



BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES 09-006

9:30 a.m.

May 26, 2009

**The South/West Ballroom
Sheraton Hotel**

Present: Deputy-Mayor B. Bratina, Vice Chair

Councillors B. Clark, C. Collins, S. Duvall, L. Ferguson, T. Jackson, M. McCarthy, B. McHattie, S. Merulla, D. Mitchell, B. Morelli, R. Pasuta, M. Pearson, R. Powers and T. Whitehead

Absent with regrets: Mayor F. Eisenberger, Chair, City Business

Also Present: Dr. E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health
Dr. J. Emili, Associate Medical Officer of Health
Dr. C. Mackie, Associate Medical Officer of Health
D. Barr-Elliott, Director, Healthy Living Division
R. Crotta, Epidemiologist, Planning and Continuous Improvement Division
R. Hall, Director, Health Protection Branch
D. Sheehan, Director, Family Health Division
I. Bedioui, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk's

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL:

- 1. Communicable Disease and Health Hazard Investigations Quarterly Report (Q1) (January 1, 2009 - March 31, 2009) BOH09012 - (City Wide) (Item 5.2) (Ferguson/Powers)**
That Report BOH09012 respecting Communicable Disease and Health Hazard Investigations Quarterly Report (Q1) (January 1, 2009 - March 31, 2009) be received for information.

CARRIED

2. Child and Adolescent Budget 2009/2010 BOH08026(b) - (City Wide) (Item 5.3)

(Ferguson/Powers)

- (a) That the 2009/2010 budget submission for Child and Adolescent Services, which is 100% funded by the Province and outlined in Report BOH08026(b), be approved.
- (b) That the temporary staffing reduction of 0.6 FTE approved in the 2008/2009 budget be made permanent.
- (c) That a further permanent reduction of 0.4 FTE, by not filling a current vacancy, be approved to balance the 2009/2010 budget.

CARRIED

3. Healthy Babies/Healthy Children Program (HBHC) 2009 Budget BOH09015 - (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

(Ferguson/Powers)

- (a) That the 2009 Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program budget which is 100% funded by the Province be reluctantly approved, including a complement reduction of 2.6 FTE Public Health Nurse (PHN) implemented through gapping/attrition.
- (b) That Public Health Services operationalize the complement reduction by adjusting service level targets in consultation with the Ministry of Children and Youth Services and other Public Health Units.
- (c) That a letter be written to the Minister of Children and Youth Services, to be sent along with the budget submission, outlining the reduction in services to the Hamilton Public Health's Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program and the additional funding that is required

CARRIED

4. Alcohol, Drug & Gambling Services Choices and Changes Program and Community Funding/Grants 2009-2010 Budget BOH09016 - (City Wide) (Item 5.5)

(Ferguson/Powers)

- (a) That the Board of Health approve the 2009-2010 Alcohol, Drug & Gambling Services (ADGS) Choices and Changes Program, and Community Funding/ Grants budget which are 100% funded by the

Province.

- (b) That a decrease of 0.4 FTE by not filling a current vacancy be approved in the Back on Track remedial measures cost-recovery budget.

CARRIED

5. Weekend Prenatal Classes PH06019(b)/HUR06008(b) - (City Wide) (Item 5.6)

(Ferguson/Powers)

That Report PH06019(b)/HUR06008(b) respecting Weekend Prenatal Classes be received for information.

CARRIED

6. 2009 Vector Borne Disease Program (West Nile Virus) Service Level Impacts BOH09009(a) - (City Wide) (Item 5.7)

(Ferguson/Powers)

- (a) That the reduction of the service levels for the Vector Borne Disease Program (West Nile Virus) as outlined in Report BOH09009(a) be approved.

- (b) That in the event of a year end Corporate Surplus that the net levy savings be transferred to the Public Health Services Reserve for emergency larviciding (mosquito control).

CARRIED

7. 2009 Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy Funding Reduction BOH09013 (City Wide) (Item 5.8)

(Ferguson/Powers)

That Report BOH09013 respecting 2009 Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy Funding Reduction be received for information.

CARRIED

8. Ontario Public Health Standards: The Foundational Standard and Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol BOH09014 - (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Ferguson/Powers)

- (a) That Report BOH09014 respecting Ontario Public Health Standards: The Foundational Standard and Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol be received for information.

- (b) That the data outlined in Report BOH09014 be presented to the Senior Management Team (SMT) for consideration.

CARRIED as AMENDED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised there was an added Private and Confidential matter, Item 12.1 respecting a Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario Notice of Mediation.

(Pasuta/Mitchell)

That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None declared.

(c) MINUTES (Item 3)

(Collins/Ferguson)

That the Minutes of the April 27, 2009 meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(d) Delegation Requests (Item 4.1)

(Powers/Pearson)

That the following delegation requests be approved to attend at the June 22, 2009 meeting when the related staff report will be on the agenda:

- (i) Roy Bennett on behalf of the Ontario Homes for Special Needs Association, 160 Park Street South, Hamilton, respecting proposed amendments to the City's Residential Care Facilities By-law (Item 4.1)
- (ii) Michael D. Power, Community Residential Care Homes, 153 George Street, Hamilton, respecting the Residential Care Facilities Review (Schedule 20, Licensing Code By-law 07-170) and guidelines. (Item 4.2)

CARRIED

- (e) **Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee Minutes of March 4, 2009 (For information only) (Item 5.1)**

(Ferguson/Powers)

That three Minutes of the Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee of the March 4, 2009 meeting be received for consideration.

CARRIED

Epidemiologist

- (f) **2009 Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy Funding Reduction BOH09013 (City Wide) (Item 5.8)**

Doctor Elizabeth Richardson advised that the service impacts as a result of the 2009 Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy funding reduction will be presented to the Board of Health in August or September, 2009.

- (g) **Presentations**

- (i) **Ontario Public Health Standards: The Foundational Standard and Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol BOH09014 - (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

Riley Crotta, Epidemiologist with Public Health Services, made a PowerPoint presentation which provided an overview of the report and a hand-out was distributed. She advised that this is a new information sharing initiative which is very much in line with the Public Health Services efforts to enhance the availability of health information. Her presentation included the following:

- Introduction
- The first PHact bulletin – the determinants of health
- PHact # 1 – our community is getting older
- PHact #2 – our community is diverse
- PHact #3 – Poverty is an issue that affects our community
- Summary

Riley Crotta responded to questions from the Board members.

(Powers/Mitchell)

That the staff report and presentation be received.

CARRIED

(McHattie/Merulla)

That the data contained in Report BOH09014 be presented to the Senior Management Team (SMT) for appropriate action.

CARRIED

Councillor Ferguson requested that staff present an information report at the next meeting comparing the data respecting the poverty level of seniors living in Hamilton with that of seniors living in other major Cities.

(ii) Verbal update respecting Novel Influenza A H1N1 (Item 7.2)

Doctor Elizabeth Richardson made a PowerPoint presentation and provided a hand-out.

The presentation outlined the following:

- Emergency Control Group/Board of Health structure
- Interrelationship with Health Sector
- Human Cases of Influenza A H1N1 Chart
- Cost of Public Health Services Staff Hours on H1N1 Pandemic by Week
- Dollars Spent on Staffing and other expenses related to the H1N1 Pandemic by Week
- Number and Type of Public Health Services staff involved in H1N1 Pandemic by Week
- Number of Public Health Services staff involved in H1N1 Pandemic by week by category of staff position
- Public Health Emergency Control Group (PHECG) overview of daily events
- Media Response
- Other Activities being undertaken by staff
- Public Health experts
- Next steps – staff will present a more detailed report to the Board of Health by the end of summer or early fall

Staff responded to questions posed by the Board.

Councillor Powers asked that Doctor Richardson relay his thanks to Public Health Services staff for the excellent information updates provided to members of Council respecting the H1N1 Influenza Virus.

(Pearson/Mitchell)

That Doctor Richardson's presentation respecting Novel Influenza A H1N1 be received.

CARRIED

(h) Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)

(Whitehead/Pasuta)

That the due date of the following Outstanding Business List Item be changed as

noted:

Item “E” – Analysis (report) of stakeholder and citizen feedback respecting the proposed amendments to the Residential Care Facilities By-law and Guidelines
Due date: May 26, 2009 changed to **June 22, 2009**

CARRIED

(i) Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario Notice of Mediation (Added Item)

(Morelli/Powers)

That the Board move into Closed Session at 11:20 a.m. pursuant to Sections 8.1(e) and (f) of the City’s Procedural By-law to consider a subject matter relating to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality and to the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege

CARRIED

(Pasuta/Whitehead)

That the Board move into Open Session at 11:30 a.m.

CARRIED

The Chair noted that direction was given to staff in Closed Session with nothing to report in Open Session.

(j) Adjournment

(Powers/Jackson)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor B. Bratina, Chair
Board of Health

Ida Bedioui
Legislative Assistant
Board of Health
May 26, 2009