

INDEPENDENT PROCESS

LAMBTON COMMUNITY

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HEALTH STUDY

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Lambton County Residents:

The Lambton Community Health Study Board meets to study environmental effects on the health of Lambton County residents. The goal is to develop a process to determine health outcomes from environmental exposures.

The Board was pleased to have Dr. Michael Camus from Health Canada attend the November meeting. So far the technical working group has interacted with Dr. Camus only through teleconferencing. Dr. Camus is our contact whereby Health Canada is able to offer "in kind" help and guidance in moving forward with the Lambton Health Study. His background with other Canadian health studies; such as, the Sydney Tar Pond Study and Reproductive Health and Birth Outcomes and Sex Ratio information should be very helpful.

Dr. Sudit Ranade, Medical Officer of Health for Lambton County, was introduced to the Board in September. He has replaced Dr. Chris Greensmith and will be a member of the Board.

The Board selected a preliminary logo design that they felt best identified the work of the Health Board to the public. This logo will be presented to the media and the public in the near future.

An updated work plan was presented which outlined the work that has been done to date by the Health Board. Looking ahead, research questions have been proposed and several activities have been outlined for 2013. Without the necessary funds; however, it is becoming impossible to fulfil the goals of the Health Board. Partnerships and co-operative methods are some of the ways for the Board to continue. It is very frustrating for the Board, without adequate funds, to satisfy the desire of our community to answer the question, "Are the residents of Lambton County less healthy because they live here?"

Please take part in the Ontario Health Study at the following web site. Participation in this health study will benefit the Lambton Study. www.ontariohealthstudy.ca

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