

The Corporation of the County of Northumberland
Community Health Committee
Agenda

Monday, February 1, 2021, 1:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting - Zoom Conference

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1. **Call to Order**
 - 1.a. Territorial Land Acknowledgement
2. **Approval of the Agenda**

Recommended Motion:
"That the agenda for the February 1, 2021 Community Health Committee be approved."
3. **Disclosures of Interest**
4. **Delegations**
5. **Business Arising from Last Meeting**
6. **Communications**
 - 6.a. Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit, Board Minutes 2020-12-03
Recommended Motion:
"That the Community Health Committee receive the minutes of the December 3, 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit for information; and

Further That the Committee recommends that County Council receive these minutes for information."
7. **Staff Reports**
 - 7.a. Report 2021-24 Paramedics 'Deputy Chief of Operations'
Chief Susan Brown

Recommended Motion:

"That the Community Health Committee receives Report 2021-24 'Deputy Chief of Operations' for information; and

Further That the Committee recommends that County Council receive the report for information."

- 7.b. Report 2021-25 Golden Plough Lodge 'COVID-19 Update'
William Detlor, Administrator

Recommended Motion:

"That the Community Health Committee receives Report 2021-25 'COVID-19 Update' (Golden Plough Lodge), for information; and

Further That the Committee recommends that County Council receive the report for information."

- 7.c. Report 2021-26 Major Capital Projects 'Golden Plough Lodge and Northumberland County Archives and Museum Re-Development - Construction Update'
Mark McIntosh, Manager Major Capital Projects

Kaela Esseghaier, Project Manager Major Capital Projects

Recommended Motion:

"That the Community Health Committee receives Report 2021-26 'Golden Plough Lodge and Northumberland County Archives and Museum Redevelopment - Construction Update' for information; and

Further That the Committee recommends that County Council receive this report for information."

- 8. **Other Matters Considered by Committee**
- 9. **Media Questions**
- 10. **Motion to Move into Closed Session**
N/A
- 11. **Rise and Report from Closed Session**
N/A
- 12. **Next Meeting - Monday, March 1, 2021, 1:00 p.m.**
- 13. **Adjournment**
Recommended Motion:
"That Council adjourn at _____ p.m."

**HALIBURTON, KAWARTHA, PINE RIDGE DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
December 3, 2020**

MINUTES

The meeting was convened by Mr. Elmslie at 9:30 am via Microsoft Teams.

Those in attendance were Messrs. Elmslie and Henderson, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Richardson, Dr. Noseworthy, Mrs. Vickery, Mrs. Tremblay, and Mrs. Dickson.

Absent with regrets: Mr. Cane and Mr. Crate

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Mrs. Richardson

Seconded by Mrs. Roberts

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

2020-123
carried

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were identified.

3. ADOPTION OF REGULAR MINUTES

Moved by Mrs. Brown

Seconded by Mr. Henderson

THAT the regular minutes of the Board of Health meeting held on November 19, 2020 be approved.

2020-124
carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING

None

5. MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH UPDATES

Healthy Schools Update

The School Health Liaison continues to support school boards with ongoing communication needs. The School-Focused Nursing Initiative was announced in August

with funding for eight positions provided to our Health Unit region. While the primary focus of the initiative is on the COVID-19 response, with an emphasis on outbreak and case and contact management, the provincial government indicated that the additional nurses may also support the fulfilment of Board of Health requirements to improve the health of school-aged children and youth as per the School Health Program Standard and related guidelines and protocols under the Ontario Public Health Standards. As such, our Health Unit has engaged in the following activities under this initiative to date:

- Rapid recruitment resulting in the hiring of eight nurses into these positions (five internal candidates and three new external hires).
- Onboarding and orientation to the organization, COVID-19 response, and/or school health as needed based on nursing experience. As part of this orientation, the nurses reviewed the modules developed specifically for this initiative both independently and as a team.
- Establishment of a broader COVID-19 School Health Team including representatives from various aspects of the organization and our COVID-19 response including infection prevention and control, environmental health, and our COVID-19 call centre.
- Development and implementation of a team program plan spanning all aspects of our COVID-19 response for the school community.
- Collaborative development of protocols with neighbouring health units for shared school boards regarding management of symptomatic individuals, and COVID-19 cases, contacts, and outbreaks in schools.
- Establishment of a dedicated call centre line for school board and school inquiries. Approximately 500 calls were addressed by the school health nurses during the first two months of operation.
- Delineation of nurses to support a specific pool of approximately 10 schools each. Outreach calls have been completed to all schools to introduce the School-Focused Nursing Initiative and to offer support.
- Development of the internal process for school case, contact and outbreak management and associated documentation, processes, and tools.
- Development of processes and tools to support school-based health assessments and the initiation of outreach calls to schools to promote this initiative. In its first week of implementation, this initiative resulted in two school visits and an online presentation. Plans are underway to investigate the potential for virtual question and answer sessions with the school community.
- Collaboration with school-focused nurses in neighbouring health units to align initiatives and approaches to consistently support our shared school board partners.
- Establishment of School Health Nurses as the first line of support for non-school related case investigation and outbreak with rising COVID-19 activity.

- Identification of the School Health Nurses to support the adapted planning and implementation of the school-based immunization program for the 2020/2021 school year.
- Initiation of the Health Unit planning process to identify key priorities in addition to those outlined above for the remainder of the 2020/2021 school year.

COVID Vaccine Planning & School-Based Immunization Program

COVID-19 vaccine planning has commenced. We are currently working closely with Ministry colleagues to determine logistics associated with COVID-19 vaccine administration vaccine supply, distribution, and storage. New information is being shared daily as the Ministry is updated by its federal counterparts on the National COVID-19 Vaccine Strategy.

With regard to the School-Based Immunization Program (SBIP), we are seeing a high uptake of requests for immunizations from our grade 7 and 8 students. Clinics are currently being offered in our Lindsay and Port Hope offices since our staff cannot go into the school environment at this time.

COVID-19 Update

Although it has just been two weeks since we met last, there have been several changes to our local situation. We have seen an increase in the number of confirmed cases; in the past two weeks we have seen 46 new cases, bringing us to a total of 327 cases. We currently have five outbreaks, three in Northumberland County workplaces, one in a congregate setting in Northumberland and one in a Northumberland school.

While this is certainly an increase for us, our neighbouring health units have seen the following increases in the past 14 days: Hastings Prince Edward – 54 cases; Peterborough Public Health– 37 cases; Simcoe Muskoka – 403 cases; and Durham Region – 784 cases.

Based on this activity, as well as several other factors, we anticipate the Chief Medical Officer of Health will announce on Friday that our region will move from green to yellow under the provincial COVID-19 response. If this is announced by the province December 4th, the change will take effect at 12:01 am on Monday, December 7

With the move into the Yellow-Control level, some of the key changes include:

- Restaurants/bars must close at midnight.
- Alcohol can no longer be sold or served after 11 pm.
- A limit of six people can be seated at one table in restaurants.
- Eateries and other select businesses must keep contact information for all patrons who dine on the premises. Currently, restaurants only had to collect contact information for one person in the party.
- Gyms and fitness clubs must increase spacing between patrons to 3 metres (from 2 metres) in areas with weights or exercise equipment, as well as in exercise/fitness classes.

- The volume of music in stores and businesses must be low enough so normal conversation is possible, and shouting is not required.
- Most businesses must now complete a [COVID-19 safety plan](#) and make it available upon request.

The Health Unit will be distributing information about the new requirements under the Yellow-Protect level to local businesses and organizations. Information on the new colour category is also available at www.hkpr.on.ca.

Outbreaks:

In the past two weeks, we have seen a change in the type of outbreaks we have been declaring. Earlier in the response, we saw outbreaks declared at long-term care or retirement homes, and in some cases local hospitals. In the past two weeks, we have declared outbreaks at three workplaces, a school, and one congregate setting.

After reviewing the practices of neighboring health units and consulting our lawyer, we released a statement to the media that we would not publicly disclose the name of the workplace in outbreak unless there was a risk to the public, or the workplace itself asked us or agreed to send out a media release. Based on that, we issued a release about Cameco Fuel Manufacturing, issued a release about Tim Horton's restaurant in Colborne after it was determined we needed to alert customers to self-monitor, and will be issuing another release about a third workplace soon. The Health Unit does not issue media releases about outbreaks declared in schools; Health Unit staff will work with the school board and school administrators to provide information home to the school/busing community, but the outbreak is posted on the province's website.

Staffing:

With our increased number of cases, the amount of work for our Pandemic School Health Team, our Call Centre Staff, our Contact Tracers, and our Case Investigators has also increased dramatically. Staffing levels have been put back up to "surge", meaning we are moving staff off programming again and back into pandemic response.

Staff are tired and are finding it challenging to keep up with the work, given that we now have almost 120 high risk contacts. We have had to call in unscheduled staff to assist on number of days just to try and keep up with the work required. We have people working every day over the holidays; the only change we have made is to have our staff start later and work later on Christmas Day.

Vaccine:

We have received some preliminary information about the vaccine and storage, but nothing concrete at this time. We have struck an internal committee to review recommendations for roll out and to plan our approach.

Moved by Mrs. Roberts

Seconded by Mrs. Richardson

THAT the MOH Updates be received for information.

2020-125
carried

6. REPORTS

Pam Stuckless, Director, Health Promotion, provided the Board of Health with an update on the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP).

In April 2019, the Province announced funding for the development and launch of a low-income senior's dental program. The Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP) is a new publicly funded dental care program for low-income seniors. The OSDCP can help ensure seniors get regular checkups, an important consideration when they have increased risk for dental decay, gum disease and oral cancer. At least two-thirds of low-income seniors do not have access to dental insurance.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is helping to promote the new OSDCP in this region. According to Health Unit estimates, approximately 4,000 seniors could be eligible for the OSDCP in Northumberland County, Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes.

The application process can be hard-copy or online. Financial eligibility is verified through Revenue Canada, or the applicant applies with a guarantor. Accerta will be the program administrator, with responsibility for client enrolment and renewal, and contact centre customer services. Eligible seniors will receive a welcome package and dental card, similar to Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO). With an estimated 40% utilization rate, approximately 1700 seniors are estimated to enroll in and utilize the program.

Public health units and local Community Health Centres (CHCs) will assist with navigating the application process and available services. Once the program has launched, brochures, posters, and fact sheets will be available through Ontario.ca/SeniorsDental, Service Ontario, public health units and local CHCs.

Services offered include examinations/assessments, preventive services, restorative services to repair broken teeth and cavities, X-rays, oral surgery services to remove teeth or abnormal tissue, anaesthesia, endodontic services to treat infection and pain, periodontal services to treat gum conditions and diseases, and prosthodontic services, including dentures, which will be partially covered

When the program was announced we decided to leverage existing infrastructure at Port Hope Northumberland Community Health Centre and Community Care City of Kawartha Lakes. We put in place a Service Level Agreement and in the Fall of 2019, when the program launched, the two CHCs began offering the OSDCP. We recently finalized an agreement with Volunteer Dental Outreach in Haliburton.

Moved by Mrs. Roberts	Seconded by Mrs. Brown	
THAT the presentation on the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program be received for information.		2020-126 carried

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Signing Authority - Revision to Policy

Moved by Mr. Henderson	Seconded by Mrs. Richardson	
THAT the revision to the Signing Authority policy be approved.		2020-127 carried

8. BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Mrs. Roberts	Seconded Mrs. Richardson	
THAT the following correspondence be received and filed:		2020-128 carried

- Response to endorsement of Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit’s recommendation to evolve the Canada Emergency Response Benefit into a basic income during the pandemic and beyond.
- alPHa Information Break

10. IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Mrs. Richardson	Seconded by Mrs. Roberts	
THAT the Board of Health move in-camera to discuss legal matters.		2020-129 carried

Moved by Mrs. Roberts	Seconded by Mrs. Richardson	
THAT the in-camera session be dissolved, and the membership return to the Board of Health.		2020-130 carried

Moved by Mr. Henderson	Seconded by Mrs. Roberts	
THAT the Board approve the in-camera minutes from November 19, 2020.		2020-131 carried

Moved by Mrs. Brown

Seconded by Mrs. Richardson

THAT the Board approve the recommendations proposed in-camera regarding negotiations with the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

2020-132
carried

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be January 21, 2021 in the Lindsay office.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Henderson

Seconded by Mrs. Brown

THAT the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 10:48am.

2020-133
carried

Chair

approved January 21, 2021

Recorder

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Report 2021-24

Report Title: Deputy Chief of Operations
Committee Name: Community Health Committee
Committee Meeting Date: February 1, 2021
Prepared by: Susan Brown, Chief Northumberland Paramedics
Approved by: Jennifer Moore – CAO
Strategic Plan Priorities: Thriving and Inclusive Communities

Information Report

Purpose

This report is a staffing announcement regarding the successful applicant for the position Deputy of Chief of Operations for Northumberland Paramedics. The successful applicant is Keith Barrett.

Background

The Deputy Chief position became vacant on December 6, 2020. The position was posted both internally and externally with an opening date of December 10, 2020 and a closing date of December 30, 2020.

Resumes were received and ranked as per the qualifications and skills required, and the interview was held on January 13, 2020.

Consultations

County of Northumberland Human Resources Department.

Legislative Authority/Risk Considerations

N/A

Discussion/Options

Keith Barrett brings over 30 years of progressive experience in the field of Paramedicine all within Northumberland County. Keith is an ACP and is currently the Superintendent of Quality Assurance, Professional Standards and Education; responsible for the auditing compliance of the documentation standards, planning and organizing continuing medical education for the Paramedics, and assisting with recruitment and orientation. He currently is an auditor for the Ministry of Health responsible for reviewing compliance of documentation and treatment standards, and a casual instructor for our local Base Hospital CEPCP. As an instructor with the CEPCP Keith is involved with first response skills training with some of our local Fire departments which assists us in our tiered response program.

Keith also brings with him experience as an Operations Superintendent and the working knowledge of the day to day operations, logistical support of inventory management of supplies and equipment, preventative maintenance of vehicles and equipment, and providing emergency support to the frontline paramedics. He assisted with the rollout and conversion of the Power load and power stretcher, equipment and vehicle layouts and modifications for efficiency and effectiveness.

Keith's progressive experience both as a Paramedic, and as a Superintendent combined with his working knowledge of the County, Base Hospital, and Ministry of Health – Emergency Services Branch will definitely contribute to the continued success of our Paramedic Department and the County.

Financial Impact

N/A

Member Municipality Impacts

N/A

Conclusion/Outcomes

Northumberland Paramedics request that the Community Health Committee receive this report for information.

Attachments

N/A

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Report 2021-25

Report Title: COVID-19 Update

Committee Name: Community Health Committee

Committee Meeting Date: January 11, 2021

Prepared by: William Detlor, Administrator
Golden Plough Lodge

Approved by: Jennifer Moore, CAO

Strategic Plan Priorities: Thriving and Inclusive Communities,
Sustainable Growth

Information Report

Purpose

This report for information will provide a brief overview of the Golden Plough Lodge's Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) strategies related to COVID-19 and any outbreak and vaccination status as applicable.

Background

The Golden Plough Lodge continues to work collaboratively with Public Health to ensure the safety of residents and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Golden Plough Lodge has had one "Declared Outbreak" as per Public Health to date which was one staff member as a result of proactive screening/swabbing. No additional staff or residents tested positive and the GPL to date and have been "Clear" of outbreak status since January 2nd, 2021. As of Jan 16, 2021, the GPL has been placed in "**Outbreak**" status by Public health. This is the result of staff members testing positive during routine swabbing. To date, there are 3 staff self-isolating at home and Public Health contact tracing procedures rates the risk as LOW. Outbreak status will continue to February 5th, 2021. All MOLTC outbreak procedures are in place and all residents, families/POAs and staff have been notified. Outbreak will be in place until Jan 26, 2021. The

GPL remains in Provincial Lock-down protocol. Stringent IPAC procedures have been in place since the province declared the pandemic including:

- All staff wear surgical grade masks while in the home
- All staff wear additional PPE while in any resident home area (Face shield/Gown)
- All staff and residents are screened twice daily for temperature and symptoms
- All staff are swabbed weekly
- All staff rooms and resident dining areas have plexi dividers (New)
- Residents cohorted to their own resident home area
- 14-day quarantine of all new admissions or residents returning from hospital
- Enhanced disinfectant protocols and 72-hour quarantining of incoming parcels/packages

Vaccinations

We have been informed by the “COVID Commission” that we will have our vaccines by February 15, 2021. Schedules will be the responsibility of the local Public Health Unit and they should be formulating local rollout February 1, 2021 and on. Administration such as obtaining consent and education is ongoing currently.

Consultations

Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR), Ministry of Long-Term Care, County of Northumberland.

Legislative Authority/Risk Considerations

Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR), Ministry of Long-Term Care, County of Northumberland. Increasing the staff swabbing from bi-weekly to weekly is a risk mitigation strategy. This proactive measure further protects the staff and residents from potential exposure and spread.

Discussion/Options

Discussions continue with Public Health and the Ministry of Long-Term Care to ensure the safety of both staff and residents. Currently the GPL is in the process of preparing for the vaccination of staff and residents. The GPL has been informed (although not officially from Public Health) that the home will receive the vaccines on or before February 15, 2021. Information sheets and a memo has been sent to all families, POAs, Residents and staff. The GPL will obtain signed consent for all inoculations.

Financial Impact

N/A

Member Municipality Impacts

N/A

Conclusion/Outcomes

GPL senior management requests that the Community Health Committee receive this report 'For Information'.

Attachments

None

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Report 2021-26

Report Title: Golden Plough Lodge and Northumberland County Archives and Museum Redevelopment – Construction Update

Committee Name: Public Works Committee and Community Health Committee

Committee Meeting Date: February 1, 2021

Prepared by: Kaela Esseghaier, Project Manager, Major Capital Projects
Mark McIntosh, Manager, Major Capital Projects

Approved by: Jennifer Moore, Chief Administrative Officer

Strategic Plan Priorities: Sustainable Growth
Thriving and Inclusive Communities

Information Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Staff to provide the Public Works Committee and the Community Health Committee with an update on the construction of the Golden Plough Lodge (GPL) and Northumberland County Archives and Museum (NCAM) Redevelopment.

Background

In December 2020, the County received all required permits and authorizations to officially award the contract for the construction of the new GPL/NCAM to Matheson Constructors Ltd

(the Contractor). The Contractor mobilized to site and began construction on December 14, 2020.

Consultations

County Staff is working with the Town of Cobourg Staff on the Town's Development Agreement so that all concerns are addressed prior to its execution by both parties. County Staff also continues to consult and collaborate with Town Staff on any concerns that arise during construction and any other documentation required by the Town. In addition, County Staff continue to collaborate and consult with our internal and external stakeholders such as GPL Staff and our neighbours.

Legislative Authority/Risk Considerations

N/A

Discussion/Options

Courthouse Road is now owned by the County and Staff will be preparing a by-law for County Council to close the east-west section (middle section) of Courthouse Road to accommodate construction. The eastern leg of Courthouse Road (from Elgin Street West to Halcyon Place) will remain open. In addition, the western leg of Courthouse Road (from Elgin Street West to the Church on the Hill) will also remain open. County Staff will continue to work with Town of Cobourg Staff, Halcyon Place representatives, and Church On The Hill representatives, to ensure concerns are addressed prior to the roadway closure.

Pre-construction condition inspections have been performed by Golder Associates for the three neighbours that are closest to the construction site (Linmac Inc., Halcyon Place, and Church On The Hill). Seismic monitors have been installed on the west side of Halcyon Place's property in order to monitor vibration.

Bi-weekly construction meetings are being conducted with representatives from County Project Management Staff, the Contract Administrator (Salter Pilon Architecture), members of the Consulting Team (as required), the County's Site Representative (BTY Group) and the Contractor (Matheson Constructors Ltd.) where site activities are discussed.

To date, construction fencing has been installed, site trailers have been installed, and topsoil is being stripped and removed from the site. The Contractor is doing necessary preparations, and equipment is arriving on site for, the installation of the foundations including rammed aggregate piers.

Financial Impact

The first Payment Certificate has been issued by the Contractor in the amount of \$1,176,654.54 plus HST. This payment has been approved and payment is being processed by the County.

Member Municipality Impacts

County Staff are working with Town of Cobourg Staff to ensure the Town's Development Agreement is executed promptly. In addition, County Staff continue to work closely with Town of Cobourg Staff to ensure any concerns that arise during construction are diligently resolved.

Conclusion/Outcomes

Construction of the new GPL/NCAM is progressing well. Staff will bring a monthly report to the Committee/County Council to provide updates on the construction of the new GPL/NCAM.

Attachments

N/A