

7.0 REPORTS

1. August Reports
 - a. Program Report – August
 - b. MOH Report
2. News Release: STOP Program: An Opportunity for Ontario Smokers, July 18, 2011
3. News Release: Heat Alert, July 19, 2011
4. News Release: Don't Let the Bugs Bite!, July 21, 2011
5. News Release: World Hepatitis Day, July 27, 2011
6. News Release: Barbeque Food Safety, July 28, 2011
7. News Release: Bayshore and Kelso Beach Posted Unsafe for Bathing, July 29, 2011
8. News Release: Public Assistance Required, August 2, 2011
9. News Release: Kelso Beach Remains Posted Unsafe for Bathing Bayshore Beach Posting Lifted, August 5, 2011
10. News Release: New and Expanded Vaccine Program Starts, August 10, 2011

Moved by: Larry Kraemer

Seconded by: Milt McIver

THAT, the Board of Health receive the August Reports as presented.

Carried.

8.0 ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

1. June Financial Report

Moved by: Dwight Burley

Seconded by: Arlene Wright

THAT, the Board of Health approve the financial statements and reports for the month of June, as presented by Joan Tod.

Carried.

9.0 OTHER BUSINESS

- 1a. V-502 Selection of MOH & AMOH
- 1b. V-503 MOH Contract
- 1c. V-506 MOH Performance Review

Moved by: Larry Kraemer

Seconded by: Bob Pringle

That, the policies be approved as presented.

Carried.

2. Smoke-Free Outdoor Spaces Resolution

Moved by: Arlene Wright

Seconded by: Milt McIver

WHEREAS tobacco use is known to have direct and indirect harm on the health of the smoker as well as those who are exposed to second-hand smoke, and

WHEREAS there is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke and implementing policies that establish smoke-free environments is the most effective way to reduce this exposure, and

WHEREAS the levels of second-hand smoke have been found to be just as high outdoors as indoors, and

WHEREAS 4 in 5 Grey Bruce residents are non-smokers and should be protected from second-hand smoke in the public places they choose to visit, and

WHEREAS outdoor sport and recreation areas are intended to promote health and wellbeing for all Grey and Bruce County residents, and

WHEREAS tobacco use sets an unhealthy example for the young people in our community, while smoke-free spaces encourage positive role modeling for children and youth, and

WHEREAS smoke-free patios can further protect children, hospitality workers and the community from second-hand smoke, and

WHEREAS cigarette butts are plentiful and long-lasting contaminants of our physical environment and cigarette filters are the single most collected item in international beach cleanups each year, and

WHEREAS approximately two thirds (67%) of Grey Bruce smokers are seriously considering quitting smoking within the next 6 months, and

WHEREAS a 2009 survey of Grey Bruce residents indicated high levels of support for smoke-free by-laws:

- 86% support smoke-free public playgrounds
- 83% support smoke-free public sports fields and spectator areas
- 73% support smoke-free beaches
- 91% support smoke-free doorways to workplaces
- 92% support smoke-free outdoor public patios where food or drink is sold

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for the Grey Bruce Health Unit recommends the County of Bruce and the County of Grey develop and adopt a by-law banning smoking:

- In all county and municipally-owned or operated parks, playgrounds, and sports fields including spectator areas,
- on beaches, and
- at entrances and exits from all county and municipally owned or operated buildings, and
- on all patios where food or drink is sold, and

THAT the by-law include a provision for business owners to apply to be included in the smoking prohibition for either a 9m set-back or for the entire property, and

THAT the by-law allow special events to apply to be smoke-free, and

THAT the Grey Bruce Health Unit encourage all Lower Tier Municipalities in Grey and Bruce counties to support a County wide by-law banning smoking in the aforementioned areas, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Grey Bruce Health Unit will support both Counties and the Municipalities to build public awareness of the by-law, and

FURTHER THAT the Grey Bruce Health Unit will share the enforcement of the by-law with the County, if so desired by either County, and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Bruce County Council; Grey County Council; Councils, CAOs and Recreation Departments of the Municipalities of Arran-Elderslie, Brockton, Kincardine, Northern Bruce Peninsula, South Bruce, Meaford, Grey Highlands, West Grey, Townships of Huron Kinloss, Georgian Bluffs, Chatsworth, Southgate, Towns of Saugeen Shores, South Bruce Peninsula, Blue Mountains, Hanover and City of Owen Sound, Chief of Chippewas of Nawash First Nation, Chief of Saugeen First Nation, Grey and Bruce County MP's and MPP's, Ontario Minister of Health Promotion and Sport and the Premier of Ontario

Carried.

Opposed: Larry Kraemer & Kevin Eccles

3. September 29 Symposium – Save the Date

Dr. Lynn requested the Board Members save Thursday, September 29, 2011 for the symposium “What’s the Big Deal About Alcohol?” being held at the Grey Bruce Health Unit. The keynote speaker, Dr. Gerald Thomas, will also speak at the Grey Bruce Health Unit Professional Development Day, September 30.

4. Accreditation

Karen Ingebrigtsen and Brenda Hannah, surveyors from Accreditation Canada, will conduct an organizational assessment September 12- 14, 2011. Board Members are invited to both the Introductory and General Debriefings on Monday, September 12 and Wednesday, September 14, respectively.

5. Kevin Eccles will be taking a leave of absence from August 22 - October 6, 2011.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

By Motion of Dwight Burley, Mike Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

<p>Date of Next Meeting: Friday, September 16, 2011 Grey Bruce Health Unit, Room 207</p>
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Mike Smith
Chairperson

Dr. Hazel Lynn
Medical Officer of Health

Mary Halliday
Recording Secretary