



Board of Health Meeting Summary

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Deputation: CUPE – Because Public Health Matters Campaign

Pam Pressick, Administration Assistant for Peterborough Public Health (PPH) and Vice President of CUPE Local 4170 provided the Board of Health with a deputation on the CUPE campaign, Because Public Health Matters. The goal of the campaign is to raise awareness of the impact that a 1% base budget increase from the province has on the health of the community members. Pam explained that public health programming is routed in prevention. Every dollar spent on prevention saves money on expensive health interventions and treatment later. Pam explained that a vaccination can prevent an expensive hospital stay, tobacco programs can prevent expensive cancer treatment, and naloxone distribution can save emergency services and emergency department visits.

Deputation: Pickleball Noise

Elaine Gerelus, a Peterborough community member provided the Board of Health with a deputation on the impacts of pickleball noise to those who work or reside near the sport. Elaine motioned the board to advocate for a peer-reviewed study regarding the public health impact of pickleball noise. The Board received the delegation and has asked for PPH staff to report back with a clarified motion on who best to communicate the request to.

Stewardship Report: No Merger 2025 Budget

Matthew Graham, Mayor of Cavan Monaghan and Chair of the Board of Health's Stewardship Committee, presented PPH's proposed No Merger 2025 cost-shared budget for approval by the Board of Health. Early this year, Peterborough Public Health (PPH) and Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR) submitted a business case to the province for funding to merge entities effective January 1, 2025. In the absence of a provincial decision, PPH's Stewardship Committee shared a No Merger 2025 budget based on the annual 1% base budget increase that the provincial government implemented effective January 1, 2024. The overall expenses required to retain minimum service levels next year is \$13,475,983, which is a 10.9% base budget increase over 2024. The board approved the budget.