BOARD OF HEALTH
REPORT 19-005
1:30 p.m.
Monday, May 13, 2019
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall

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

Absent with Regrets: Councillor S. Merulla – City Business

THE BOARD OF HEALTH PRESENTS REPORT 19-005 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Appointment of a Vice-Chair of the Board of Health for the 2018-2022 Term (Item 1)

That Councillor M. Wilson be appointed as the Vice-Chair of the Board of Health for the 2018-2022 term.

2. Correspondence from Sudbury & Districts Public Health, respecting Support for Bill S-228, the Child Health Protection Act (Item 5.14)

That the Correspondence from Sudbury & Districts Public Health, respecting Support for Bill S-228, the Child Health Protection Act, be endorsed by the Board of Health.

3. Correspondence from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, respecting Urgent Provincial Action to Address the Potential Health and Social Harms from the Ongoing Modernization of Alcohol Retail Sales in Ontario (Item 5.15)

That the Correspondence from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, respecting Urgent Provincial Action to Address the Potential Health and Social Harms from the Ongoing Modernization of Alcohol Retail Sales in Ontario, be endorsed by the Board of Health.

4. Menstrual Products (BOH19019) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

That Report BOH19019, respecting Menstrual Products, be received.

5. Stock Epinephrine Auto Injector Expansion in Restaurants (BOH13040(f)) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

That Report BOH13040(f), respecting Stock Epinephrine Auto Injector Expansion in Restaurants, be received.

6. Amendments to By-Law No. 11-080 To Prohibit Smoking Cannabis and Vaping Within City Parks and Recreation Properties (BOH07034(m)) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)

That City of Hamilton Legal Services, in consultation with Public Health Services, prepare a by-law for the Board of Health's consideration, to amend City of Hamilton By-Law No. 11-080 Prohibiting Smoking Within City Parks and Recreation Property in order to include additional prohibitions on the smoking of cannabis and vaping within City-owned parks and recreation properties.

7. Clean Air Hamilton 2019 Funding (BOH19021) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)

(Johnson/Pearson)
That the following vendors, identified by Clean Air Hamilton, for the delivery of 2019 air quality programs to be funded through the 2019 Public Health Services operating budget, be approved:

(a) Green Venture and Corr Research Inc. for the delivery of Fresh Air for Kids ($10,580);

(b) Cycle Hamilton Coalition Inc. for the delivery of Friendly Streets ($12,000); and,

(c) Environment Hamilton Inc. for the delivery of Trees Please ($12,420).

9. Mandatory Rabies Immunization (BOH19018) (City Wide) (Item 10.3)

(a) That Hamilton Animal Services assume the enforcement of mandatory rabies immunization pursuant to Regulation 567 under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*; and

(b) Revenue generated via charges be directed towards improvement and enhancements within Hamilton Animal Services' overall rabies response program through responsible pet ownership.

10. Update on Provincial Funding Issues for Public Health Services (Item 10.4)

That the Update on Provincial Funding Issues for Public Health Services, be received.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPOINTMENT OF A VICE-CHAIR FOR THE 2018-2022 TERM (Item 1)

Mayor Eisenberger relinquished the Chair to nominate Councillor M. Wilson as Vice-Chair of the Board of Health for the 2018-2022 Term.

The resignation of Councillor Whitehead from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies Board, be received, to allow for the new Vice-Chair of the Board of Health to participate.

For further disposition, refer to Item 1

(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

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

12. NOTICE OF MOTION (Item 12)

12.1 Free Menstrual Products

The agenda for the May 13, 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) April 15, 2019 (Item 4.1)

The Minutes of the April 15, 2019 meeting of the Board of Health were approved, as presented.

(e) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

The following Correspondence Items, were received:

(i) Correspondence from Peterborough Public Health respecting Funding for the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program (Item 5.1)

(ii) Correspondence from Board of Health for Southwestern Public Health

respecting a Vision Screening Funding Request (Item 5.2)

(iii) Correspondence from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies respecting a Post 2018 Municipal Election Flyer (Item 5.3)

(iv) Correspondence from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies respecting the 2019 Ontario Budget (Item 5.4)

(v) Correspondence from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies respecting the 2019 Ontario Budget Highlight's from the Association of Municipalities Ontario (Item 5.5)

(vi) Correspondence from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies respecting the 2019 Ontario Budget and Reducing Investments in Public Health (Item 5.6)

(vii) Correspondence from Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health respecting Ontario's Public Health Restructuring (Item 5.7)

(viii) Correspondence from the Thunder Bay District Health Unit respecting their Resolution regarding the Restructuring of Public Health in Ontario (Item 5.8)

(ix) Correspondence from the Perth District Health Unit respecting the 2019 Ontario Budget and the Impact on Public Health (Item 5.9)

(x) Correspondence from the Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit respecting the 2019 Ontario Budget (Item 5.10)

(xi) Correspondence from Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health respecting their Endorsement of the Children Count Task Force Recommendations (Item 5.11)

(xii) Correspondence from Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health, respecting the Announced Expansion of the Sale of Alcohol in Ontario (Item 5.12)

(xiii) Correspondence from Hasting Prince Edward Board of Health, and Hasting Prince Edward Public Health respecting the 2019 Ontario Budget (Item 5.13)

(f) MOTION (Item 11)

(i) Free Menstrual Products (Added Item 11.1)

WHEREAS, people who menstruate need adequate and appropriate access to menstrual products so that they can experience their full health potential, maintain dignity and participate fully in community;

WHEREAS, no internal programs to the City of Hamilton reported that they consistently budgeted for menstrual products;

WHEREAS, according to Plan Canada International study, one-third of Canadian women under the age of 25 struggled to afford menstrual products;

WHEREAS, the estimated annual cost of purchasing menstrual products ranges from $76 to $153;

WHEREAS, the inability to afford menstrual products is a health equity issue,

WHEREAS, the majority of individuals who menstruate have started their period unexpectedly in public without having the supplies they need, resulting in feelings of anxiety and embarrassment;

WHEREAS, all community agencies interviewed agreed there is a need for low or no cost menstrual products;

WHEREAS, menstruating is a natural bodily function, and access to menstrual products is as necessary as access to toilet paper;

WHEREAS, universal access to menstrual products contributes to the normalization of menstruation and enhanced access in a dignified way;

WHEREAS, other Canadian cities, including London and Sarnia are already piloting and/or assessing the feasibility of menstrual product access programs;

WHEREAS, recreation centres and libraries service a large population, diverse in age and socioeconomic status;

WHEREAS, public-facing City of Hamilton facilities can be accessed by all members of the community at no cost; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That the City of Hamilton work towards providing free menstrual products (pads and tampons) in all public-facing municipally-run facilities in the following ways:

(i) That staff report back to the Board of Health outlining options and costs for a pilot project that would offer menstrual products in select recreation centres and library locations;

(ii) That the evaluation of the pilot project also includes qualitative data from people using the products;

(iii) That the pilot results inform the feasibility of expanding the provision of free menstrual products in all public-facing municipal buildings;

(iv) That the Board of Health refer this report to Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board Liaison Committee and the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Liaison Committee to determine the feasibility of a targeted or universal approach to enhance access to no cost menstrual products within the school system;

(v) That the Board of Health correspond with the Premier of Ontario and relevant Ministries to request an increase in social assistance rates to a level that reflects the true costs of basic needs, taking into consideration the added costs for people that menstruate; and,

(vi) That May 28th of each year be recognized as Menstrual Health Day.

The deferral motion respecting Free Menstrual Products was defeated.

Sub-section (a) to the motion respecting Free Menstrual Products was amended by deleting the phrase “work towards”, and replacing it with the phrase “explore the feasibility of”, to read as follows:

(a) That the City of Hamilton ~~works towards~~ ***explore the feasibility of*** providing free menstrual products (pads and tampons) in all public-facing municipally-run facilities in the following ways

The motion respecting Free Menstrual Products was further amended by removing sub-sections (iii) and (vi), and renumbering the remaining sections, to read as follows:

(a) That the City of Hamilton ***explore the feasibility of*** providing free menstrual products (pads and tampons) in all public-facing municipally-run facilities in the following ways:

(i) That staff report back to the Board of Health outlining options and costs for a pilot project that would offer menstrual products in select recreation centres and library locations;

(ii) That the evaluation of the pilot project also includes qualitative data from people using the products;

~~(iii) That the pilot results inform the feasibility of expanding the provision of free menstrual products in all public-facing municipal buildings;~~

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~~(v) That May 28th of each year be recognized as Menstrual Health Day.~~

The Main Motion, as amended, was defeated.

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(g) NOTICE OF MOTION (Item 12)

(i) Free Menstrual Products (Added Item 12.1)

The Rules of Order were waived in order to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting Free Menstrual Products.

For further disposition, refer to Item (f)(i)

(h) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 13.1)

The following Due Dates were revised:

1. Item 2015-A
   Review of the City of Hamilton's Pest Control By-law (November 16, 2015, Item 9.1)
   Due Date: May 2019 Revised
   Due Date: December 2019

2. Item 2016-B
   Food Strategy Priority Actions 2 & 3 (August 11, 2016, Item 7.1)
   Due Date: March 2019
   Revised Due Date: June 2019

3. 2016-C
   Contaminated Sites Management Plan (December 5, 2016, Item 5.1)
   Due Date: Q4 2018
   Revised Due Date: TBD - Planning staff to advise

The following items were removed from the Outstanding Business List:

1. 2018-C
   Board of Health Self-Evaluation Results (BOH18011(a)) (City Wide) (September 17, 2018, 18-007, Item 5.5)
   Addressed in Item 1 of this agenda

2. 2018-D
   Stock Epinephrine Auto Injector Expansion in Restaurants (BOH13040(c))
   Original date: June 19, 2017, 17-005, Item 7.1
   Placed back on OBL: December 10, 2018, 18-009, Item 13.1
   Addressed in Item 7.2 of this agenda

3. 2018-F
   Free Menstrual Hygiene Products
   December 10, 2018, 18-009, Item 8.1
   Addressed in Item 7.1 of this agenda

4. 2019-A
   Feasibility of Amending City of Hamilton By-law 11-080 Prohibiting Smoking Within City Parks and Recreation Property to Incorporate a Prohibition on Recreational and Medicinal Cannabis Smoking and Vaping Within City-owned Parks and Recreation Properties
   January 14, 2019, 19-001, (Added Item 11.1)
   Addressed in Item 10.1 of this agenda

(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

There being no further business, the Board of Health adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger
Chair, Board of Health

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