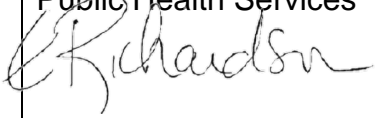




COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members Board of Health
DATE:	June 3, 2025
SUBJECT:	Passing of Legislation to Establish a Semi-Autonomous Board of Health (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
SUBMITTED BY:	Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, MD, MHSc, FRCPC Medical Officer of Health Public Health Services
SIGNATURE:	

On January 24, 2024, following several delegations and community consultation, Council approved the semi-autonomous Board of Health governance model.¹ An application was submitted to the Province in March 2024 requesting the required legislative changes to establish a semi-autonomous Board of Health, comprised of Councillors and community members.

On May 5, 2025, Bill 11, the *More Convenient Care Act, 2025* was re-introduced into the legislature, which included amendments to the *City of Hamilton Act, 1999* to enable the transition to a semi-autonomous Board of Health. Bill 11 passed on June 3, 2025, and is now awaiting Royal Assent. When the *More Convenient Care Act, 2025* receives Royal Assent, the amendments to the *City of Hamilton Act, 1999* will come into effect.

Upon Royal Assent, Council will cease to be the Board of Health. On May 7, 2025, Council appointed the current members of the Public Health Sub-Committee to the semi-autonomous Board of Health for the 2022-2026 term of council.²

¹ City of Hamilton Council Meeting Minutes (January 24, 2024). Public Health Committee Report 24-001 Item 1.0: Options for the City of Hamilton's Board of Health Governance. <https://pub-hamilton.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=394194>

² City of Hamilton Council Meeting Minutes (May 7, 2025). Item 8.1: Semi-Autonomous Board of Health Transition Process <https://pub-hamilton.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=454295>

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More information regarding the next steps to enable a smooth governance transition will be provided at the Council meeting on June 18, 2025.

Should you require further information, please contact Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Officer of Health, at (905) 546-2424 ext. 3501 or at elizabeth.richardson@hamilton.ca.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Not Applicable.