



BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT 15-001

1:30 p.m.

Monday, January 12, 2015

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger (Chair)
Councillors A. Johnson, J. Farr, M. Green, S. Merulla, C. Collins, T. Jackson, S. Duvall, T. Whitehead, D. Conley, M. Pearson, L. Ferguson, A. VanderBeek, R. Pasuta, J. Partridge

**Absent with
regrets :** Councillor B. Johnson

THE BOARD OF HEALTH PRESENTS REPORT 15-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

**1. Capital Projects' Status Report as of September 30, 2014 - BOH14028 (a)
(City Wide) (Item 5.1)**

That Report BOH14028 (a), respecting Capital Projects' Status Report as of September 30, 2014, was received.

**2. Healthy Kids Community Challenge, Hamilton's Healthy Kids (Childhood
Obesity) Strategy - BOH14007(a) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

- (a) That the Board of Health authorize and direct the Medical Officer of Health to receive, utilize and report on new funding for the Healthy Kids Community Challenge from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, and execute an agreement between the City and the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, satisfactory in form to the City Solicitor;
- (b) That the Board of Health authorize and direct the Medical Officer of Health to extend the temporary Hamilton Healthy Kids Strategy Project Manager position through December 2015.

**3. 2015 Public Health Funding and Accountability Agreement Indicators
(Item 11.1)**

That the memorandum from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Public Health Division, regarding 2015 Public Health Funding and Accountability Agreement Indicators, was received.

4. Resolution Recommendation - Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (Item 11.2)

That the Board of Health support the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit by forwarding letters to the Ontario Premier and Minister of Long-Term Care regarding the retention of the Preventative Oral Health Services Protocol in the Ontario Public Health Service.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following change:

- (i) Added as Item 10.1 - Food Waste Management

The agenda of the January 12, 2015 Board of Health was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) September 18, 2014 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the September 18, 2014 meeting of the Board of Health were approved, as presented.

(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Board of Health Orientation Presentation (Item 7.1)

Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Officer of Hamilton addressed the Board of Health regarding Orientation plans for Public Health Services with the aid of a PowerPoint Presentation. A copy of the presentation was included in the public record. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

Introduction to Public Health

- Board of Health Governance – Overview
- History of Public Health
- Hamilton Public Health Services
- Health Protection and Promotion Act
- Role of the Board of Health
- Board of Health Education Strategy

Staff responded to questions from the Board of Health.

During the discussion, Councillor Merulla presented the following motion:

That staff be directed to report to the Board of Health on the feasibility of opening “Heating Centres” when Cold Weather Alerts are in effect.

The motion respecting a staff report to the Board of Health on the feasibility of opening “Heating Centres” when Cold Weather Alerts are in effect, was carried.

The presentation respecting Board of Health Orientation was received.

(e) MOTIONS

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And Whereas the City of Hamilton has endorsed Food for All, A Food Charter for Hamilton and the development of a comprehensive Food Strategy;

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The motion regarding Food Waste Management, with a report back to the Board of Health by the end of 2015, was carried.

(f) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)

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The rules of order were waived to allow the introduction of a Motion respecting the Food Waste Management.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Information Item (e).

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

There being no further business, the Board of Health be adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger
Chair, Board of Health

Loren Kolar
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk