information;

AND THAT the Board of Health support the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit's Vector-borne program activities which include active surveillance, and education regarding prevention strategies for vector-borne diseases.

Carried.

9.2 Safe Voluntary Isolation Sites Program, HSS-22-018

Heidy Van Dyk, Acting General Manager of Health and Social Services, introduced the report.

Alexis Wynveen, Program Manager, Environmental Health, presented and responded to questions of the Board.

Syed Shah, Acting Director of Public Health, responded to questions of the Board.

Resolution No. 6

Moved by: Board Member Columbus

Seconded by: Board Member Taylor

THAT Staff Report HSS-22-018, Safe Voluntary Isolations Sites Program, be received as information;

AND THAT the Board of Health supports and approves the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit's application to the Public Health Agency of Canada for the Safe Voluntary Isolation Sites Program.

Carried.

9.3 2022 Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit Funding and Accountability Agreement – BUDGET AMENDMENT, HSS-22-022

Heidy Van Dyk, Acting General Manager of Health and Social Services, introduced the report and responded to questions of the Board.

Syed Shah, Acting Director of Public Health, presented and responded to questions of the Board.

Michael Vansickle, Senior Financial Analyst, responded to questions of the Board.

Resolution No. 7

Moved by: Board Member Taylor

Seconded by: Board Member Vandendriessche

THAT Staff Report # HSS-22-022 Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit Funding and Accountability Agreement be received as information;

AND THAT the Approved 2022 Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit Operating Budget be amended to include \$2,031,300 in base and one-time funding;

AND THAT the Approved 2022 Capital Budget be amended to include \$150,000 in one-time funding;

AND THAT the Board of Health endorse the delivery of one-time programs as outlined in the report;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board of Health approves extension of the COVID-19 program staff until December 31, 2022.

Carried.

9.4 Ontario Seniors Dental Program- Program Overview and Update - HSS-22-023

Heidy Van Dyk, Acting General Manager of Health and Social Services, introduced the Information Memo.

Resolution No. 8

Moved by: Board Member Taylor

Seconded by: Board Member Huffman

THAT the Information Memo regarding the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program be received as information.

Carried.

10. By-laws

11. Motions

12. Notice of Motions

13. Other Business

14. Closed Session

15. Confirming By-Law

15.1 By-law 2022-08-BH Being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Board of Health for the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit at this Regular Board of Health Meeting held on the 7th of June 2022

Resolution No. 9

Moved by: Board Member Rabbitts

Seconded by: Board Member Columbus

THAT By-law 2022-08-BH Being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Board of Health for the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit at this Regular Board of Health Meeting held on the 7th of June 2022.

Carried.

16. Adjournment

Resolution No. 10

Moved by: Board Member Huffman

Seconded by: Board Member Taylor

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 3:00

Carried.

Board Vice-Chair: Chris Van
Paassen

Clerk: Teresa Olsen

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June 9, 2022

SENT VIA E-MAIL

To: Boards of Health in Ontario and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies

Subject: Response to COVID-19 - April 2022 Update (Item HL36.1) (see Part 10 of the Toronto Board of Health's decision on page 2 which is addressed to all Boards of Health in Ontario and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies)

The Toronto Board of Health, during its meeting on April 11, 2022, adopted Item HL36.1, as amended, and:

1. Expressed its full support to the Medical Officer of Health to implement additional measures to address the harm of COVID-19, as needed.
2. Requested the Medical Officer of Health, in partnership with Ontario Health and the City's community and health sector partners, to accelerate the integration of the delivery of on-site COVID-19 vaccination, testing, treatment, and health and social services.
3. Requested the Medical Officer of Health to continue using the VaxTO program for the COVID-19 3rd- and 4th-dose campaign, and to scale up live calling in support of vaccine booster dose uptake.
4. Requested the Province of Ontario to re-enable local Medical Officers of Health to issue letters of instruction as part of the local toolkit to reduce the impact of COVID-19 and help keep people safe.
5. Requested the Medical Officer of Health to implement a public health promotion campaign to inform the public of COVID-19 risks and provide guidance for risk mitigation.
6. Requested the Medical Officer of Health and the Province of Ontario to provide additional focused guidance to help the public discern how best to employ layers of protection against COVID-19 and to provide support to those at greatest risk for severe outcomes from COVID-19, including priority access to testing, personal protective equipment, and other resources to support safer public interactions.

7. Requested the Medical Officer of Health to explore innovative and accessible ways to use data to communicate with the public to enable informed decisions about how best to mitigate the risk of COVID-19.
8. Requested the Ministry of Health and Ontario Health to work with Toronto Public Health, primary care, pharmacies, other health care practitioners, and any other relevant stakeholders, to facilitate access to and increase appropriate uptake of COVID-19 treatments, incorporating core elements such as:
 - a. an information campaign to raise awareness among health care providers and the public of the availability of this effective treatment;
 - b. resources to support health care providers and the public to use available COVID-19 treatments; and
 - c. a strategy to leverage existing community vaccine distribution infrastructure to ensure effective, equitable access to COVID-19 treatment.
9. Requested the Province of Ontario to work with relevant stakeholders and communities to expand the collection of sociodemographic data in the health system (which may include, for example, optimizing the linkage of existing Census data with health data) to ensure that resources are deployed to the populations with the greatest need and to ensure equitable and culturally-safe access to health and social services.
10. Forwarded Part 9 above, concerning the collection of sociodemographic data, to all Boards of Health in Ontario and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies.
11. Requested the Medical Officer of Health to provide public reporting on, and consider for potential inclusion in dashboard changes, the following:
 - a. COVID-19 related hospitalizations among school-aged children and youth;
 - b. transmission of COVID-19 in schools; and
 - c. health workforce absentee data.

To view this item and background information online, please visit:
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2022.HL36.1>.

Yours sincerely,



Julie Amoroso
Board Secretary
Toronto Board of Health

Sent (via e-mail) to the following Boards of Health in Ontario and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies:

- Algoma Public Health Board of Health, c/o Mayor Sally Hagman, Chair
- Brant County Board of Health, c/o Councillor John Bell, Chair
- Chatham-Kent Board of Health, c/o Councillor Joe Faas, Chair
- City of Hamilton Board of Health, c/o Mayor Fred Eisenberger, Chair
- Durham Region Board of Health (Health and Social Services Committee), c/o John Henry, Durham Regional Chair
- Eastern Ontario Health Unit Board of Health, c/o Councillor Syd Gardiner, Chair
- Grey Bruce Health Unit Board of Health, c/o Mayor Sue Paterson, Chair
- Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit Board of Health, c/o Mayor Kristal Chopp, Chair
- Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit Board of Health, c/o Councillor Doug Elmslie, Chair
- Halton Region Board of Health (Regional Council), c/o Gary Carr, Halton Regional Chair
- Hastings Prince Edward Public Health Board of Health, c/o Mayor Jo-Anne Albert, Chair
- Huron Perth Public Health Board of Health, c/o Councillor Kathy Vassilakos, Chair
- Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington Public Health Board of Health, c/o Deputy Warden and Mayor, Denis Doyle, Chair
- Lambton County Board of Health (County Council), c/o County Warden and Mayor, Kevin Marriott, Chair
- Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit Board of Health, c/o Mayor Doug Malanka, Chair
- Middlesex-London Health Unit Board of Health, c/o Councillor Maureen Cassidy, Chair
- Niagara Region Board of Health (Regional Council), c/o Jim Bradley, Regional Chair
- North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board of Health, c/o Nancy Jacko, Chair
- Northwestern Health Unit Board of Health, c/o Mayor Doug Lawrance, Chair
- Ottawa Board of Health, c/o Councillor Keith Egli, Chair
- Peterborough Public Health Board of Health, c/o Deputy Warden and Mayor Andy Mitchell, Chair
- Porcupine Health Unit Board of Health, c/o Mayor Sue Perras, Chair
- Public Health Sudbury & Districts Board of Health, c/o Councillor René Lapierre, Chair
- Region of Peel Board of Health (Regional Council), c/o Nando Iannicca, Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer
- Region of Waterloo Board of Health (Region of Waterloo Council), c/o Karen Redman, Regional Chair
- Renfrew County and District Health Unit Board of Health, c/o Ann Aikens, Chair
- Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Board of Health, c/o Deputy Mayor and Councillor Anita Dubeau, Chair
- Southwestern Public Health Board of Health (Oxford, Elgin and St. Thomas), c/o Warden Larry Martin, Chair
- Thunder Bay District Health Unit Board of Health, c/o Councillor James McPherson, Chair
- Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health, c/o Mayor Carman Kidd, Chair

- Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health Board of Health, c/o Mayor and Councillor George Bridge, Chair
- Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Board of Health, c/o Warden and Mayor Gary McNamara, Chair
- York Region Board of Health (York Regional Council), c/o Wayne Emmerson, York Region Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
- Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, Association of Local Public Health Agencies, President, COMOH Representative, East Region

cc (via e-mail):

- Dr. Eileen de Villa, Medical Officer of Health, Toronto Public Health

Information Memo

To: Health & Social Services Advisory Committee
Date: June 27, 2022
Division: Health and Social Services
Department: Haldimand Norfolk Health Unit
Subject: Update on Compliance with the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)

Recommendation(s):

THAT the Information Memo regarding the current situation report on local compliance with the Immunization of School Pupils Act be received as information.

Background

Ontario's Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) requires that children and adolescents attending primary or secondary school be appropriately immunized against designated diseases to protect students, unless they have a valid exemption. Students who fail to obtain the necessary immunizations or a valid exemption are subject to suspension from school until the requirements are achieved. Children and adolescents attending primary or secondary school in Ontario must have proof of immunization against the following designated diseases:

- Diphtheria
- Tetanus
- Polio
- Measles
- Mumps
- Rubella
- Meningococcal Disease
- Pertussis (whooping cough)
- Varicella (chickenpox) – for children born in 2010 or later

The Haldimand Norfolk Health Unit (HNHU) and the public health departments across Ontario offer publicly-funded vaccination services to their communities. A salient component of our Vaccine Preventable Diseases (VPD) Program is to visit local primary and secondary schools to provide accessible opportunities for students to achieve the requirements of the ISPA. There are monthly clinics to support students who are absent on the date VPD team visits their schools. The team is also available to provide health education to students and families on vaccines, the exemption process and the ISPA.

Discussion:

Due to the mobilization of VPD staff to COVID-19 pandemic-related duties since 2020, the 2006-2009 birth cohort of students (grades 7-10) have had fewer immunization opportunities to achieve the requirements of the ISPA. This means that an increased number of students do not meet the requirements of ISPA, are more susceptible to infections by the designated diseases and are at risk for suspension from school in the future. The Ministry of Health has temporarily deferred the requirement for public health units to enforce student suspensions from school due to reduced organizational capacities. The forecast for Haldimand and Norfolk shows that 1,014 grade 10 students are currently at risk for school suspension in the spring of 2023.

The HNHU has already restarted this program and the team is visiting grade 8 and secondary school cohorts as the Health Unit transitions to routine business activities.

During the 2022-2023 school year, the HNHU will endeavour to visit local primary schools twice to complete students' immunization series and the secondary schools once to complete any outstanding immunization series for the current grade 8 cohort and students at risk of suspension. There is a possibility for remobilization of the VPD team to COVID-19 vaccine-related duties in the event of a significant expansion of vaccine eligibility (ie: provincial announcement that 4th and 5th doses of a COVID-19 vaccine become readily available to individuals aged 18+). This may delay school based immunization efforts. Family physicians remain the alternative source for students and families seeking publicly-funded immunizations.

Financial Services:

ISPA is offered through the VPD program as part of the Ministry of Health's Mandatory Programs, funded at a 70% Provincial and 30% Municipal cost share, to a capped amount. For the 2022 calendar year, the Board of Health approved budget of \$788,600 for the VPD program is anticipated to be sufficient to support outstanding clinics and their associated costs.

Attachments:

- Not applicable

Conclusion:

The HNHU faces an increased workload to address the missed opportunities for school-aged students to obtain publicly-funded vaccines from 2020 to 2022 and enforce the expectations of the ISPA. The HNHU plans to continue its progress towards addressing this workload by the summer of 2023.

Approval:

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The Board of Health

By-Law 2022-09-BH

Being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Board of Health for the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit at this Regular Board of Health Meeting held on the 5th day of July 2022.

WHEREAS Section 56 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.H.7, as amended, provides that every Board of Health shall pass a by-law respecting the calling and proceedings at meetings;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Board at this Special Board of Health Meeting be confirmed and adopted by By-Law.

NOW THEREFORE the Board of Health for the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the actions of the Board of Health for the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit at this Regular Board of Health Meeting held the 5th of July 2022, and each motion and resolution passed and other action taken by The Board of Health for the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit at this meeting are hereby adopted and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this By-Law.
2. That the Chair of the Board of Health and proper officials of the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the actions of The Board of Health referred to in the preceding section hereof.
3. That the Mayor and Clerk are authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary in that behalf and to affix thereto the Seal of Norfolk County.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 5th Day of July 2022

Chair

County Clerk