BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES 15-007

1:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 9, 2015
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall

Present:	Councillor A. Johnson (Chair) Councillors M. Green, C. Collins, T. Jackson, S. Duvall, D. Conley, M. Pearson, B. Johnson, L. Ferguson, A. VanderBeek, R. Pasuta, J. Partridge
Absent with regrets:	Mayor F. Eisenberger – City Business, Councillors T. Whitehead, S. Merulla and J. Farr – Personal

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THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Choices and Changes and Other Funding Grants Budget 2015-2016 - BOH15023 (Item 5.1)

(Pearson/Conley)
That Report BOH15023 respecting Choices and Changes and Other Funding Grants Budget 2015-2016, be received.

CARRIED

2. Clean Air Hamilton 2014 Progress Report - BOH15014 (Item 7.1)

(Ferguson/Conley)
That Report BOH15014 respecting the Clean Air Hamilton 2014 Progress Report, be received.

CARRIED

3. Public Health Services Actions Related to Air Quality - BOH15019 (Item 7.2)

(Pearson/Conley)
That Report BOH15019 respecting Public Health Services Actions Related to Air Quality, be received.

CARRIED

4. Active & Sustainable School Transportation (ASST) Charter - BOH15006 (Item 7.3)

(Green/Pearson)
(a) That Appendices A and B attached to Report BOH15006 respecting the Active and Sustainable School Transportation Charter be endorsed;

(b) That the Board of Health authorize and direct the Medical Officer of Health; and the General Managers of Public Works and Planning and Economic Development to assign staff to work with the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board to develop an action plan for Active and Sustainable School Transportation, to develop an implementation strategy for Active and Sustainable School Transportation, and to prioritize schools/school neighbourhoods for school travel planning implementation;

(c) That upon the endorsement of the Active and Sustainable School Transportation Charter by the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, the Board of Health authorize and direct the Medical Officer of Health and the General Managers of Public Works and Planning and Economic Development to assign staff to work with the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board to develop an action plan for Active and Sustainable School Transportation, to develop an implementation strategy for Active and Sustainable School Transportation, and to prioritize schools/school neighbourhoods for school travel planning implementation.

CARRIED

5. Public Health Services' Participation at the Phillip Morris International Shareholder's Meeting May 4, 2015 - BOH15022 (Item 7.4)

(Ferguson/Pearson)
That Report BOH15022 respecting Public Health Services' Participation at the Phillip Morris International Shareholder's Meeting on May 4, 2015, be received.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

Due to an error in the preparation of the agenda, the following Discussion Items will be removed from the agenda, as the discussion will take place during Presentations section:

(i) Item Removed 8.1 - Clean Air Hamilton 2014 Progress Report - BOH15014

(ii) Item Removed 8.2 - Public Health Services Actions Related to Air Quality - BOH15019

(iii) Item Removed 8.3 - Active & Sustainable School Transportation (ASST) Charter - BOH15006

(iv) Item Removed 8.4 - Public Health Services' Participation at the Phillip Morris International Shareholder's Meeting May 4, 2015 - BOH15022

There was also an Added Notice of Motion:

(i) Added Notice of Motion 10.1 – National Pharmacare Strategy

(Pearson/Pasuta)
That the agenda of the July 9, 2015 Board of Health be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(i) June 15, 2015 (Item 3.1)

(Collins/Green)
That the Minutes of the June 15, 2015 meeting of the Board of Health be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Dr. Denis Corr, Chair of Clean Air Hamilton, respecting the Clean Air Hamilton 2014 Progress Report - BOH15014 (Item 7.1)

Dr. Denis Corr, Chair of Clean Air Hamilton, addressed the Board of Health with the aid of a PowerPoint Presentation entitled, "Clean Air Hamilton 2014 Progress Report". A copy of the presentation has been included in the public record. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Hamilton Air Quality Facts
- Hamilton Air Quality and Public Health
- Pyramid of Health Effects
- Deaths From Air Pollution Each Year
- Health Effects / Mortality
- Evolution of Air Quality Roles
- Vision 20/20 Air Quality Goals

(Collins/Green)
That the time restriction for Dr. Corr's presentations be waived.

CARRIED

(Green/Collins)
That the presentation from Dr. Denis Corr, Chair of Clean Air Hamilton, respecting the Clean Air Hamilton 2014 Progress Report, be received.

CARRIED

For disposition on this matter, refer to Item 2.

(ii) Public Health Services Actions Related to Air Quality - BOH15019 (Item 7.2)

Matt Lawson, Program Manager, Environmental Health, Public Health Services, addressed the Board of Health with the aid of a PowerPoint Presentation entitled, "Public Health Services Actions Related to Air Quality". A copy of the presentation has been included in the public record. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Ontario Public Health Standards
- PHS Actions on Air Quality
- Health Hazard Investigations
- Air Quality Monitoring
- Outreach and Education
- Air Quality Task Force

(Pearson/Conley)
That the presentation from Matt Lawson, Program Manager, Environmental Health, respecting Public Health Services Actions Related to Air Quality, be received.

CARRIED

For disposition, refer to Item 3.

(iii) Active & Sustainable School Transportation (ASST) Charter - BOH15006 (Item 7.3)

Kelly Scott, Physical Activity Specialist, Public Health Services, addressed the Board of Health with the aid of a PowerPoint Presentation entitled, “Active & Sustainable School Transportation (ASST) Charter”. A copy of the presentation has been included in the public record. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- History and Context of the Charter
- ASST Study Findings
- ASST Charter & Principles

(Green/Collins)
That the presentation from Kelly Scott, Physical Activity Specialist, Public Health Services, respecting the Active & Sustainable School Transportation (ASST) Charter, be received.

CARRIED

For disposition, refer to Item 4.

(iv) Public Health Services' Participation at the Phillip Morris International Shareholder's Meeting May 4, 2015 - BOH15022 (Item 7.4)

Corry Curtis, Health Promotion Specialist, Healthy Living Division; addressed the Board of Health with the aid of a PowerPoint Presentation entitled, “Public Health Services' Participation at the Phillip Morris International Shareholder's Meeting May 4, 2015”. A copy of the presentation has been included in the public record. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Unfiltered Facts – Who We Are
- Unfiltered Facts “Represents” in New York City – What We Did
- Next Steps

Also in attendance were Akehil Johnson, Kaitlyn Gunnis and Kristen Castell, Youth Delegates from Public Health Service's Unfiltered Facts program who participated in the Phillip Morris International Shareholder's Meeting on May 4, 2015.

(Pearson/VanderBeek)
That the presentation from Corry Curtis, Health Promotion Specialist, Healthy Living Division respecting Public Health Services' Participation at the Phillip Morris International Shareholder's Meeting May 4, 2015, be received.

CARRIED

For disposition on this matter, refer to Item 5.

(e) NOTICE OF MOTION (ITEM 10)

(i) National Pharmacare Strategy (Item 10.1)

Deputy Mayor A. Johnson relinquished the Chair, and presented the following Notice of Motion:

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton has recognized and has demonstrated over the past years, its commitment to the importance of healthy citizens as the foundation of a healthy, engaged and economically vibrant community;

WHEREAS over 3 million Canadians, including many in our local communities, don't take medicines prescribed by their doctors because they can't afford them;

WHEREAS Canada is currently the only country with a national medicare program that does not have a national pharmacare program;

WHEREAS the risk of having no insurance for medicines is high among lower income Canadians which includes the service industry, precarious working and seasonal workers, like many in the City of Hamilton;

WHEREAS studies show that adding a national pharmacare program to our national health care system would lower costs to businesses by over $8 billion per year, providing Canadian companies competitive advantages in international trade;

WHEREAS recent research confirms that these gains can be achieved with little or no increase in public investment;

WHEREAS municipal government expenses for employee benefits would be significantly reduced by a national pharmacare program;

WHEREAS a national prescription drug formulary would support better quality prescribing, including reducing dangerous and inappropriate prescribing to Canadian seniors;

WHEREAS a National Pharmacare plan is sound policy, both economically and socially; and

WHEREAS, the previous City Council of the City of Hamilton provided unanimous support for a similar motion brought forward on September 24, 2014 by Councillor Merulla for a Universal Drug Program based on a detail description informed by the Canadian Medical Association 2013 Health Care Reform, Change that Works document calling for a “universal access to comprehensive prescription drug coverage” with the matter being brought forward to the appropriate provincial and federal government officials.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That Hamilton City Council express its continued support for the creation of a National Pharmacare program as an extension of Canadian Medicare, since health and economic studies now show that such as policy would improve health in municipalities, give local businesses a competitive advantage in the global marketplace and lower costs for municipal government on taxpayers;

(b) That Hamilton City Council call on the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to urge the Province of Ontario to work with other Provinces and the Federal Government to develop and implement a National Pharmacare program;

(c) That Hamilton City Council and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario also urge the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to adopt a similar resolution respecting the Federal government; and,

(d) That Hamilton City Council convey their decision on this resolution to the local MPPs, the Ontario Minister of Health, the Premier of Ontario, the Federal Minister of Health and the Prime Minister.

(ii) Food Centre Pilot Project (Added Item 10.2)

Councillor Collins presented the following Notice of Motion:

WHEREAS a lack of food skills in the general population has been identified as an obstacle to healthy eating, as it prompts reliance on eating out and on convenience foods that are high in saturated fat, salt, and sugar as well as reduce the buying power of limited food budgets;

WHEREAS the lack of opportunities to develop food skills and prepare healthy food has put some population groups at higher risks of developing chronic disease such as high blood pressure, heart disease, and diabetes;

WHEREAS the Riverdale and Davis Creek Neighbourhood Action Plans include objectives to develop food security programs, collective kitchens and educational programs for residents around gardening, cooking, and nutrition;

WHEREAS a food bank with a teaching space and kitchen would be an ideal place for these programs;

WHEREAS there is currently limited access to emergency food in the East End and both Riverdale and Davis Creek neighbourhoods as well as Emergency Food providers have articulated a need for this service;

WHEREAS these communities are adjacent, connected by good bus service and a central location near a transit hub (Eastgate) could be selected that would be familiar and accessible to the seniors living on Queenston and the Riverdale community and a
strategically located East End Food Bank could serve these two neighbourhoods and would allow pooling of resources;

WHEREAS an East End Food Bank with kitchen and teaching facilities would create opportunities for youth and adults living in the Riverdale and Davis Creek neighbourboods to aquire food skills;

WHEREAS the East End Community Food Centre (with a kitchen) would offer food access, food skills, food education, and community engagement programs in a dignified and welcoming space where food builds health, hope, skills, and community;

WHEREAS the development of food skills and food handler certification may lead to job opportunities for the youth as well the adults in the food service industry;

WHEREAS the additional cost of a kitchen and teaching space would be in the order of $60,000-$150,000 depending on the site selected and the amount of retrofitting/exhaust ventilation required; and

WHEREAS Public Health Services Department is ready to support this initiative by providing the services of a registered dietitian to help train peer leaders to teach culturally appropriate cooking classes, help peer leaders obtain food handlers' certificates, and to help integrate the diverse intergenerational population to teach and learn from each other.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That a Pilot Project be established for the operation of a Food Centre (Food Bank) in the East Hamilton area in co-operation and consultation with the East End Food Bank Committee, St. Matthew's House Hamilton, members of both Ward 5 Community Hubs, and Hamilton's Public Health Department; and

(b) That one-time seed funding of $210,000 (representing 3 years) in operating funds & $185,000 in capital funding be provided to assist with the opening of the new Centre and the construction of a commercial kitchen; and

(c) That the Ward 5 Area Rating fund be utilized as a funding source instead of the Unallocated Reserve; and

(d) That the partners identified above provide an annual update to the Board of Health with a summary of the Food Centre's operation; and

(e) That Public Health Staff prepare a final report to the Board of Health at the conclusion of the project summarizing the results of the three years of operation.

(f) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (ITEM 11)

(i) Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)

(Pearson/Conley)

(a) That the following item to be considered complete and removed:

(i) Item "M" - PHS Actions Related to Air Quality BOH15019

CARRIED

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Conley/Pearson)
That there being no further business, the Board of Health be adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor A. Johnson
Chair, Board of Health

Loren Kolar
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Office of the City Clerk