



BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES 08-005

9:30 a.m.

May 27, 2008

Albion Room

Hamilton Convention Centre

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- Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger, Chair
Deputy Mayor C. Collins, (Vice-Chair)
Councillors B. Bratina, B. Clark, S. Duvall,
L. Ferguson, T. Jackson, M. McCarthy, S. Merulla,
D. Mitchell, B. Morelli, R. Pasuta, M. Pearson,
R. Powers, and T. Whitehead
- Absent with regrets: B. McHattie, vacation
- Also Present: Dr. E. Richardson, MOH
T. Bendo, Director, Planning and Continuous
Improvement
R. Hall, Director, N. Greaves, Health Protection
Division
D. Sheehan, Director, T. Hardy, Family Health
I. Bedioui, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk's

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL:

1. Policies of the Hamilton Board of Health - Sale and Disposition of Land, the Hiring of Employees and the Procurement of Goods and Services (CL08005) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

(Whitehead/Pearson)

- (a) That Report CL08005 respecting Policies of the Hamilton Board of Health – Sale and Disposition of Land, the Hiring of Employees, and the Procurement of Goods and Services be received.
- (b) That the by-law, attached as Appendix “A” to Report CL08005, to Adopt and Maintain Policies with Respect to the Sale of Disposition of Land, the Hiring of Employees, and the Procurement of Goods and Services by the Hamilton Board of Health be passed.

CARRIED

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2. Appointment of Associate Medical Officer of Health- BOH08017 (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

(Whitehead/Pearson)

(a) That Dr. Christopher Mackie be appointed as Associate Medical Officer of Health upon completion of the requirements outlined in BOH08017, and that the necessary documentation be forwarded to the Minister of Health & Long-Term Care for approval.

(b) That Dr. Christopher Mackie be appointed as an Acting Medical Officer of Health until such time as the Minister of Health & Long-Term Care approves his appointment as Associate Medical Officer of Health.

CARRIED

3. Status Report: Residential Care Facilities Review, Schedule 20, Licensing Code By-law 07-170 – SPH05032(c) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)

(Whitehead/Pearson)

That Report SPH05032(c) entitled *Status Report: Residential Care Facilities Review, Schedule 20, Licensing Code By-law 07-170* be received.

CARRIED

4. Smoke-Free Ontario Act Display Ban BOH08018 (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

(Whitehead/Pearson)

That Report BOH08018 respecting Smoke-Free Ontario Act Display Ban be received.

CARRIED

5. Continued Funding of Health Initiatives for Youth Hamilton (HIFY) - BOH08011 (City Wide) (Item 5.5)

(Whitehead/Pearson)

That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to execute an agreement, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, for the purchase of mandated sexual health clinic services from Health Initiatives for Youth Hamilton (HIFY), at \$165,000 annually, commencing April 1 2008- March 31 2009 with an option to renew for one year.

CARRIED

6. **Communicable Disease and Health Hazard Investigations Quarterly Report (Q1) (January 1 to March 31, 2008) - BOH08020 (City Wide) (Item 5.6)**

(Whitehead/Pearson)

That Report BOH08020 respecting Communicable Disease and Health Hazard Investigations Quarterly Report (Q1) (January 1 to March 31, 2008) be received.

CARRIED

7. **Communication Between Medical Officer of Health & Board of Health PH06038 (b) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

(Powers/Pearson)

That Report PH06038(b) respecting Communication Between Medical Officer of Health & Board of Health be received.

CARRIED

8. **Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program Review: Family Home Visitor Service Component- BOH08010 (City Wide) (Item 7.2)**

(Clark/Bratina)

- (a) That the City discontinue the current Community Partner Agency model (contracting six different community agencies) of service delivery for the Family Home Visitor component of the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program;
- (b) That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized to issue a tender to recruit a single community agency to provide the FHV component in its entirety for a two year contract, with a one year option to renew subject to adherence to the terms of the contract and service agreement;
- (c) Upon completion of the RFP process, that the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to enter into a contract, in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor, with the successful proponent.

CARRIED

9. **Blood Lead Study BOH08012 (City Wide) (Item 7.3)**

(Bratina/Powers)

That the Public Health Services' proposal to conduct a Child Blood Lead Prevalence Study, in a targeted area of Hamilton identified as being at

increased risk for lead exposure, be approved.

CARRIED

10. Communications (Item 11.1)

(Powers/Whitehead)

That the dispositions for the following Items of communication be approved:

- (a) Copy of a letter from Pat M. Madill, Regional Clerk, Durham Region dated March 7, 2008 with attachment addressed to Premier McGuinty respecting Banning Smoking in Vehicles containing children.

Recommendation: Be received.

- (b) Copy of a letter from Pat M. Madill, Regional Clerk, Durham Region dated March 5, 2008 addressed to Premier McGuinty respecting endorsement of the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA) Resolution 2007-04.

Recommendation: Be received.

- (c) Copy of a letter from Pat M. Madill, Regional Clerk, Durham Region dated March 5, 2008 addressed to Premier McGuinty respecting Retirement Homes.

Recommendation: Be received.

- (d) Copy of a letter from Vera Etches, MD, Acting Medical Officer of Heath, Sudbury & District Health Unit, dated April 18, 2008 addressed to Premier McGuinty respecting Retirement Homes.

Recommendation: Be received.

- (e) Copy of a letter from Vera Etches, MD, Acting Medical Officer of Heath, Sudbury & District Health Unit, dated April 30, 2008 addressed to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care respecting enhanced public funding for human papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination Program for Vulnerable Female Youth.

Recommendation: Be endorsed.

- (f) Copy of a letter from Hazel Lynn, MD, Medical Officer of Heath, Grey Bruce Health Unit, dated March 31, 2008 addressed to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care respecting enhanced funding for Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination Program for

Vulnerable Female Youth Utilizing Unused funds.

Recommendation: Be endorsed.

- (g) Copy of a letter from Hazel Lynn, MD, Medical Officer of Health, Grey Bruce Health Unit, dated March 31, 2008 addressed to the Minister of Natural Resources respecting rabies vaccine accessibility for animals and skunk oral rabies vaccine bait program.

Recommendation: Be received.

- (h) Copy of a letter from Dennis Roughley, Chair, Board of Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, dated April 16, 2008 addressed to the Minister of Environment respecting improvements needed in Provincial Air Quality Regulations.

Recommendation: Be endorsed.

- (i) Copy of the following resolutions from Timiskaming Health Unit:

- (1) Amalgamation (of Porcupine and Timiskaming Health Units)

Recommendation: Be received.

- (2) Support Bill 69 (amendments to Smoke Free Ontario Act)

Recommendation: Be received.

- (3) Expansion of the HPV Immunization Program

Recommendation: Be endorsed.

- (j) ALPHA Resolutions Package for Consideration at the June 2008 Conference.

Recommendation: Be referred to Councillor Bratina.

- (k) Public Health Summit, October 26 to 29, 2008, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Recommendation: That Councillor Bob Bratina be appointed to attend the Public Health Summit in Niagara Falls.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Clerk advised that if the Board approves delegation request Item 4.1 to address the meeting today, the delegation will be added as Item 6.1 on the agenda.

(Bratina/Ferguson)

That the agenda be approved with the addition of Item 6.1.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

(c) MINUTES

(Powers/Whitehead)

The Minutes of the March 25, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS

(Pasuta/Powers)

(i) The following delegation request was approved to be heard today:

Dr. Marianne Talman, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, McMaster Division, May 6, 2008 respecting concerns about the proposed changes within Hamilton Health Sciences. (Item 4.1)

CARRIED

(Whitehead/Duvall)

(ii) The following delegation request was approved to address the Board of Health at the July 9, 2008 meeting:

Carole Clinch, May 14, 2008, wishing to address the Board at the July 9, 2008 meeting when the report respecting water fluoridation will be considered. (Item 4.2)

CARRIED

(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

(i) **Dr. Marianne Talman, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, McMaster Division, May 6, 2008 respecting concerns about the proposed changes within Hamilton Health Sciences.**

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(Added Item 6.1)

Dr. Marianne Talman addressed the Board and advised that many physicians and health care professionals have concerns with regard to the Access to Best Care proposal.

She explained they are not opposed to expanding paediatric services but not to the detriment of adult care and in their opinion the results will be fragmented care, increased travel time and ambulance use.

A discussion followed and Dr. Talman responded to questions posed by the Board members.

(Morelli/Ferguson)

That Mr. Murray Martin and a team of delegations from Hamilton Health Sciences and Dr. Kevin Smith from St. Joseph's Hospital be invited to attend a special evening meeting of the Board of Health (which will be advertised in the usual manner) to present their position on the proposed changes to the Hamilton Health Sciences System.

CARRIED

(Whitehead/Bratina)

That Cable 14 be invited to cover the special meeting.

LOST

(f) PRESENTATIONS

(i) Communication Between Medical Officer of Health & Board of Health PH06038 (b) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Tara Hall, the Communications Officer provided an overview of the report and explained that its purpose is to initiate a discussion with the Board members and receive input with respect to the current communications program.

The members provided their input making various suggestions and requests. The Board also recognized the excellent work of the Medical Officer of Health and her staff.

(ii) **Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program Review: Family Home Visitor Service Component- BOH08010 (City Wide (Item 7.2))**

Tricia Hardy made a PowerPoint Presentation outlining the Report and provided a hand-out.

Staff responded to questions posed by the Board.

(Clark/Pearson)

That Report BOH08010 be approved.

CARRIED on the following votes:

Yeas: Eisenberger, Bratina, Clark, Ferguson, Jackson, Pasuta, Pearson, Powers and Whitehead.

Total: 9

Nays: Duvall

Total: 1

Absent: Collins, McCarthy, McHattie, Merulla, Mitchell, and Morelli

Total: 6

(iii) **Blood Lead Study BOH08012 (City Wide) (Item 7.3)**

Nancy Greaves made a PowerPoint Presentation outlining the Report and provided a hand-out.

Staff responded to questions posed by the Board and a discussion followed.

(g) **Pesticide Sub-Committee Report 08-001 (Item 8.1)**

(Pasuta/Whitehead)

As Item 1(a) of the Pesticide Sub-Committee Report has previously been approved by Council, that the following recommendations be received and referred to Council for consideration:

(a) That the Public Health Services be authorized to cancel the Pesticide By-Law Communication Plan pending forthcoming information about Provincial Legislation,

(b) That payment in the amount of \$20,000 be provided to Green Venture to continue funding the 'Naturally Hamilton' education campaign emphasizing alternatives to pesticide use for 2008, to be

funded from existing budget in Health Protection Division, Public Health Services.

CARRIED

(h) Outstanding Business List (Item 11.2)

(Powers/Pearson)

The due date of Item A of the Outstanding Business List was amended as follows:

Item "A" – Residential Care Facilities By-law

New Due Date: September 22, 2008

CARRIED

(i) General Information/Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger, Chair
Board of Health

Ida Bedioui
Legislative Assistant
Board of Health
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