



Minutes of the Board of Health Annual General Meeting

Thursday, January 21, 2010
Leeds and Grenville Room
458 Laurier Boulevard
4:02 p.m. – 4:27 p.m.

Present: J. Butt, Chair
B. Fletcher, Vice Chair
S. Dodge
J. Earle
K. Giroux
K. Graham
G. Grewal
R. Haley
F. Kinsella
J. Lousley
L. Paine
L. Sowchuk
A. Warren
A. Carter, Medical Officer of Health
J. Pearce, Treasurer
H. Bruce, Recording Secretary

J. Futch, Director, Department of Clinical Services
S. Gates, Director, Quality Improvement Department
J. Hess, Director, Family Health Department
R. Kavanagh, Director, Health Promotion Department
J. Lyster, Director, Health Protection Department
J. Mays, Manager, Health Protection Department

D. Clark, Recorder and Times

T. Boileau, C. Kennedy, P. McKenna (MDCHSC), H. Wilson (MDCHSC)

1. Welcome Remarks and Comments on the Year by the 2009 Board of Health
Chair:

Jack Butt called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. He welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting of the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit.

He would like to welcome to our meeting 2 special guests, they were here last year, Heather Wilson who is the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Merrickville District Community Health Services Centre and Peter McKenna who is the Executive Director. They are renovating and making alterations to a building in Smiths Falls located near us and they will be moving in February. We will be their neighbours and partners.

J. Butt stated that he would be remiss if he did not thank everyone for the opportunity that was provided to him to serve as the Board Chair. It keeps one busy. Not only have there been in the past a number of challenges, but he found the experience to be personally rewarding as well. In terms of community, the community perception is that all of our work, not only as a Board but as staff, certainly is valued.

The first highlight of the year was the extensive budget process that we started last year. It was not without disagreement or differences of opinion, but at the end of the process we all seemed to be on the same page and had a good understanding collectively of what our role was.

You also directed Dr. Carter and I to continue with efforts to lobby the ministry of health and we did so. Whilst we did not necessarily achieve the ultimate goal of driving back here after our meetings with a Brinks truck of money, we were successful in getting them to acknowledge our unique position within the province and that we have some issues that we were being honest and forthright with them about.

We will take credit for having some influence in pushing them in the direction to have a new funding formula. Time will tell whether or not the statement they have made regarding the formula will come about. Dr. Carter, J. Pearce and other staff provided lots of information and documentation to support our claims.

The other thing, working closely with these folks over the past year, he wanted to assure the Board that our staff are not playing any games with us. They are honest, open and forthright and they are realists. They know the impact of what it is they do and clearly the work that we are doing for the service review will pay us dividends and it is clearly valued across this province.

Also you asked us to work on raising our image and our profile within the community. Both Dr. Carter and I have spoken to various groups and we can speak to a lot more. We would like to come and talk to your councils and service clubs around orientation, budget and our role and contributions, specifically dealing with return on investments and costs and benefits. We now have a program. We talk to our communities like it is a report to our shareholders.

Another highlight is that we worked very hard with the government to ensure that we had a balance within our Board. We now have our maximum of both provincial appointees and municipal representatives. Another project we worked on which has caused us some difficulties, was the articulation of the Board's roles and responsibilities. Every board member has signed that document now. It is a tremendous achievement.

Lastly, is the work that the health unit did in support of the inoculation program with respect to the H1N1. He had the opportunity along with J. Lousley to volunteer to help out at various clinics throughout the community. All of the folks from our health unit worked together and cooperated. It was well organized and well planned. Dr. Carter will later give you copies of unsolicited thank you letters not only in local media but in the Ottawa Citizen as well. Both Dr. Carter and I were very proud of staff.

We still have a lot of work to do. We have started our budget process and articulated 3 year plans going forward. Next year we need to continue with the challenge of building our awareness and image within the community. We did have a successful year and he thanked everyone for their support and for the opportunity to serve as Chair.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

It was moved by: F. Kinsella

Seconded by: K. Graham

That: The agenda of the January 21, 2010 Annual General Meeting be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried.

3. Report of the Nominating Committee Chair and the Election of Officers to the following positions:

- Board of Health Chair
- Board of Health Vice-Chair

J. Butt turned the meeting over to K. Graham as the Nominating Committee Chair. K. Graham thanked the board members he communicated with.

Board Chair:

Nomination was made by B. Fletcher that J. Butt is nominated as Chair, Board of Directors for the year 2010. Are there any nominations from the floor? The question was raised 3 times. F. Kinsella moved that nominations be closed.

J. Butt is proclaimed, Chair, Board of Directors for the year 2010.

Board Vice-Chair:

Nomination was made by J. Butt that B. Fletcher be nominated as Vice-Chair, Board of Directors for the year 2010. Are there any nominations from the floor? This question was raised 3 times.

F. Kinsella moved that nominations be closed.

B. Fletcher is proclaimed, Vice-Chair, Board of Directors for the year 2010.

B. Fletcher stated that he has held this position for a couple of years. He spoke about H1N1 advising that we also received a tremendous amount of support from service clubs and support groups and this Board appreciates all the help that our staff were given.

J. Butt mentioned that before the end of February he will be sending out a note to all staff thanking them for their efforts during H1N1. Dr. Carter stated that she would like to thank a number of municipalities that provided free accommodations. She would also like to thank school boards for their support. It was a genuine community effort from one end to the other.

3.1 Comments from the 2010 Board of Health Chair:

J. Butt stated that he would like to echo again this opportunity to serve as the Chair and it is truly a rewarding experience. He needs to share a couple of things. Sometimes he gets frustrated and is often surprised when he reads about some issues that are highly critical of the work of our staff and sometimes reflects on our image. These assertions are made in spite of over 100 years of work in public health that has been designed to change citizens for the better. He does not understand that. He checked some surveys done across North America and these surveys said that 91% of the population said they supported population based health promotion and disease prevention. 87% said they believed in immunization, and 85% said that they valued the reduction of deaths through violence.

As a priority it seems to him, that we need to take up this challenge over the next year. So why isn't public health valued in the community? If we believe the media, why is it not perceived as a priority? Why is the levy not perceived as a bargain? What more information do we need to provide to get people to be supportive? He has no problem with people disagreeing as long as in the process they are not disagreeable.

The survey said that in the 13-17 year old population there is about 1.7 million Facebook users. In the age group 45-54 there is 1.5 million Facebook users. Maybe going forward we need to look at these new social marketing systems to learn to communicate and get our message out.

We need to figure out how to develop a strategy to meet these new programs and standards and to get us adequate funding. He would like some board members and staff to help him pick up this challenge and work together. Maybe we could call it the Image and Optics Committee so when we come before you again, we can say we are continuing to make a difference and our community is aware of it as well.

4. Other Business:

4.1 Appointment of Signing Officers:

It was moved by: L. Paine

Seconded by: A. Warren

That: The signing officers for the Corporation of the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit for the year 2010 are as follows:

Medical Officer of Health Dr. Anne Carter

Treasurer Mrs. Joanne Pearce

Chair Mr. Jack Butt

Vice-chair Mr. Bob Fletcher

Motion Carried.

I certify this to be a true copy of the Resolution passed by the Board of Health of the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit at a meeting duly called and regularly held on the 21st day of January, 2010.

Dated this 21st day of January, 2010

Heather Bruce

Recording Secretary

4.2 Appointment of Auditors:

It was moved by: A. Warren

Seconded by: J. Lousley

That: BJB Brent J. Burns, Chartered Accountant be appointed auditor for the Corporation of the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit for the year 2010.

Motion Carried.

4.3 Borrowing Bylaw #49:

It was moved by: J. Lousley

Seconded by: A. Warren

That: The Board of Health approve the attached bylaw #49 and the attached TD Canada Trust Corporate Resolution.

Motion Carried.

Borrowing Bylaw #49

The Medical Officer of Health or Treasurer of the Board together with any one of the Chair or Vice-chair are hereby authorized and empowered:

- a) to borrow from TD Canada Trust on behalf of the Corporation of the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit from time to time as may be required by way of promissory note and/or by way of overdraft not exceeding in all at any one time the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) and
- b) to sign promissory notes and renewals thereof and cheques representing any sum or sums so borrowed and also cheques, bills or exchanges, and other negotiable instruments as may be required in the operation of the account of the Corporation of the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit with TD Canada Trust.

And that any one of the signing officers or Mrs. H. Bruce or Mrs. D. Clow may endorse cheques and bills of deposit or collection or discount with the Bank and receive or sign for pass books and vouchers and confirm balances.

I certify this to be a true copy of the Resolution passed by the Board of Health of the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit at a meeting duly called and regularly held on the 21st day of January, 2010.

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F. Kinsella questioned bills of deposit, collection or discount? J. Pearce advised that this is historical language. We get a receipt from the bank that can be picked up and signed for by these individuals.

5. Adjournment of the Annual General Meeting:

It was moved by: R. Haley

Seconded by: G. Grewal

That: The meeting adjourn at 4:27 p.m.

Motion Carried.

J. Butt, Chair

Date

H. Bruce, Recording Secretary

Date

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