

**Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
Wednesday, April 6, 2022**

The Board of Health of Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health met at the Guelph office and virtually via the Zoom platform at 2:00 p.m.

Members in attendance were: Mr. George Bridge (Chair), Mr. Allan Alls, Ms. Christine Billings, Mr. Guy Gardhouse, Mr. Rodrigo Goller, Mr. Ralph Manktelow, Ms. June Hofland and Mr. Chris White.

Member(s) with regrets:

Ex-officio member(s) in attendance: Dr. Mercer, Medical Officer of Health & CEO

Staff members in attendance were: Mr. David Kingma, Mr. Kyle Wilson, Mr. Rob Cunnington, Ms. Lise Trotz-Williams, Mr. Emerson Rajaram, Ms. Renee Charbonneau-Smith, Mr. Danny Williamson, Ms. Adrianna DeCorso, Ms. Lisa Hebden, Ms. Bo Cheyne, Mr. Jagjit Singh-Bajwa, Ms. Camille Loucks, Mr. Michael Whyte, Mr. Patryk Wardach, Ms. Anna Vanderlaan, Ms. Rita Isley, Dr. Matthew Tenenbaum, Ms. Laura Kelly (Recording Secretary).

Guests in attendance were: (MEDIA), Ms. Joanne Shuttleworth (Wellington Advertiser), Mr. Austin Cardinell (The Grand 101), Mr. Adam Donaldson (Guelph Politico), Mr. Daniel Claude (Guelph Today), and member(s) of the public.

1.0 Call to Order

G. Bridge, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

2.0 Disclosure(s) of Pecuniary Interest

There are no disclosures of pecuniary interest declared at this time.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

MOTION: “To approve the Minutes of March 2, 2022 as presented.”

Moved:	G. Gardhouse	
Seconded:	J. Hofland	CARRIED

4.0 MOH Update(s)

Dr. Mercer provided the following update:

- As Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (WDG) moves into the 6th wave of COVID-19, the region will see a rise in cases, specifically the BA.2 variant.
- The foundation of protection remains vaccination, as such the Province has announced that 4th doses will be available to the 60+, indigenous and immunocompromised

- populations in Ontario beginning April 7th, with the recommended interval being 5 months or as short as 84 days (3 months) from the last dose received.
- Eligible residents can book an appointment through Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph's (WDGPH) online booking system, through local pharmacies and family health teams, or by calling the WDGPH public calling centre.
 - Though not mandatory, it is still strongly recommended that residents of WDG remain mask friendly, and wear a mask when appropriate, for instance in close contact situations. Stay up to date with all eligible vaccinations and know your treatment options.

5.0 Presentation(s)

Climate Change and Health Vulnerability Assessment Update

- B. Cheyne gave a presentation to the board in review of report BH.01.APR0622.R05.

6.0 Business Arising

- NONE.

7.0 BOH Report(s)

BH.01.APR06.22.R05 Climate Change and Health Vulnerability Assessment Update

Dr. Mercer introduced, and B. Cheyne reviewed BOH Report BH.01.APR0622.R05, as follows:

- The project was run in close conjunction with Region of Waterloo in a joint effort to complete this assessment. There are 10 simultaneous projects occurring all over Canada, sharing information with one another.
- This was a very important project, focusing on how WDG can build resistance for the future and detailing Public Health's role regarding climate change.
- WDGPH thanks all external partners and Agency staff for the help they've provided to make this effort successful.

MOTION: "That the Board of Health receive BOH Report BH.01.APR0622.R05 – Climate Change and Health Vulnerability Assessment Update, as presented, for information."

Moved: J. Hofland

Seconded: C. Billings

CARRIED

BH.01.APR0622.R06 – Vaccinators Utilized in Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Region During COVID-19 Pandemic 2021/22

Dr. Mercer introduced, and C. Loucks reviewed BOH Report BH.01.APR0622.R06, as follows:

- WDGPH enlisted the aid of many different vaccinators over the course of the pandemic, such as nurses, physicians, nurse practitioners, business partners including Linamar and University of Guelph, and pharmacies.
- The Agency also put out a call to veterinarians, who have never been used in this capacity previously, to assist in the vaccination effort.

- Midwives were responsible for 1400 vaccinations given to a vulnerable pregnant population in WDG.
- In total, over 600,000 doses between all vaccinators have been delivered, an impressive number indeed.
- Thanks are given by WDGPH to all partners and vaccinators who helped to make the vaccination campaigns as successful as they were.

MOTION: “That the Board of Health receive BOH Report BH.01.APR0622.R06 – Vaccinators Utilized in Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Region During COVID-19 Pandemic 2021/22, as presented, for information.”

Moved: A. Alls
Seconded: R. Manktelow **CARRIED**

BH.01.APR0622.R07 – Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Update 2021/22

Dr. Mercer introduced, and C. Loucks reviewed BOH Report BH.01.APR0622.R07, as follows:

- 2021 created a challenging environment for public health and the residents of WDG, with the emergence of new variants, ongoing vaccination criteria and the release of new COVID-19 vaccines.
- WDGPH recognizes the tremendous efforts of all its partners who have aided the Agency and the region of WDG throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Primary care was especially helpful in providing pediatric vaccinations.

MOTION: “That the Board of Health receive BOH Report BH.01.APR0622.R07 – Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Update 2021/22, as presented, for information.”

Moved: J. Hofland
Seconded: C. Billings **CARRIED**

BH.01.APR0622.R08 – Opioid Surveillance Update

Dr. Mercer introduced, and M. Whyte reviewed BOH Report BH.01.APR0622.R08, as follows:

- The report discusses trends with regards to opioid related emergency room visits and mortality rates related to opioid use in WDG and Ontario to September 2021.
- WDG’s rates are stable, falling below the Ontario average, with the City of Guelph falling below the provincial average for the first time in 15 years.
- Fentanyl Analogs continue to be the largest contributor to the mortality rate, accounting for 90% of all deaths.
- Education and regulation in this sector remain key.
- The Agency is looking at preventative measures that can be taken. Primary care, public health and its community partners are working together to make a difference.

MOTION: “That the Board of Health receive BOH Report BH.01.APR0622.R08 – Opioid Surveillance Update, as presented, for information.”

Moved: J. Hofland
Seconded: R. Goller **CARRIED**

See Closed Session BOH Reports BH.05.APR0622.R01 – Key Human Resources Activities & BH.05.APR0622.R02 – Annual Health and Safety Activities at #11 – Closed Session, below

8.0 Committee (Verbal) Report(s)

Executive Committee Report:

- None

Finance + Audit Committee Report:

- None

Human Resources Committee Report:

- None

Facilities Committee Report:

- None

9.0 Correspondence

- Letter from Ted Arnott, MPP to Hon. Christine Elliott and Dr. Kieran Moore in support of WDGPH’s request for equalization funding, was reviewed for clarity.
- Email from Randy Pettapiece in support of WDGPH’s letter re: request for equalization funding of February 23, 2022, was reviewed for clarity.

MOTION: “That the Board of Health receive the above-noted correspondence, as presented, for information.”

Moved: R. Manktelow
Seconded: A. Alls **CARRIED**

*Media and Public attendees were asked to disconnect from the meeting, at this time, as this Board of Health meeting contains a “Closed Session” section which falls under the exemptions pursuant to Section 239 of the *Municipal Act*. Please note that this session is **not** open to members of the public or the press.*

(3:26) The Open Session portion of the meeting ended, and everyone disconnected from the meeting.

10.0 CLOSED SESSION

- To approve the Closed Session Board of Health Minutes of March 2, 2022
- Human Resources Committee (Verbal) Report from Chair – APR06/22:
 - BH.05.APR0622.R01 – Key Human Resources Activities [personal matters about an identifiable individual, including BOH employees]
 - BH.05.APR0622.R02 – Annual Health and Safety Activities Report [personal matters about an identifiable individual, including BOH employees].
- Human Resources Committee Update from Chair re: MOH Performance Appraisal Review – [personal matters about an identifiable individual, including BOH employees].

- MOH Updates – [personal matters about an identifiable individual, including BOH employees].

MOTION: “To move into Closed Session to approve the Closed Session Minutes of March 2, 2022; to receive Verbal Reports – Key Human Resources Activities [personal matters about an identifiable individual, including BOH employees] and Annual Health and Safety Activities Report [personal matters about an identifiable individual, including BOH employees]; to obtain updates from the Human Resources Committee Chair re: MOH Performance Appraisal [personal matters about an identifiable individual, including BOH employees]; and to obtain MOH Updates [personal matters about an identifiable individual, including BOH employees].”

Moved: J. Hofland
Seconded: C. Billings **CARRIED**

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Guest(s) in attendance were: NONE.

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(3:55) Returned to Open Session.

MOTION: “To Ratify the Closed Session Decisions of the March 2, 2022 Board of Health meeting.”

Moved: J. Hofland
Seconded: C. White **CARRIED**

Motion(s) passed and brought forward from the March 2, 2022 Closed Session Meeting:

MOTION: “To approve the Closed Session Minutes of March 2, 2022 as presented.”

Moved: J. Hofland
Seconded: A. Alls **CARRIED**

MOTION: “That the Board of Health accepts the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee and receives Human Resources Committee Report BH.05.APR0622.R01 – Key Human Resources Activities, as presented, for information.”

Moved: A. Alls
Seconded: J. Hofland **CARRIED**

MOTION: “That the Board of Health accepts the recommendation of the Finance + Audit Committee and receives Human Resources Committee Report BH.05.APR0622.R02 – Annual Health and Safety Activities (2021-22), as presented, for information.”

Moved: J. Hofland
Seconded: C. Billings **CARRIED**

MOTION: “That the Board of Health receive Human Resources Committee Update from the Chair re: MOH Performance Appraisal Review, for information.”

Moved: R. Goller
Seconded: C. White **CARRIED**

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

MOTION: “To adjourn the meeting.”

Moved: J. Hofland
Seconded: G. Gardhouse **CARRIED**

