



**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**MINUTES 12-001**  
**1:30 p.m.**  
**February 6, 2012**  
**Council Chambers**  
**Hamilton City Hall**

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- Present:** Mayor B. Bratina (Chair)  
Councillors B. Clark, C. Collins, L. Ferguson, T. Jackson,  
B. Johnson, B. McHattie, S. Merulla, B. Morelli, R. Pasuta,  
M. Pearson, R. Powers, T. Whitehead
- Absent:** S. Duvall – City Business  
J. Farr – Personal Business  
J. Partridge – Personal Business
- Also Present:** Dr. E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health  
Dr. C. Mackie, Associate Medical Officer of Health  
Dr. N. Tran, Associate Medical Officer of Health  
D. Barr-Elliott, Director; S. Brown, Healthy Living Division  
R. Hall, Director; E. Mathews, Health Protection Branch  
G. McArthur, Director; Clinical and Preventative Services  
D. Sheehan, Director; Family Health Division  
T. Bendo, Director; Planning and Business Improvement  
C. Newman, Legislative Assistant, Office of the City Clerk

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:**

- 1. Parenting Program Changes (BOH12001) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)**  
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That Report BOH12001 respecting Parenting Program Changes, be received.  
**CARRIED**
- 2. Public Health Accountability Agreement – Response to Ministry Draft OPHS Performance Targets for 2012 & 2013 (BOH11038(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**  
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a) That report BOH 11038(a) - Public Health Accountability Agreement – Response to Ministry Draft OPHS Performance Targets for 2012 & 2013

be received; and

- b) That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to send the response outlined in Appendix "A" to Board of Health Report 12-001, regarding BOH recommendations for the 2012 and 2013 Performance Targets for the Ontario Public Health Standards for Hamilton to the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care. **CARRIED**

#### **FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD:**

##### **(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

###### ADDED CONSENT ITEM

- (i) Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee – Minutes from December 7, 2011 (Added item 5.2)

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That the agenda be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

##### **(b) MINUTES (Item 3)**

- (i) **November 28, 2011 (Item 3.1)**

**(Morelli/Merulla)**

That the minutes from the November 28, 2011 Board of Health Meeting, be approved. **CARRIED**

##### **(c) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)**

- (i) **Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee – Minutes from December 7, 2011 (Added item 5.2)**

**(McHattie/Merulla)**

That the Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee, minutes from December 7, 2011, be received. **CARRIED**

##### **(d) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)**

- (i) **Public Health Accountability Agreement – Response to Ministry Draft OPHS Performance Targets for 2012 & 2013 (BOH11038(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

Dr. Richardson addressed the Board respecting the Public Health Accountability Agreement – Response to Ministry Draft OPHS Performance Targets for 2012 & 2013. Her comments included but were not limited to the following:

- Accountability agreement was signed between the City of Hamilton and the Province in November 2011.
- Part of the agreement states that performance indicators are established to track the progress of Public Health Services.
- Some of the indicators are communicable diseases, vaccination, immunization, youth smoking rates, falls among the elderly.
- Baseline information for indicators was collected from all health units, and the Ministry produced draft targets.
- Some Ministry targets are too high to be considered a benchmark, and immunization targets seem unreasonable to meet.

The Board discussed the matter. Their comments included but were not limited to the following:

- How the accountability agreement affects the funding of Hamilton Public Health.
- Will extra funding be required by the City or the Ministry to track the data for the performance indicators, set out in the Accountability Agreement.

**(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)**

**(Clark/Pearson)**

That the Board of Health be adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor B. Bratina, Chair  
Board of Health

Christopher Newman  
Legislative Coordinator  
February 6, 2012