



BOARD OF HEALTH

REPORT 09-007

AS APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON JUNE 24, 2009

9:30 a.m.

June 22, 2009

Albion Room

Hamilton Convention Centre

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- Present:** Mayor F. Eisenberger, Chair
Deputy-Mayor B. Clark, Vice Chair
- Councillors B. Bratina C. Collins, L. Ferguson, S. Merulla,
D. Mitchell, B. Morelli, R. Pasuta, M. Pearson, and
R. Powers
- Absent with regrets:** Councillor S. Duvall, personal business
Councillors T. Jackson, M. McCarthy, and B. McHattie,
vacation
Councillor T. Whitehead, 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, K. McDonald, Healthy Living Division
T. Bendo, Director, Planning and Continuous Improvement
Division
R. Hall, Director, Health Protection Branch
D. Sheehan, Director, Family Health Division
D. Filice, Manager, Housing Division, Community Services
I. Bedioui, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk's

THE BOARD OF HEALTH PRESENTS REPORT 09-007 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

- 1. Public Health Nurse Secondment to the Hamilton Family Health Team
BOH09018 (City Wide) (Item 5.3)**

That the addition of a 0.5 FTE Public Health Nurse (PHN) to be seconded for a one year project to the Hamilton Family Health Team who will provide 100% of the funding, be approved.

2. Select Determinants of Health in Hamilton: A Comparison of Aging and Poverty with Peer Ontario Health Units BOH09020 - (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

That Report BOH09020 respecting Select Determinants of Health in Hamilton: A Comparison of Aging and Poverty with Peer Ontario Health Units be received.

3. Legionella: Cooling Tower Registry Bylaw BOH09021 (City Wide) (Item 5.5)

- (a) That Public Health Services staff be directed to consult with stakeholders and report back to the Board of Health with a draft cooling tower and evaporative condenser Registry Bylaw;
- (b) That Public Health Services staff bring forward any costs of enforcement to the 2011 Budget process as an enhancement.

4. Smoking and Second-hand Smoke in CityHousing Units BOH07034(c) City Wide) (Item 7.1)

- (a) That Report BOH07034(c) respecting Smoking and Second-hand Smoke in CityHousing Units be received and referred to the CityHousing Hamilton Board;
- (b) That the Item respecting Banning Smoking in CityHousing Hamilton Units, requested on March 25, 2008 be removed from the list of outstanding business.

5. Downloading in Public Health Services Programs BOH09010 (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

- (a) That Report BOH09010 respecting Downloading in Public Health Services Programs be received and referred to the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Committee and to AMO;
- (b) That Item F respecting the downloading of Public Health Services be removed from the Outstanding Business List.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised there were no changes to the agenda.

The agenda was approved as presented.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None declared.

(c) MINUTES (Item 3)

The Minutes of the May 26, 2009 meeting were approved as presented.

(d) Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee Minutes of April 1, 2009 (For information only) (Item 5.1)

The Minutes of the Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee of the April 1, 2009 meeting were received for information.

(e) Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee Minutes of May 6, 2009 (For information only) (Item 5.1)

The Minutes of the Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee of the May 6, 2009 meeting were received for information.

(f) Public Hearings Delegations

(i) Nancy Phillips, Hamilton Health Coalition Organizer, on behalf of Ted Haines, Co-Chair and Natalie Mehra, Director of the Ontario Health Coalition, respecting underfunding of Hospitals and all the cuts and restructuring that have been recently announced.

Nancy Phillips, Hamilton Health Coalition Co-Chair addressed the Board. She read from a prepared statement and provided a copy for the Clerk's record.

She outlined the underfunding of hospitals by the Provincial Government and how it affects health care.

Patti Encinas, also addressed the Board and advised that she is speaking as a citizen and as a hospital worker and noted that as a citizen she needs

adequate health care and as a health care worker she needs her job.

Doctor Pierre Major addressed the Board and indicated that his specialty is the care of elderly patients who are over 75 years of age. He advised that due to understaffing and lack of beds, caregivers are always rushing around and in crisis mode. He appealed to the City to put pressure on the Province to provide more hospital funding.

Doctor Ted Haines, Co-chair of the Hamilton Health Coalition explained that the purpose of the delegation is to ask what Council's position is on the matter and what course of action should be taken.

On a motion (Powers/Pearson) the Board received the delegation and directed that Nancy Phillip's written notes be referred to Public Health Services staff for a general response to the Board respecting the issues raised.

(g) Presentations

(i) Smoking and Second-hand Smoke in CityHousing Units BOH07034(c) City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Kevin McDonald, Tobacco Control Program Manager made a PowerPoint presentation which provided an overview of the report and a hand-out was distributed. His presentation included the following:

- Purpose: to provide a choice in smoke free living
- Board of Health direction
- CityHousing Hamilton
- Smoking Regulations in Residential Buildings
- Smoking Rates and Household Smoking in Hamilton
- Smoking Cessation
- Second-hand Smoke (SHS)
- SHS in Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDS)
- Legal Issues
- Smoke-Free MUDS in Canada and the USA
- Benefits of Smoke-Free Buildings
- SHS in MUDS in Ontario & Smoke-Free Policy Options
- CityHousing Hamilton Resident Consultation
- CityHousing Hamilton Residents Rules on Smoking in Home
- Is smoking and Second Hand Smoke at CityHousing Hamilton Buildings and Properties a problem?
- Are CityHousing Hamilton Residents bothered by smoking and second hand smoke?

- Have Building Managers addressed second hand smoke and smoking for CityHousing Hamilton?
- Smoke-free policy options for CityHousing Hamilton:
 - New buildings
 - Turn over of existing units
 - Smoking and non-smoking buildings
 - Smoking and non-smoking floors in same building
 - Outdoors
- Experience from other areas with smoke-free policies
- Cessation options for CityHousing Hamilton residents
- Staff Recommendation

On a motion (Ferguson/Merulla) the Board received the staff presentation. Public Health Services staff responded to questions and Deborah Filice from the Housing Division of Community Services was also in attendance to assist the Board.

The Board debated at length the appropriateness of the staff recommendations from a public health stand point versus the details needed to be considered in the application of these recommendations.

On a motion (Clark/Collins) the staff report was received and referred to the CityHousing Hamilton Board on the following votes:

Yeas:	Bratina, Clark, Collins, Merulla, Mitchell, Morelli, Pasuta, Pearson and Powers
Total;	9
Nays:	Eisenberger, Ferguson
Total:	2
Absent	Duvall, Jackson, McCarthy, McHattie and Whitehead
Total:	5

(h) Downloading in Public Health Services Programs BOH09010 (City Wide) (TABLED April 27, 2009)

On a motion (Ferguson/Powers) the Board LIFTED Report BOH09010 from the TABLE.

On a motion (Ferguson/Powers) Report BOH09010 was received and referred to the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee and AMO and the corresponding Item F was removed from the Outstanding Business List.

(i) Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)

On a motion (Powers/Pearson) the due dates of the following Outstanding

Business List Items were changed as noted:

- (i) **Item “A”** – Planning and Economic Development and Public Health Services joint report re: review of tobacco licence fees to enhance tobacco control.
Due: June 22, 2009 changed to **July 7, 2009**
- (ii) **Item “E”** - Analysis (report) of stakeholder and citizen feedback respecting the proposed amendments to the Residential Care Facilities By-law and Guidelines
Due date: June 22, 2009 changed to **July 7, 2009**

Councillor Bratina noted his concerns on whether the health needs of the recently arrived Roma refugees from Czechoslovakia are being met. Staff indicated that they will investigate and provide information regarding this matter.

(j) Private and Confidential

- (i) **Approval of the Closed Session Minutes of the May 26, 2009 meeting. (Distributed under separate cover.) (Item 12.1)**

On a motion (Pearson/Mitchell) the Closed Session Minutes of the May 26, 2009 Board of Health meeting were adopted as presented and direction was given that these Minutes remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure in accordance with exemptions provided in the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

(k) Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger, Chair
Board of Health

Ida Bedioui
Legislative Assistant
Board of Health
June 22, 2009