



BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES 14-002

1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 17, 2014

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

Present: Mayor. R. Bratina (Chair), Councillor B. McHattie,
Councillors S. Merulla, C. Collins, T. Jackson, S. Duvall
T. Whitehead, B. Clark, M. Pearson, B. Johnson,
L. Ferguson, R. Powers, R. Pasuta, J. Partridge and
R. Morrow

Absent with Councillor J. Farr – Personal
regrets:

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. **Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards – 2013 Status Review (BOH14005) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)**

(Clark/Pearson)

That Report BOH14005 respecting Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards – 2013 Status Review be received.

CARRIED

2. **Capital Projects' Status Report as of December 31, 2013 (BOH13031)(City Wide) (Item 5.2)**

(Clark/Pearson)

That Report BOH13031 respecting Capital Projects' Status Report as of December 31, 2013 be received.

CARRIED

3. **Infectious Disease and Health Hazard Semi-Annual Report – (Q3 and Q4) (July 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013) (BOH14003) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)**

(Clark/Pearson)

That Report BOH14003 respecting Infectious Disease and Health Hazard Semi-Annual Report – (Q3 and Q4) (July 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013) be received.

CARRIED

4. Bed Bug Strategy (BOH14010/CES14013) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Jackson/Powers)

- (a) That Public Health Services and the Community and Emergency Services Department be directed to develop a Community bed bug strategy for Hamilton by the first quarter of 2015;
- (b) That Public Health Services staff and the Community and Emergency Services Department staff be directed, as part of a bed bug strategy, to report back on Item 6.3 from the September 16, 2013 Board of Health delegation submission by Shawn Comer and Ruth Comer, respecting Mr. Comer's ideas for pest prevention and for a potential bed bug registry for rental dwellings;
- (c) That Community and Emergency Services Department staff be directed to pilot a unit preparation service for low income, vulnerable residents, to develop community education materials regarding bed bugs, and to hire 1.0 temporary FTE for up to 18 months to develop the Community Bed Bug Strategy, for a total of \$200,000 to be funded from Bed Bug Eradication capital project #6731341301;
- (d) That Public Health Services be directed to provide navigation support, to assist vulnerable residents with bed bug infestation remediation processes using up to \$100,000 from the City's Unallocated Capital Reserve (#108020) to hire one temporary FTE navigator for a maximum of 18 months, without impact to the operational levy;
- (e) That Appendix "A" attached to Report BOH14010/CES14013 respecting Bed Bug Action Group Membership and their Bed Bug Related Roles be approved, without impact to the operational levy.
- (f) That the Board of Health, under the Mayor's signature, send a reminder letter to the Province requesting that the bed bug funding which ceased in 2012 be reinstated and copies be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to ensure that the provincial and federal governments are engaged with respect to a provincial and nationwide strategy.

CARRIED

5. Post-Accreditation: Maintaining Quality in Public Health (BOH14009) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Clark/Johnson)

That report BOH14009 respecting Post-Accreditation: Maintaining Quality in Public Health be received.

CARRIED

6. Children's Aid Society/Catholic Children's Aid Society – Update on Collaboration (BOH13028) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(McHattie/Powers)

That report BOH13028 respecting Children's Aid Society/Catholic Children's Aid Society – Update on Collaboration be received.

CARRIED

7. Active and Sustainable School Transportation (ASST) Charter (Added Item 9.1)

(Merulla/Collins)

Whereas, schools are now the second biggest car trip generator for the morning commute in the GTHA;

And whereas, a number of Hamilton schools are being considered for closure resulting in larger amalgamated schools with impacts on transportation choice, community cohesion and health, and the environment;

And whereas, reducing vehicle trips to and from school by promoting more walkable and bikeable neighbourhoods improves pedestrian and cyclist safety, and reduces air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions;

And whereas, making a community and school grounds more walkable and bikeable contributes to total daily physical activity for better health and student performance;

And whereas, the City of Hamilton Public Health Services has been dedicated to the Active and Safe Routes to School initiatives since 2000;

And whereas, the City of Hamilton's Urban Official Plan and Metrolinx's Regional Transportation Plan, The Big Move, includes policy goals for the achievement of an integrated transportation network that impacts health and quality of life;

And whereas, a number of Ontario municipalities and school boards have recently developed and signed their own ASST charters recognizing the value of ASST and demonstrating commitment to take action in support of ASST including Toronto, Ottawa, York, and Waterloo

Therefore be it resolved:

- (a) That the Joint City/Board Relations Committee be directed to develop an Active and Sustainable School Transportation Charter to support the long-term commitment to active and sustainable school transportation.

- (b) That staff from Public Health Services and Public Works, through the existing Active and Safe Routes to School Steering Committee, be directed to assist the Committee with their deliberations and the development of the Charter.

CARRIED

8. Change in Membership of the Joint City/School Board Liaison Committee

(Merulla/Whitehead)

That representatives of the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board be added as members of the Joint City/School Board Liaison Committee and that the Terms of Reference be amended accordingly.

CARRIED

9. Correspondence from Arlene King, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care respecting reissuance of the Provincial Case Definition for Clostridium Difficile Infection (CDI) outbreaks in public hospitals (Item 11.1)

(Powers/Whitehead)

That the correspondence from Arlene King, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care respecting reissuance of the Provincial Case Definition for Clostridium Difficile Infection (CDI) outbreaks in public hospitals be received.

CARRIED

10. Correspondence from Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, respecting the Universal Influenza Immunization Program (Item 11.2)

(Powers/Whitehead)

That the Correspondence from Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, respecting the Universal Influenza Immunization Program be received.

CARRIED

11. Correspondence from Barry Ward, Chair, Board of Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, respecting Oral Health Care for Low Income People (Item 11.3)

(Powers/Whitehead)

That the correspondence from Barry Ward, Chair, Board of Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, respecting Oral Health Care for Low Income People be received.

CARRIED

12 Phase 1 – Administrative Efficiencies (BOH14006) (City Wide) (Item 12.1)

(Pearson/Whitehead)

- (a) That 1.0 FTE Clinical & Preventive Services Division Program Manager be transferred to the Planning & Business Improvement Division with no impact on the levy;
- (b) That 0.5 FTE Program Secretary position in Planning & Business Improvement be converted into a 0.4 FTE Public Health Dentist in Clinical & Preventative Services with no impact on the levy;
- (c) That Report BOH14006 respecting Phase 1 – Administrative Efficiencies remain confidential and not be released as a public document as the information relates to identifiable individuals.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following change:

- (i) Added Motion as Item 9.1 – Active & Sustainable School Transportation (ASST) Charter

(Pearson/Johnson)

That the agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) January 13, 2014 (Item 3.1)

(Pearson/Johnson)

That the Minutes from the January 13, 2014 meeting of the Board of Health, be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

- (i) Ms. Elizabeth McGuire representing the Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits respecting the Good to Go Food Box (Item 4.1)**

(Clark/Pasuta)

That the delegation request submitted by Ms. Elizabeth McGuire, representing the Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits respecting the Good to Go Food Box, be approved, and the rules of order waived, in order to address the Board at today's meeting.

CARRIED

- (ii) Ms. Susan Muma representing Hamilton Organization for Poverty Elimination (HOPE) respecting the Good to Go Food Box (Item 4.2)**

(Clark/Pasuta)

That the delegation requests submitted by Ms. Susan Muma representing Hamilton Organization for Poverty Elimination (HOPE) respecting the Good to Go Food Box, be approved, and the rules of order waived, in order to address the Board at today's meeting.

CARRIED

(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

- (i) Mr. Shawn Comer respecting the development of a new approach to dealing with pests in rental units in Hamilton (Item 6.1)**

Mr. Shawn Comer spoke to the Board with regard to the development of a new approach to dealing with pests in rental units.

The Board provided Mr. Comer with a copy of the staff report and invited him to stay for the presentation of this item.

(Pasuta/Pearson)

That the presentation by Mr. Shawn Comer respecting the development of a new approach to dealing with pests in rental units in Hamilton be received.

CARRIED

- (ii) Ms. Elizabeth McGuire representing the Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits respecting the Good to Go Food Box. (Item 6.2)**

Ms. Elizabeth McGuire was not in attendance.

(iii) Ms. Susan Muma representing the Hamilton Organization for Poverty Elimination (HOPE) respecting the Good to Go Food Box. (Item 6.3)

Anne Newbigging spoke on behalf of Susan Muma. She expressed the importance of the Good to Go Food Box and gratitude for the program.

Councillor McHattie advised that Council has decided to extend the Good to Go Food Box until August 2015.

(Collins/Jackson)

That the presentation by Anne Newbigging on behalf of Susan Muma respecting the Good to Go Food Box be received.

CARRIED

(f) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Bed Bug Strategy (BOH14010/CES14014) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Staff read letters from ward residents outlining their own experiences with regard to bed bugs.

Susan Harding-Cruz, Program Manager, Health Protection and Kirstin Maxwell, Policy and Program Specialist, Housing Services, gave a presentation respecting Bed Bug Strategy with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included in the public record.

The presentation included but was not limited to the following:

- Bed Bug Information
- Impacts of infestations and trend
- What's been done in Hamilton
- What needs to be done

The Board discussed the presentation and matters pertaining to funding, provincial and federal government engagement and the proposal of the use of notice cards on buildings.

(Clark/Pearson)

That the presentation by Susan Harding-Cruz respecting Bed Bug Strategy (BOH14010/CES14014), be received.

CARRIED

(Jackson/Powers)

- (a) That sub-section (d) of Report BOH14010/CES14014, respecting the Bed Bug Strategy, be amended by adding the words “, without impact to the operational levy” after the words ... for a maximum of 18 months, to read as follows:

- (d) That Public Health Services be directed to provide navigation support, to assist vulnerable residents with bed bug infestation remediation processes using up to \$100,000 from the City's Unallocated Capital Reserve (#108020) to hire one temporary FTE navigator for a maximum of 18 months, **without impact to the operational levy;**
- (b) That sub-section (e) of Report BOH14010/CES14014, respecting the Bed Bug Strategy, be amended by adding the words “, without impact to the operational levy” after the words ...Related Roles be approved, to read as follows:
 - (e) That Appendix "A" attached to Report BOH14010/CES14013 respecting Bed Bug Action Group Membership and their Bed Bug Related Roles be approved, **without impact to the operational levy.**
- (c) That sub-section (f) be added to the recommendation of Report BOH14010/CES14014, respecting the Bed Bug Strategy, to read as follows:
 - (f) That the Board of Health, under the Mayor's signature, send a reminder letter to the Province requesting that the bed bug funding which ceased in 2012 be reinstated and copies be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to ensure that the provincial and federal governments are engaged with respect to a province and nationwide strategy.

Amendment CARRIED
MAIN Motion as amended CARRIED

For disposition of this matter please refer to Item 4.

The Mayor relinquished the chair to Deputy Mayor Partridge and left the meeting.

(g) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)

(i) Ottawa Street Mobile Farmer's Market 2-Year Pilot Program (Item 10.1)

Councillor Merulla presented the following notice of motion:

Whereas low consumption of vegetables and fruit is associated with a poor diet and increased risk of obesity, heart disease, Type 2 diabetes, and some cancers; and

Whereas the majority of Hamiltonians do not eat the recommended daily servings of vegetables and fruit, with less than half reporting they eat vegetables and fruit five or more times a day; and

Whereas in 2011-12, 11.6% of households in the City of Hamilton reported food insecurity due to income, which impacts their ability to consume fresh vegetables and fruit, and increases the risk of preventable chronic diseases; and

Whereas some Hamilton neighbourhoods have limited physical access to healthy food retail, but are surrounded by many unhealthy food retail outlets; and

Whereas the City of Hamilton has endorsed the Golden Horseshoe Agriculture & Agri-Food Strategy: Food & Farming Action Plan 2021, which includes goals for public health to increase local food literacy and promote and improve consumers' access to local produce, and

Whereas a mobile farmers' market could result in multiple benefits, including improved access to fresh produce in Hamilton neighbourhoods with limited access to healthy food retail, increased support for the economic livelihood of local farmers, and building community resilience.

Therefore be it resolved:

- (a) That Public Health Services assist the Ottawa Street BIA apply for funding from the Local Food Grant for the proposed 2-year pilot mobile farmers' market project and that any shortfall would be funded through the City's Tax Stabilization Reserve.
- (b) That within BY-LAW NO. 07-170, Food Service Vehicles (Schedule 6), Planning and Economic Development explore options, when funding is obtained, to implement the 2-year pilot mobile farmers' market on sites identified by Planning and Economic Development and Public Health Services.
- (c) That Public Health Services and Planning and Economic Development work in collaboration with the Ottawa Street BIA on the operation of the proposed 2-year pilot mobile farmers' market project.

(h) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)

- (i) Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee minutes – November 6, 2013 (Item 11.4)**

(Powers/Whitehead)

That the Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee minutes of the November 6, 2013 meeting be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee minutes – December 4, 2013 (Item 11.5)

(Powers/Whitehead)

That the Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee minutes of the December 4, 2013 meeting be received.

CARRIED

(i) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)

(i) Closed Session Minutes – January 13, 2014-03-14 (Item 12.1)

(Pearson/Powers)

(a) That the closed session minutes of January 13, 2014 be approved, as presented;

(b) That the closed session minutes of January 13, 2014 remain private and confidential and restricted from public disclosure.

CARRIED

(ii) Phase 1 – Administrative Efficiencies (BOH14006) (City Wide) (Item 12.2)

For disposition of this matter please refer to Item 12.

(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Jackson/Collins)

That, there being no further business, the Board of Health adjourns as 3:37 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor R. Bratina
Chair, Board of Health

Jasmine Branton
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk