

The Brighton Mayor declared a State of Emergency at 5:45 PM. The reason for the declaration was the planned shut off of the municipal water distribution system to residents in the town at 6:15 pm for the purpose of facilitating repairs. As a result of the emergency, the Health Unit issued a Boil Water Advisory (BWA) for all residents and a Boil Water Order (BWO)/closure to all food premises. The reason for the BWA/BWO was due to the loss of pressure (shutting off water distribution) for the purpose of repairs.

On the same day, a second leak was detected north of County Road 26, approximately 1 km east of County Road 30. This location was more difficult to find and repair due to the dangerous moist soil conditions and depth of the water main. The Brighton Emergency Control Group decided to pressurize the water distribution system until the leak could be found at this location. The second leak at a valve was discovered and repaired on April 26 at 11:40 am, whereas the first leak was repaired on April 18 at 12:00 pm.

Once the second leak was repaired, two water samples were collected 24 hours apart (April 29 and April 30) and sent to an accredited laboratory for bacteriological testing. Once the two water samples showed negative results, the Health Unit lifted the BWA and rescinded the BWOs, and subsequently the State of Emergency was declared to be terminated by the Brighton Mayor on May 1, 2015.

Skin Cancer Prevention Act (Tanning Beds)

From November 2014 to March 2015, in addition to his role as Tobacco Control Officer, Lorne Jordan was tasked with preparing an orientation package for tanning bed vendors that would bring them into compliance with the *Skin Cancer Prevention Act*, which was in effect since May 2014.

With the assistance of the Communications Department, and the cooperation of Niagara Region Health Unit et al., a comprehensive PowerPoint training aid for tanning bed vendors was developed, which is now available on the Health Unit website.

Required signage for vendors and the public was ordered, and a Master List of all of the charges under the *Skin Cancer Prevention Act*, with fines and victim surcharge adjustments was developed. A fact sheet and signage have been distributed to all vendors and all material has been explained to ensure the vendors are aware of their new responsibilities.

Public Health inspectors received an orientation session on enforcement of the *Skin Cancer Prevention Act* as they have been designated to enforce the *Skin Cancer Prevention Act* by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

Workplace Health Program 2015

The objective of the Workplace Health Program at the HKPR District Health Unit is to increase the number of workplaces within our region that have adopted a comprehensive workplace health approach (CWH) to improving health.

CWH is an evidenced-based approach to making change within a workplace environment.

A CWH approach includes an organizational commitment to addressing: Occupational Health and Safety; Health and Lifestyle Practices; Organizational Social Responsibility; and Organizational Culture.

The activities of the workplace health program at HKPR are divided into two distinct target groups, intermediaries and workplace leaders. Intermediaries are best defined as stakeholder organizations that support workplace health and safety. Examples include the Ontario Workplace Health Coalition, Public Health, Workplace Safety and Prevention Services, Public Services Health and Safety Association, and the Canadian Mental Health Association. These organizations represent opportunities for collaboration. The second target group focuses on building the capacity of individual workplaces and the leaders within them.

Intermediary focused initiatives include Community of Practice and the Ontario Workplace Health Coalition (OWHW).

Workplace leadership initiatives include: Workplace Wellness in Northumberland (WWIN), a monthly e-newsletter (solutions2workstress.ca), a Healthy Workplace Month campaign, an annual workplace event, free networking meetings, and consultations.

Strategic Priority -Social Determinants of Health

The HKPR Social Determinants of Health Action Committee (SDHAC) is responsible for moving the social determinants of health strategic priority forward.

One aspect of this work is support for the implementation of the Health Equity Impact Assessment (HEIA). HEIA is a decision support tool, which walks users through the steps of identifying how a program, policy or similar initiative will impact population groups in different ways. HEIA surfaces unintended potential impacts. The end goal is to maximize positive impacts and reduce negative impacts that could potentially widen health disparities between population groups; in short, more equitable delivery of the program, service or policy.

Health Unit departments have been asked to choose an area to complete one HEIA. The intention is for at least one HEIA to be completed by each department in 2015.

Strategic Priority – Communication

The Strategic Priority Communications Working Group has met a number of times to review a draft plan, identify actions, and recognize completed actions to date. There was a discussion about prioritizing the remaining actions, collaboration amongst program staff, and finalizing the communications plan for presentation to the Executive Committee in July.

A sub-committee of the Working Group has started meeting to review enhancing communication with health care providers.

Strategic Priority – Mental Health

The Health Unit wide Strategic Priority Mental Health Working Group, which is comprised of representatives from every department in the Health Unit, was established to make recommendations to the Executive Committee about mental health promotion within the organization.

The Working Group created three smaller workgroups, which are responsible for implementing various activities of the action plan. Group One will focus on staff training around mental health and mental health promotion and how to incorporate it into daily work. Group One will also work with the Workplace Stress subcommittee and implement Mental Health First Aid training, as suggested by the Guarding Minds @ Work results. This two-day training will be for all staff and will take place later this fall and winter.

Group Two will find ways to incorporate mental health considerations into our work by reviewing the current Health Equity Impact Assessment Tool (HEIA) to ensure that important mental health components are included.

Group Three will focus on stigma and priority populations and is looking at implementing two anti-stigma campaigns around mental health; one for staff, and one for the community at large. This group will also be identifying priority populations /high risk groups. A resource will also be created for staff to use that will outline local mental health and mental illness resources in our communities.

Environmental Health Administration and Human Resources

Congratulations to Parvez Rahaman on his Certification with the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors. Mr. Rahaman joined HKPR as a student sampling mosquitoes for West Nile Virus and later as a Public Health Inspector (PHI) practicum student to complete his field training in accordance with the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors Board of Certification requirements. Mr. Rahaman currently fills a contract PHI position in Lindsay.

Food Safety Program

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) requested assistance to conduct recall effectiveness checks of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) recall and food safety investigation of sliced apples and products containing sliced apple from Sun Rich Fresh Foods Inc. due to possible *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination. HKPR Public Health Inspectors (PHIs) conducted recall effectiveness checks with distributors, retailers and food service establishments such as hotels, restaurants, cafeterias, and institutions that serve vulnerable populations (e.g., hospitals, long-term care homes, retirement homes, licensed day nurseries) throughout the HKPR area. No cases of illness were reported to HKPR.

The safe food handling course continues to grow in popularity within HKPR area. To date in 2015, PHI's have trained 460 safe food handlers; equal to all food handlers trained in 2014.

Safe Water Program

The City of Kawartha Lakes (CKL) Lindsay water supply reported an elevated sodium level at 24 mg/L, which is slightly above the Ontario Drinking Water Standard of 20 mg/L. This is the second elevated sodium level occurrence with this water supply. Elevation in sodium requires the owners of a public (regulated) water system to notify users of this occurrence and seek medical advice from their health care provider if they are on a sodium restricted diet. The notice was distributed to users along with the municipal tax bills, but failed to specify the actual level. It is unusual for surface water supplies to have elevated sodium levels unless they have been impacted by salt deposition (e.g. road salt).

HKPR is modifying future elevated sodium notices to state the actual amount of sodium found in the water.

Health Hazard Program

City of Kawartha Lakes (CKL) Development Services Municipal Law Enforcement Officers worked collaboratively with Lindsay Office Public Health Inspectors (PHIs) regarding a rental property in Lindsay with a broken sewer line flooding the basement apartment with sewage. PHIs worked with the landlord, CKL Fire Department and HKPR Family Health Department to identify temporary housing options for affected tenants until the was matter resolved. The landlord found other suitable accommodations for the affected tenants.

Vector Borne Disease/Rabies Program

Mosquito trapping for West Nile Virus sampling starts in June.

We have received 30 tick submissions to date as part of passive Lyme disease surveillance. Active tick surveillance with Ontario Parks is planned for the summer.

Legal

HKPR vs. Graham (Rabies file # RA14-110-00009). Mr. Graham did not appear for court. The Justice of the Peace decided on a trial of absentia for September 22, 2015.

HKPR vs. Barth trial was held on May 1, 2015 at Cobourg Provincial Offences Court. Written decision and sentencing is set for 8 July 2015.

Moved by Mrs. Masters

Seconded by Mr. Elmslie

THAT the MOH update be received.

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6. REPORTS

6.1 Harm Reduction

Leslie McLaughlin, Public Health Nurse, Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention, and Wayne Ducker, Peterborough AIDS Resource Network (PARN) provided the Board with a presentation on Harm Reduction. Detective Sergeant Terry Cox, Kawartha Lakes Police Services was unable to attend.

Ms. McLaughlin and Mr. Ducker shared examples of how the Ontario Public Health Standards requirements to engage community partners and priority populations in the planning, development, and implementation of harm reduction programming is met and the success of these programs.

Delivery models, including a needle exchange program as a harm reduction strategy, were explained and statistics were shared.

Community partnerships have also identified key areas to address overdose prevention and the results are programs such as: Fentanyl Patch 4 Patch, Naxalone Distribution, and a peer education program.

Moved by Mrs. Stauble

Seconded by Mr. Elmslie

THAT the presentation on harm reduction be received for information.

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6.2 Auditor's Report

Richard Steinginga and Gloria Raybone, Collins Barrow Kawarthas LLP, reviewed the audit of financial statements. Mr. Steinginga confirmed that he continues to be satisfied with the internal controls in place, and that no recommendations for change are forthcoming.

Moved by Mrs. Masters

Seconded by Mrs. Herrington

THAT the 2014 Audited Financial Statements be approved and signed.

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6.3 Report from 2015 alPHa Conference

Ms. Jack, Mrs. Masters and Dr. Noseworthy attended the 2015 alPHa conference. Dr. Noseworthy advised the Board that HKPR's Pharmacare resolution passed with the following two minor revisions: "Province of Ontario" was added to page 2 and the "Council of the Federation" was added to the second paragraph. Dr. Noseworthy also referred the Board to the roundtable discussion about pharmacare that occurred at the Ministry level around the same time as the alPHa conference.

Ms. Jack and Mrs. Masters found the session on food security interesting and would like to learn more about what is being done in the HKPR catchment area to improve access to safe, nutritious foods.

Moved by Mr. Elmslie

Seconded by Mrs. Stauble

