



BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT 14-001

1:50 p.m.

**Monday, January 13, 2014
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall**

Present:	Mayor. R. Bratina (Chair), Councillor B. McHattie (Vice-Chair) 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
Absent with regrets:	Councillor J. Farr – Personal Councillor B. Morelli – Personal

THE BOARD OF HEALTH PRESENTS REPORT 14-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Public Health Services Emergency Management Program (BOH14001) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

That Report BOH14001, respecting the Public Health Services Emergency Management Program, be received.

2. Healthy Birth Weights Project Update (BOH14002) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

That Report BOH14002, respecting Healthy Birth Weights Project Update, be received.

3. Prohibiting Smoking Within City Parks and Recreation Properties: Schedule Update (BOH07034(h)) (City Wide) (Tabled at the November 18, 2013 of the Board of Health) (Item 8.1)

That the by-law attached as Appendix "A" to Report BOH07034(h), being a by-law to amend By-law No. 11-080 to Prohibit Smoking within City Parks and Recreation Properties, be passed.

4. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)

**Correspondence from the Sudbury & District Health Unit respecting
2013 Nutritious Food Basket**

That the Correspondence from the Sudbury & District Health Unit respecting 2013 Nutritious Food Basket, attached as Appendix A to Board of Health Report 14-001, be endorsed.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

- (i) Added as Item 4.1 - Delegation Request submitted by Ms. Sally Palmer, representing the Nutritious Food Committee, respecting the Good 2 Go Food Box Pilot Project.
- (ii) Item 5. 1 - Staff requested the addition of a presentation respecting the Healthy Birth Weights Project be included in the agenda. Therefore the presentation was moved on Item 7.1 on the agenda.

The agenda 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) December 2, 2013 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes from the December 2, 2013 meeting of the Board of Health, were approved, as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

**(i) Ms. Sally Palmer, representing the Nutritious Food Committee,
respecting the Good 2 Go Food Box Pilot Project (Item 4.1)**

The delegation request submitted by Ms. Sally Palmer, representing the Nutritious Food Committee, respecting the Nutritious Food Committee, was approved to be heard at the February 3, 2014 meeting of the Board of Health.

(e) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Healthy Birth Weights Project Update (BOH14002) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Dr. Meghani provided the Board of Health with a presentation respecting Healthy Birth Weights Project Update. Dr. Meghani provided an overview of the Project and included such information as: determinants of health and low birth weight, statistics on low birth weights in Hamilton, smoking in pregnancy, teen births in Hamilton and the approach and action strategies being implemented by Public Health Services. Dr. Meghani invited a client involved in the Project to address the Board and share her experience in using the program.

The presentation by Dr. Meghani respecting Healthy Birth Weights Project Update (BOH14002), was received.

Please refer to Item 2 for disposition.

(f) DISCUSSION ITEM (Item 8)

(i) Prohibiting Smoking Within City Parks and Recreation Properties: Schedule Update

Report BOH14001(h), respecting Prohibiting Smoking Within City Parks and Recreation Properties: Schedule Update, was lifted from the table.

Please refer to Item 3 for disposition.

(ii) Physician Recruitment & Retention Steering Committee Report 13-002

Report 13-002 of the Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee, was TABLED for one month so that statistics and salary information from other municipalities can be obtained for comparative purposes.

(g) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)

(i) Performance Review - Public Health Services Management Team (no copy) (Item 12.1)

The Board of Health moved into Closed Session at 3:21 p.m., respecting the Performance Review – Public Health Services Team, pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-section (b) of the City's Procedural By-law 10-053, and

Section 239, Sub-section (b) of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

The Board of Health reconvened in open session at 4:09 p.m. No further action was taken respecting Item 12.1

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

There being no further business, the Board of Health adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor R. Bratina
Chair, Board of Health

Lauri Leduc
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk



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December 19, 2013

VIA EMAIL

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne
Premier of Ontario
Room 281, Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier:

Re: 2013 Nutritious Food Basket

Each year the Sudbury & District Health Unit, along with all health units across the province, follows the Nutritious Food Basket (NFB) protocol to conduct the NFB survey. The NFB survey monitors the cost of healthy eating. Every year, the NFB results demonstrate that households on social assistance or minimum wage cannot afford a nutritious diet after paying for housing costs and other basic necessities such as transportation, clothing, and personal care items. The NFB highlights the nutritional vulnerability of social assistance recipients and those earning a minimum wage.

On behalf of the Sudbury & District Board of Health, I am pleased to provide you with the Infograph, titled, *Limited Incomes: A Recipe for Hunger*, which outlines the impact of the cost of healthy eating in the Sudbury & District Health Unit's catchment area. On November 21, 2013, the Board of Health carried motion #58-13:

WHEREAS the Sudbury & District Board of Health annually monitor the cost of healthy eating in the Sudbury & District Health Unit (SDHU) area in accordance with the Nutritious Food Basket Protocol and the Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol per the Ontario Public Health Standards 2008; and

WHEREAS the 2013 costing results continue to show that individuals and families living on social assistance, or low incomes, cannot afford healthy food after paying for housing and other necessities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Sudbury & District Board of Health continue to urge the provincial government to ensure access to nutritious food for all Ontarians by increasing social assistance rates and the minimum wage to levels that reflect the true cost of purchasing nutritious food, based on annual results from the Nutritious Food Basket costing;

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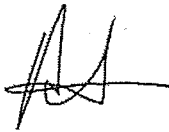
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FURTHER THAT the Sudbury & District Board of Health request the provincial government implement the recommendations of the Healthy Kids Panel report that focus on reducing poverty and that address the food system; and

FURTHER THAT the Sudbury & District Board of Health share the SDHU Nutritious Food Basket 2013 Infographic with appropriate community agencies, boards, local MPPs, mayors and councils throughout the SDHU area.

Thank you for your commitment to these important matters.

Sincerely,



Penny Sutcliffe, MD, MHSc, FRCPC
Medical Officer of Health

Encl.

cc: The Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
The Honourable Ted McMeekin, Minister of Community and Social Services
The Honourable Teresa Piruzza, Minister of Children and Youth Services
Rick Bartolucci, Member of Provincial Parliament, Sudbury
France Gélinas, Member of Provincial Parliament, Nickel Belt
Michael Mantha, Member of Provincial Parliament, Algoma-Manitoulin
John Vanthof, Member of Provincial Parliament, Timiskaming-Cochrane
Dr. Arlene King, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
Dr. Vivek Goel, President and Chief Executive Officer, Public Health Ontario
Pat Vanini, Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Linda Stewart, Executive Director, Association of Local Public Health Agencies
Fern Dominelli, Chief Administrative Officer, Sudbury and Manitoulin-Sudbury District Social Services Administrative Administration Board
Janet Gasparini, Executive Director, Social Planning Council of Sudbury
Vonda Croissant, Executive Director, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
Sudbury & District Health Unit Constituent Municipalities
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