



BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

DATE: Friday January 21, 2011
LOCATION: Grey Bruce Health Unit Boardroom
TIME: 10:12 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Smith (Chair), Dwight Burley, Kevin Eccles, Milt McIver, Bob Pringle, June Van Bastelaar (teleconference), Arlene Wright
REGRETS: Chris Griffin, Larry Kraemer, Gary Levine
ALSO PRESENT: Hazel Lynn, Joan Tod
SPECIAL GUESTS:
SECRETARY: Erin Meneray

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Mike Smith called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

2.0 ELECTIONS

Mike Smith invited nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board of Health for 2011.

Moved by: Bob Pringle

Seconded by: Dwight Burley

THAT, Board of Health member Arlene Wright be nominated for the Vice-Chair of the Grey Bruce Board of Health.

Carried.

Moved by: Dwight Burley

Seconded by: Kevin Eccles

THAT, nominations be closed for Vice-Chair of the Grey Bruce Board of Health.

Carried.

Arlene Wright, as a representative of Grey County, accepted the position of Vice-Chair of the Grey Bruce Board of Health for 2011.

3.0 AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by: Dwight Burley

Seconded by: Kevin Eccles

THAT, the agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried.

5.0 DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Moved by: Bob Pringle

Seconded by: Dwight Burley

WHEREAS the Operational Roles and Responsibilities for Boards of Health as identified in the Identification, Investigation and Management of Health Hazards Protocol of the Ontario Public Health Standards states:

- a) In collaboration with the lead government agencies with primary responsibility for the environmental health issue and/or other relevant agencies, experts and interested parties as applicable, the Board of Health shall manage identified health hazards in the environment by:
 - i) Developing options and implementing action plans, including strategies for corrective actions for controlling and where possible mitigation exposure, based on a risk assessment approach. These options may include healthy public policy;
 - ii) Developing and implementing risk communication strategies for the public and stakeholders specific to the environmental health issues;
 - iii) Providing educational material and/or information to the public about health hazards in the environment and actions to minimize the hazards and/or reduce exposure;
 - iv) Monitoring corrective actions pertaining to identified health hazards in the environment; and
 - v) Addressing non-compliance with the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* and taking action where appropriate.

WHEREAS the sound made by industrial wind farm technology is, by its nature, difficult to measure and predictive models do not always accurately reflect the many factors influencing the nature of the sound, resulting in an incomplete hazard characterization;

WHEREAS the effect of this noise on people living nearby is not well quantified, resulting in poor or non-existent exposure assessment;

WHEREAS people in Grey Bruce have voiced concern with respect to the negative impacts from the proximity of industrial wind farms to their residence;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for the Grey Bruce Health Unit request the Province of Ontario to undertake studies to explore and research in the following areas:

1. Determining the prevalence of susceptibility – what portion of exposed people suffers distress.
2. Comparisons of the prevalence of susceptibility between various Industrial Wind Turbine technologies, designs, size and siting.
3. Improving field measurement of the broad band noise including low frequency noise.
4. Finding a biomarker for susceptible individuals.
5. Collecting econometric data to assess the real costs of the new technology.

11.0 OTHER BUSINESS

1. Canada Post – Hanover
Hanover Mayor, Kathi Maskill expressed thanks in response to the letter that was sent from the Board on November 15, 2010.
The new location for the Hanover Post office was announced.
2. 2011 alPHa Winter Symposium: *Shaping the Issues*
February 10 & 11 in Toronto
3. Public Appointments/Provincial Appointee
The Board will have a vacancy as of May 18, 2011. Those interested can apply through the Public Appointment Secretariat website: www.pas.gov.on.ca
4. Healthy Communities Partnership/Framework
Priorities and outcomes of the framework include Healthy Eating, Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation, Injury Prevention, Tobacco Use/Exposure, Substance and Alcohol Misuse and Mental Health Promotion.
5. 2011 BOH Contact List
The list was circulated; please forward any changes to Erin Meneray.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

By Motion of Dwight Burley, Mike Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Date of Next Meeting: Friday, February 18, 2011
Grey Bruce Health Unit

Mike Smith
Chairperson

Dr. Hazel Lynn
Medical Officer of Health

Erin Meneray
Recording Secretary