

Date: June 20, 2024 | Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. | Location: 200 Rose Glen Road, Port Hope

5. Business Arising

Presenter: Dr. Natalie Bocking, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer

At the May 16, 2024 Board of Health meeting, there was a request for more information on how the Health Unit manages complaints of health hazards from the public.

The Health Unit is mandated to respond to inquiries from the public related to health hazard concerns. However, many concerns relate to requirements and regulations that fall under other agencies' jurisdictions. Health Unit staff review each complaint received and follow-up according to the type of health hazard identified and the nature of the concern.

The full report can be found [here](#) on the Health Unit's website.

6. Medical Officer of Health Update

Presenter: Dr. Natalie Bocking, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer

Respiratory Infections Dashboard

A Respiratory Infections Dashboard was developed for the Health Unit's website during the COVID-19 pandemic to show what was happening locally. The dashboard includes data such as COVID-19 wastewater surveillance, hospitalization, and emergency visits. Over time the dashboard expanded to include data on influenza and general information about respiratory visits to the emergency department.

Updating the dashboard has paused for the summer as the respiratory season has passed, and when it returns for the next respiratory season, it will be different due to changes in the data the Health Unit will be receiving (full explanation of the reason for the changes can be heard in the [recorded session](#)).

Review of the Ontario Public Health Standards

Dr. Bocking provided the Board with an update on the Province's review of the Ontario Public Health Standards. The objectives of the review are "to refine, refocus and re-level roles and responsibilities, collaborating with partners to optimize functions, for implementation beginning January 1, 2025."

Meeting Summary

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The new draft standards were released to health units for consultation on May 22, 2023 (response due June 20, 2023).

In reviewing the draft, work required of health units remains unchanged if not slightly increased; a decrease in workload is not anticipated. The only requirement that has been removed from the Standards is vision screening in schools.

The complete update can be found [here](#) in the recorded meeting session.

7. Report

Presenters: Joanne Brewster and Dearbhla Lynch, Health Promoters, presented the [Mental Health Promotion Framework](#) to the Board of Health.

The Mental Health Promotion Framework provides a structured approach to understanding mental health from a public health perspective, addressing the gaps, and advocating for strategies and actions. It supports the commitment of the Health Unit to promote and protect the mental health and well-being of people and communities.

The full presentation can be read [here](#) or watched [here](#).

8. New Business

[Draft Consolidated Year-End Financial Statements](#)

Presenter: Richard Steinginga, Baker Tilly KDN LLP

Richard Steinginga, the Health Unit's auditor, presented the Draft Consolidated Year-End Financial Statements for 2023 to the Board of Health.

The full statements can be read [here](#).

[Updates to Policies](#)

Presenter: Dr. Boocking, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer

The Board of Health approved revisions to the [Emergency Management](#) and [Emergency Management Notification System](#) policies.

For the complete meeting details, please see the [agenda package](#) or view our video recording [online](#).

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