BOARD OF HEALTH
REPORT 20-004
9:30 a.m.
Friday, July 10, 2020
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall

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

THE BOARD OF HEALTH PRESENTS REPORT 20-005 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Communications (Items 5.1 and 5.2)

That the following Communications, be endorsed:

(i) Correspondence from the Association of Public Health Agencies respecting their March 6, 2020 Submission to the Provincial Government: COVID-19 and Reconsiderations Related to Public Health Modernization (Item 5.1)

(ii) Correspondence from the County of Lambton respecting Clarification on Ministry's Criteria to Move to Stage 3 in the - Framework for Reopening Our Province (Item 5.2)

2. Nurse Family Partnership Program Funding and Service Level Update (BOH07035(i)) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)

That the Board of Health authorize and direct the Medical Officer of Health to extend the existing agreement with the Hamilton Community Foundation and accept funding from the Hamilton Community Foundation in the amount of $41,000 to support the Nurse Family Partnership© program for 2020, and that the Medical Officer of Health or delegate be authorized and directed to receive, utilize and report on the use of these funds.

3. Arrell Youth Centre Secondment (BOH17008(b)) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)

(a) That the Board of Health authorize the reduction of the Public Health Services School Program complement by 0.34 FTE resulting from the termination of the Secondment Agreement between Banyan Community Services Inc. and the City of Hamilton Public Health Services; and

(b) That the Board of Health authorize Public Health Services to reassign the seconded Public Health Nurse, to a budgeted vacancy in the Public Health Services School Program.

4. COVID-19 Response and Health Equity Update (BOH20012) (City Wide) (Item 10.3)

That Report BOH20012 respecting the COVID-19 Response and Health Equity Update, be received.

5. Interim Plan to Resource and Structure Public Health Services During COVID-19 (BOH20013) (City Wide) (Item 10.4)

(a) That the Board of Health authorize a temporary increase of up to 75.14 FTE ($2.08M for the remainder of 2020) to continue responding to COVID-19 while reopening Public Health Services programs and services;

(b) That the Board of Health approve a temporary increase of 17.0 FTE as part of an application to Ontario Health West to provide scheduling and booking support for the assessment centres;

(c) That the Board of Health approve up to $265,000 in one-time funding for the extension of Kronos software to Public Health Services to support staff scheduling, time, attendance and activity tracking; and

(d) That a letter be sent to the Minister of Health to request funding to cover 100% of the costs for the COVID-19 response that exceed the 2020 PHS Annual Service Plan & Budget.

6. Face Coverings in Enclosed Public Spaces (BOH20014) (City Wide) (Added Item 10.5)

(a) That City Council enact a by-law to Require the Wearing of Face Coverings Within Enclosed Public Spaces and to amend City of Hamilton By-law 17-225, being a By-law to Establish a System of Administrative Penalties", as outlined in Appendix "A" to Report BOH20014:

(i) Requiring all person(s) or organization(s) with custody or control over an enclosed space open to the public to ensure that all persons attending wear face coverings (e.g. masks) as a condition of entry to the enclosed space. The by-law shall also require the

posting of sufficient and appropriate signage notifying staff and members of the public of this requirement;

(ii) Requiring all person(s) attending an enclosed space open to the public, to ensure that they wear face coverings (e.g. masks) as a condition of entry to the enclosed space; and,

(iii) That permits appropriate exemptions for individuals who are unable to wear a face covering for medical reasons, children under two years old (or up to five years old if the child refuses), and other reasonable accommodations;

(b) That the by-law shall come into force at 12:01 a.m. on July 20, 2020 and shall be reviewed by the Board of Health every 3 months unless directed otherwise by City Council;

(c) That the Mayor be directed to request that the Province of Ontario impose requirements substantially similar to those outlined in this by-law to all public spaces and facilities regulated or owned by the Province within the City of Hamilton; and

(d) That the Mayor be directed to request that the federal government impose requirements substantially similar to those outlined in this by-law to all public spaces and facilities regulated or owned by the federal government within the City of Hamilton.

7. Request to the Province respecting and Increase in Resources for COVID-19 Testing (Added Item 11.1)

WHEREAS, the Provincial requirements to visit loved ones in Long Term Care facilities within the Province of Ontario require proof of negative testing within 14 days; and

WHEREAS, the turnaround-time in Hamilton is currently taking up to 10 days for negative results.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That a letter be sent to the Premier, the Provincial Chief Officer of Health and the Minister of Health and Long Term Care, to express the challenges with COVID-19 testing turn-around times, and request that the Province provide the resources or make adjustments to their testing processes, to meet the demands of the volume of tests, in order to comply with the requirements by Long Term Care facilities for continued testing by family members of residences.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item 1)

There were no ceremonial activities.

(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

The Committee Clerk advised the Board of the following changes:

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.5 Correspondence respecting Face Coverings in Enclosed Public Spaces (BOH20014) (City Wide):

(a) J. Hickey and D. Rancourt, Ontario Civil Liberties Association
(b) M. Saskin
(c) J. Mullin
(d) A. Simic
(e) K. Morrison
(f) S. Covelli
(g) K. Pontes
(h) J. Brown
(i) A. Michaluk
(j) J. Newton
(k) C. Siena
(l) C. R. Gent
(m) E. King
(n) A. Newton
(o) C. Act
(p) E. Davis
(q) D. Morgan
(r) L. Moore
(s) N. Devcic

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 10.5, respecting Face Coverings in Enclosed Public Spaces (BOH20014) (City Wide).

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.4 Interim Plan to Resource and Structure Public Health Services During COVID-19 (BOH20013) (City Wide)

10.5 Face Coverings in Enclosed Public Spaces (BOH20014) (City Wide)

The agenda for the July 10, 2020 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) June 16 , 2020 (Item 4.1)

The Minutes of the June 16, 2020 meeting of the Board of Health were approved, as presented.

(e) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

The following Communications were approved as presented:

(i) Correspondence from the Chair of the Board of Heath for the Grey Bruce Health Unit respecting the Ontario Health Reporting Inaccuracy COVID-19 Enhanced Surveillance of Long-Term Care (Item 5.3).

Recommendation: Be received.

(ii) Correspondence from the Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, and Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health respecting 2020-21 One-Time Funding Temporary Pandemic Pay Approval (Item 5.4).

Recommendation: Be received.

(iii) Correspondence respecting Face Coverings in Enclosed Public Spaces (BOH20014) (City Wide) (Item 5.5):

(a) J. Hickey and D. Rancourt, Ontario Civil Liberties Association
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Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 10.5, respecting Face Coverings in Enclosed Public Spaces (BOH20014) (City Wide).

(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(i) Interim Plan to Resource and Structure Public Health Services During COVID-19 (BOH20013) (City Wide) (Item 10.4)

Sub-sections (a) and (b) of Report BOH20013 were ***amended*** to include the word "***temporary***" before the word increase, to read as follows:

(a) That the Board of Health authorize a ***temporary*** increase of up to 75.14 FTE ($2.08M for the remainder of 2020) to continue responding to COVID-19 while reopening Public Health Services programs and services;

(b) That the Board of Health approve a ***temporary*** increase of 17.0 FTE as part of an application to Ontario Health West to provide scheduling and booking support for the assessment centres;

The following *Amendment* was DEFEATED:

That sub-section (d) of Report BOH20013 be ***amended*** to include "***be contingent upon 100% funding from the Province***", to read as follows:

(d) That a letter be sent to the Minister of Health to request funding to cover 100% of the costs for the COVID-19 response that exceed the 2020 PHS Annual Service Plan & Budget final approval ***be contingent upon 100% funding from the Province.***

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 5

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

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

The following item was added to the Outstanding Business List:

Consumption and Treatment Services and Wesley Day Centre
(Referred to the Board of Health from the Emergency and Community Services Committee on June 19, 2020)

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Wilson/Nann)
There being no further business, the Board of Health was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger
Chair, Board of Health

Loren Kolar
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk