BOARD OF HEALTH
REPORT 19-003
1:30 p.m.
Monday, March 18, 2019
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger (Chair)
Councillors M. Wilson, J. Farr, N. Nann, S. Merulla, C. Collins, J.P. Danko, B. Clark, M. Pearson, B. Johnson, L. Ferguson, A. VanderBeek, T. Whitehead

Absent with Regrets: Councillors T. Jackson, E. Pauls and J. Partridge - Personal

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THE BOARD OF HEALTH PRESENTS REPORT 19-003 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Communications (Items 5.1, 5.2 and 5.13)

That the following Communications items be endorsed by the Board of Health:

(i) Correspondence from the Regional Municipality of Durham respecting their Cannabis Use in Public Places Resolution (Item 5.1)

(ii) Correspondence from the Windsor Essex County Health Unit respecting the Smoke Free Ontario Act, 2017 and Cannabis Legislation (Item 5.2)

(iii) Correspondence from the Renfrew County and District Health Unit respecting Strengthening the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017 to Address the Promotion of Vaping (Item 5.13)

2. Nurse Family Partnership Program 2019 Funding and Service Level Update (BOH07035(h)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

That Report BOH07035(h) respecting the Nurse Family Partnership Program 2019 Funding and Service Level Update, be received.

3. Accelerating and Prioritizing Climate Action in Response to the Climate Emergency (Added Item 8.3)

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton recognizes that Climate Change is an emergency and the single largest threat to municipalities across the world and urgent climate action is needed;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has already been impacted by Climate Change through shoreline and escarpment destruction, millions of dollars of infrastructure damages by extreme storm events and increase freeze – thaw cycles destroying our roads and subsurface infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton recognizes all the existing, albeit fragmented, climate change work across the corporate departments and the ongoing corporate climate adaptation planning;

WHEREAS, The City of Hamilton recognizes the new Bay Area Climate Change Council that brings a community collaborative regional approach to accelerating climate action across the cities of Hamilton and Burlington, and which will be inviting the Cities to participate on the implementation teams;

WHEREAS, The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) most recent report has indicated a need for massive reduction in carbon emissions of about 45% from 2010 in the next 11 years, reaching net zero carbon emissions by 2050, to have a reasonable chance of keeping global warming to 1.5C and maintaining a climate compatible with human civilization; and,

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton recognizes that climate action and the low-carbon transition also represents a massive opportunity for economic stimulation and growing job opportunities in the new low-carbon economy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That the City of Hamilton declare a climate emergency that threatens our city, region, province, nation, civilization, humanity and the natural world;

(b) That a multi-departmental Corporate Climate Change Task Force of City of Hamilton staff be created under the leadership of the City Manager;

(c) That the Corporate Climate Change Task Force be directed to investigate and identify:

i. Additional actions to be taken to incorporate into existing plans and policies to achieve net zero carbon emissions before 2050.

ii. Best processes to centralize reporting on Climate Change for the Corporation of the City of Hamilton; ~~and~~

iii. Gaps in current programs and projects and strategies to address those gaps; and,

iv. The establishment of a critical path and Terms of Reference to initiate an awareness strategy campaign to encompass the history of global warming, climate change and the United Nation's Declaration on a Climate Emergency, which is to include the impacts of not taking such action, and the investment vs. the expense of taking such action;

(d) That the Corporate Climate Change Task Force report back to the Board of Health within 120 days; and,

(e) That Council supports City of Hamilton staff participation in Bay Area Climate Change Implementation Teams as subject matter experts to accelerate climate action across the Bay Area.

4. Consumption and Treatment Services in Hamilton (BOH19017) (Item 9.1)

(a) That the Medical Officer of Health be directed to apply to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care for approval to operate a Consumption and Treatment Services site, and for funding for 100% of the associated capital and operational costs;

(b) That the Medical Officer of Health be directed to submit to Health Canada an application for a Section 56.1 Exemption for Medical Purposes under the *Controlled Drug and Substances Act* for Activities at a Supervised Consumption Site;

(c) That, contingent on the City receiving approval for the establishment of a Consumption and Treatment Services site and associated 100% funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, as well as a Section 56.1 Exemption for Medical Purposes under the *Controlled Drug and Substances Act* for Activities at a Supervised Consumption Site from Health Canada:

(i) The Medical Officer of Health be directed to establish and operate the Consumption and Treatment Services site;

(ii) The Public Health Services permanent staffing complement be increased by 6.0 FTE Public Health Nurse, 3.1 FTE Harm Reduction Worker, 3.0 FTE Peer Support Worker and 1.0 FTE Clinic Supervisor to staff the CTS; and,

(iii) That the base budget be increased by the requisite amount; and

(d) That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to execute any agreements and ancillary documents required to implement Recommendations (a) to (c), with said agreements and documents to be in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item 1)

There were no ceremonial activities.

(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

The Clerk advised the Board of the following changes to the agenda:

1. ADDED DELEGATION REQUESTS

6.2 Jeffrey Martin, respecting the Hamilton Millennial Survey Study (for a future meeting)

6.3 Danielle Delonttinville, Keeping Six, respecting Item 9.1, Consumption and Treatment Services in Hamilton (BOH19017) (for today's meeting)

6.4 David Carson, respecting the need to increase City efforts on mitigating and adapting to Climate Change (for a future meeting)

6.5 Ian Graham, respecting Climate Change (for today's meeting)

6.6 Kate Flynn, Centre for Climate Change Management at Mohawk College, respecting an Update from the Bay Area Climate Change Council (for today's meeting)

The agenda for the March 18, 2019 Board of Health was approved, as amended.

(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(d) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

(i) February 22, 2019 (Item 4.1)

The Minutes of the February 22, 2019 meeting of the Board of Health were approved, as presented.

(e) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

Council Communications 5.3 to 5.12, and 5.14 to 5.17 were received, as presented, as follows:

(i) Correspondence from the Windsor Essex County Health Unit respecting Ontario's Basic Income Pilot (Item 5.3)

Recommendation: Be received.

(ii) Correspondence from the Windsor Essex County Health Unit respecting an Endorsement for Mandatory Food Literacy Curricula in Ontario Schools (Item 5.4)

Recommendation: Be received.

(iii) Correspondence from the Windsor Essex County Health Unit respecting Funding for the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children (HBHC) Program (Item 5.5)

Recommendation: Be received.

(iv) Correspondence from the Windsor Essex County Health Unit respecting an Endorsement of a Universal Student Nutrition Program 2018 (Item 5.6)

Recommendation: Be received.

(v) Correspondence from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit respecting the Public and Environmental Health Implications of Bill 66, Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2018 (Item 5.7)

Recommendation: Be received.

(vi) Correspondence from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit respecting Food Insecurity and Bill 60, an Act to Amend the Ministry of Community and Social Services Act to Establish the Social Assistance Research Commission (Item 5.8)

Recommendation: Be received.

(vii) Correspondence from the Peterborough Public Health Unit respecting Support for Provincial Oral Health Programs for Low Income Adults and Seniors (Item 5.9)

Recommendation: Be received.

(viii) Correspondence from David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care respecting Amendments to Select Ontario Public Health Standards Protocols, Guidelines and Appendices (Item 5.10)

Recommendation: Be received.

(ix) Correspondence from David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care respecting the Transformation of Health Care System (Item 5.11)

Recommendation: Be received.

(x) Correspondence from the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health's Resolution respecting HIV Case Management and the "Undetectable = Untransmittable" messaging as part of a comprehensive public health approach to sexual health (Item 5.12)

Recommendation: Be received.

(xi) Correspondence from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) respecting an Update to Boards of Health Section Members (Item 5.14)

Recommendation: Be received.

(xii) Correspondence from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) respecting their 2019 Annual General Meeting & Conference, June 911, in Kingston, Ontario (Item 5.15)

Recommendation: Be received.

(xiii) Correspondence from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) respecting a Call for Board of Health Nominations for the 2019-2020, and 2020-2021 alPHa Board of Directors (Item 5.16)

Recommendation: Be received.

(xiv) Correspondence from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) respecting Alcohol Choice & Convenience and a Provincial Alcohol Strategy (Item 5.17)

Recommendation: Be received.

(f) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

(i) Ian Borsuk and Dr Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton, respecting Climate Change (for today's meeting) (Item 6.1)

The delegation from Ian Borsuk and Dr Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton, respecting Climate Change, was approved for today’s meeting.

(ii) Jeffrey Martin, respecting the Hamilton Millennial Survey Study (for a future meeting) (Added Item 6.2)

The delegation from Jeffrey Martin, respecting the Hamilton Millennial Survey Study, was approved for a future meeting.

(iii) Danielle Delonttinville, Keeping Six, respecting Item 9.1, Consumption and Treatment Services in Hamilton (BOH19017) (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.3)

The delegation from Danielle Delonttinville, Keeping Six, respecting Item 9.1, Consumption and Treatment Services in Hamilton (BOH19017), was approved for today's meeting.

(iv) David Carson, respecting the Need to Increase City Efforts on Mitigating and Adapting to Climate Change (for a future meeting) (Added Item 6.4)

The delegation from David Carson, respecting the need to increase City efforts on mitigating and adapting to Climate Change, was approved for a future meeting.

(v) Ian Graham, respecting Climate Change (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.5)

The delegation from Ian Graham, respecting Climate Change, was approved for today's meeting.

(vi) Kate Flynn, Centre for Climate Change Management at Mohawk College, respecting an Update from the Bay Area Climate Change Council (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.6)

The delegation from Kate Flynn, Centre for Climate Change Management at Mohawk College, respecting an Update from the Bay Area Climate Change Council, was approved for today's meeting.

(g) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Juliet Ehlert Gordon, respecting Research on the Effects of Electro Magnetic Fields on Human Health and the Environment (Item 8.1)

Juliet Ehlert Gordon addressed the Board respecting Research on the Effects of Electro Magnetic Fields on Human Health and the Environment, with the aid of a hand-out. The hand-out was distributed to the Board and has been included in the official record.

The delegation from Juliet Ehlert Gordon, respecting research on the effects of electro magnetic fields on human health and the environment, was received.

The hand-out is available at www.hamilton.ca, and through the Office of the City Clerk.

(ii) Alexander Kinkade, respecting Fentanyl Overdose Prevention Initiatives (Item 8.2)

Alexander Kinkade addressed the Board respecting Fentanyl Overdose Prevention Initiatives, with the aid of a hand-out. The hand-out was distributed to the Board and has been included in the official record.

The delegation from Alexander Kinkade, respecting Fentanyl Overdose Prevention Initiatives, was received.

The hand-out is available at www.hamilton.ca, and through the Office of the City Clerk.

Staff were directed to the investigate the feasibility of providing fentanyl test kits to drug users in the City of Hamilton, to ensure safe consumption, with a report back to a future Board of Health meeting.

(iii) Ian Borsuk and Dr. Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton, respecting Climate Change (Added Item 8.3)

Ian Borsuk, Dr. Lynda Lukasik, and Joyce Monroe, Environment Hamilton, addressed the Board respecting Climate Change, with the aid of a presentation. The presentation has been included in the official record.

The delegation from Ian Borsuk, Dr. Lynda Lukasik and Joyce Monroe, Environment Hamilton, respecting Climate Change, was received.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 3.

The presentation is available at www.hamilton.ca, and through the Office of the City Clerk.

Mayor Eisenberger relinquished the Chair to introduce his motion respecting Accelerating and Prioritizing Climate Action in Response to the Climate Emergency.

The Mayor assumed the Chair.

The following points from the Environment Hamilton presentation were referred to staff to include in the Corporate Climate Change Task Force Report to the Board of Health:

- Revisit and update its greenhouse gas emission reduction targets in light of the new understanding in the October 2018 IPCC report.
- Commit to annual targets and reporting on greenhouse gas emissions in the City.
- Commit to applying a climate lens to all decisions made by the municipality.

- Direct the City Manager to instruct all senior staff to mandate the use of this lens across all city departments.
- Commit more city staff and more staff time to analysis and implementation using this lens.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 3.

(iv) Danielle Delonttinville, Keeping Six, respecting Item 9.1, Consumption and Treatment Services in Hamilton (BOH19017) (Added Item 8.4)

Danielle Deloitinville, Jody Ans and Lisa Nussey, Keeping Six, addressed the Board respecting Item 9.1, Consumption and Treatment Services in Hamilton (BOH19017).

The delegation from Danielle Deloitinville, Jody Ans and Lisa Nussey, Keeping Six, addressed the Board respecting Item 9.1, Consumption and Treatment Services in Hamilton (BOH19017), was received.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 4.

(v) Ian Graham, respecting Climate Change (Added Item 8.5)

Ian Graham addressed the Board respecting Climate Change, with the aid of a presentation. The presentation has been included in the official record.

The delegation from Ian Graham, respecting Climate Change, was received.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 3.

The presentation is available at www.hamilton.ca, and through the Office of the City Clerk.

(vi) Kate Flynn, Centre for Climate Change Management at Mohawk College, respecting an Update from the Bay Area Climate Change Council (Added Item 8.6)

Kate Flynn, Centre for Climate Change Management at Mohawk College, addressed the Board respecting an Update from the Bay Area Climate Change Council with the aid of a presentation. The presentation has been included in the official record.

The delegation from Kate Flynn, Centre for Climate Change Management at Mohawk College, respecting an Update from the Bay Area Climate Change Council, was received.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 3.

The presentation is available at www.hamilton.ca, and through the Office of the City Clerk.

(h) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 9)

(i) Consumption and Treatment Services in Hamilton (BOH19017) (Item 9.1)

The staff presentation was waived.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 4 .

The presentation is available at www.hamilton.ca, and through the Office of the City Clerk.

(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

There being no further business, the Board of Health adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger
Chair, Board of Health

Loren Kolar
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Office of the City Clerk