



BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES 11-006

9:30 a.m.

May 24, 2011

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

Present: Mayor R. Bratina, Chair
Councillor T. Jackson, Vice-Chair
Councillors B. McHattie, J. Farr, B. Morelli, S. Merulla,
S. Duvall, M. Pearson, B. Johnson, L. Ferguson, R. Powers,
R. Pasuta, J. Partridge

Absent: Councillor C. Collins – City Business
Councillor T. Whitehead – City Business
Councillor B. Clark – Illness

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
Division
D. Sheehan, Director, Family Health Division
T. Bendo, Director, Planning and Business Improvement
M. Lawson, Program Manager, Environmental Health
C. Newman, Legislative Assistant, Office of the City Clerk

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

**1. Child and Adolescent Services Budget 2011/2012 (BOH11015) (City Wide)
(Item 5.1)**

(Pearson/Partridge)

- (a) That the 2011/12 Child and Adolescent Services budget which is 100% funded by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, the Youth Justice Sector and the Ministry of the Attorney General, be approved;

- (b) That a letter be written to the Minister of Children and Youth Services, to be sent along with the budget submission, outlining the inherent impact of zero base budget increases from 2009-2012. **CARRIED**

2. Communicable Disease and Health Hazard Investigations Quarterly Report (Q1 January 1 to March 31, 2011) (BOH11019) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

(Pearson/Partridge)

That Report BOH11019, Communicable Diseases and Health Hazard Investigations Quarterly Report (Q1 January 1 to March 31, 2011), be received.

CARRIED

3. Choices and Changes and Other Funding/Grants 2011-2012 Budget Report (BOH11013) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)

(Pearson/Partridge)

- (a) That the 2011-2012 Alcohol, Drug & Gambling Services (ADGS) Choices and Changes Program, 100% jointly funded by the Ministry of Children & Youth Services (MCYS) and Children Aid Societies, be approved;
- (b) That the Community Funding/Grants, Back on Track, Remedial Measures cost recovery budget, be approved;
- (c) That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to sign the Service Agreement for the Choices and Changes Program between the City and the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, and the Children's Aid Societies, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (d) That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to sign the Service Agreement between the City for the cost recovery program Community Funding/Grants, Back on Track managed by the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (e) That the 0.62 FTE increase funded by the Back on Track/Community Funding/Grants, be approved;
- (f) That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to submit reports as required by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, and the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) to meet accountability agreements. **CARRIED**

4. Public Health Services Management Team 2011 Work Plan (BOH11016) (City Wide) (Dr. E. Richardson) (Item 8.1)

(Ferguson/Pearson)

That Appendix A to Report BOH11016 titled, "Public Health Services Management Team 2011 Work Plan", be approved. **CARRIED**

5. 2010 Annual Report to the Community and 2010 Research & Evaluation Report (BOH 11017) (City Wide) (T. Bendo) (Item 8.2)

(Powers/Ferguson)

(a) That the 2010 Report to the Community attached to Report BOH11017 as Appendix A, be endorsed;

(b) That the 2010 Research & Evaluation Report attached to Report BOH11017 as Appendix B, be endorsed. **CARRIED**

6. CORRESPONDENCE (Item 11)

(i) Letter from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care respecting Panorama update (Item 11.1(a))

(McHattie/Morelli)

Recommendation: Be received

CARRIED

(ii) 2011 alPHa Annual Conference (Item 11.1(b))

(Jackson/Johnson)

Recommendation: That any Board member interested in attending the alPHa Conference contact the Office of the City Clerk. **CARRIED**

(iii) Letter from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care respecting one-time funding of \$234,254 for the City of Hamilton, Public Health Services for the period ending March 31, 2012 to support local initiatives aimed at preventing and controlling bed bug infestations (Item 11.1(c))

(Ferguson/Jackson)

Recommendation: That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to receive, utilize and report on the use of these funds to support local initiatives aimed at preventing and controlling bed bug infestations.

CARRIED

- (iv) Letter from Leeds, Greenville and Lanark District Health Unit respecting increased funding for preschool speech and language program (Item 11.1(d))

(Partridge/Pearson)

Recommendation: Be received

CARRIED

- (v) Letter from the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health Unit respecting HPV publicly funded vaccine – grade 8 eligibility (Item 11.1(e))

(Pearson/Johnson)

Recommendation: Be endorsed

CARRIED

- (vi) Letter from the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health Unit respecting HPV publicly funded vaccine – male eligibility (Item 11.1(f))

(Pearson/Johnson)

Recommendation: Be endorsed

CARRIED

- (vi) Letters from the Middlesex-London Health Unit and the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit regarding changes to Ontario's alcohol regulatory system – Liquor License Act (Item 11.1(g))

(Pearson/Farr)

Recommendation: Be endorsed

CARRIED

- (vii)(ii) Letter for the Windsor Essex County Health Unit regarding the maintaining of Ontario's current Liquor Licence Act. (Item 11.1(g)(ii))

(Pearson/Johnson)

Recommendation: Be endorsed

CARRIED

- (vii) Letter from the Sudbury and District Health Unit respecting sustainable mobility (Item 11.1(h))

(McHattie/Morelli)

Recommendation: Be received

CARRIED

- (viii) AMO Watch File – Municipal Resolution Circulation Mandatory Destruction of Buildings Used as Grow ops

(Powers/Pearson)

Recommendation: Be Received

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

11. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Added Correspondence

(g)(ii) Letter for the Windsor Essex County Health Unit regarding the maintaining of Ontario's current Liquor Licence Act.

Recommendation: Be endorsed

(Pearson/Partridge)

That the agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(c) MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) Board of Health minutes, dated April 26, 2011. (Item 3.1)

(Ferguson/Powers)

That the minutes from the April 26, 2011 Board of Health Meeting, be approved.

CARRIED

(d) Air Quality Health Index (BOH10008(a)) (City Wide) (M. Lawson) (Item 7.1)

Matthew Lawson, Program Manager, Public Health Services, addressed the Board of Health with the aid of a PowerPoint Presentation. His comments included but were not limited to the following:

What is the AQHI?

- AQHI stands for Air Quality Health Index
- It is a scale that represents the effect of local air pollution on our health.

What does the AQHI communicate

- AQHI is based on the Ozone, Particulate Matter and Nitrogen Dioxide in the air.
- It is translated in a 1 to 10 scale with 4 risk areas.

AQHI and the “at risk” population

- Those at risk are young children, elderly, individuals with respiratory conditions, and individuals with cardiovascular conditions.

AQHI Implementation

- Public awareness campaign (with use of HSR advertising, promotional materials to those in the at risk category, summer festivals and website(hamilton.ca/aqhi))

Board members asked questions and comments of staff. Highlights included but were not limited to the following:

- What is the difference between the last index used and this one, and will it be confusing for the public?
- Will the Ministry of the Environment track how AQI and AQHI interact?
- What has been done to help air quality in the City to alleviate the number of smog days and lower air pollution?
- Is the index site specific or are there a number of testing areas?
- There are two testing units in the City located at Mohawk Road and Upper Wellington and Beasley Park.
- Who in the Public Health Unit would investigate health risks associated with odours?
- Staff indicated that the Public Health Unit would investigate any odours for public health risk.
- Does the City have to take action to stop minor sports from taking place when the index is high?
- The index is for information only and does not have a response mechanism associated with it.
- This is only an awareness campaign, and will not result in any other action.
- We need to start our focus on the causes of air pollution, but it is important to let the public know of the risk associated with poor air quality.
- With only two monitoring stations, how accurate is the index? Is there a possibility we will be misleading the public?
- Can we look at using pixel signboards throughout the City and in cooperation with partners to make citizens aware of the daily AQHI level?

(Pearson/Partridge)

That the presentation respecting Air Quality Health Index BOH10008(a), be received.

CARRIED

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)**(i) Public Health Services Management Team 2011 Work Plan (BOH11016) (City Wide) (Dr. E. Richardson) (Item 8.1)**

Dr. Richardson addressed the PHS priorities addressed in the report.

Board members were pleased that the 2011 Public Health Services Management Team Work Plan addressed the need for consultation with Board members. Members of the Board were concerned that environmental groups in Hamilton may feel that other priorities should be recognized or reordered, and suggested that there may be a disconnect between Public Health Services and these interest groups surrounding expectations. Councillor McHattie indicated that a meeting between the environmental groups and PHS would be a good idea.

The Board inquired as to how PHS performs performance appraisals and subsequent methodology.

Councillor Ferguson inquired as to where outbreaks would be accounted for in the work plan. Staff indicated that outbreaks were accounted for within Critical Demand Work.

(ii) 2010 Annual Report to the Community and 2010 Research & Evaluation Report (BOH 11017) (City Wide) (T. Bendo) (Item 8.2)

Dr. Richardson offered a brief overview of what information the 2010 Annual Report contains. The report gives a snapshot of what Public Health Services do, as well as offers information on finances and staff contact people.

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Pearson/Ferguson)

That the Board of Health, be adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor B. Bratina, Chair
Board of Health

Christopher Newman
Legislative Assistant
Board of Health
May 24, 2011