



City of Hamilton

BOARD OF HEALTH ADDENDUM

Meeting #: 21-005
Date: May 17, 2021
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Due to the COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall (CC)

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5. COMMUNICATIONS

- *5.1. Correspondence from Mel Switzer, President, Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Agriculture; and Drew Spoelstra, Vice-President, Ontario Farmers' Association, respecting support for Agricultural Workers and Food Processors as a Priority Vaccination Group.

Recommendation: Be received.

- *5.2. Correspondence from Peterborough Public Health, respecting Appreciation and Support for the Provinces' Secision to Extend the Current Stay-at-Home Order

Recommendation: Be received.

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- *6.1. Delegation Request from Kate Mulligan, Toronto Board of Health Member, respecting Reformation of Hamilton's Board of Health (for today's meeting)
- *6.2. Terri Bedminster, Refuge Hamilton Centre for Newcomer Health, respecting Reforming Board of Health and Vaccinations for Tenants in COVID-19 Hotspot Buildings (for today's meeting)

- *6.3. Emily Power, respecting the Urgent Need for a More Proactive Strategy to Address COVID-19 Outbreaks in Apartment Buildings (for today's meeting)
- *6.4. David Elfstrom, respecting COVID-19 Outbreaks in Apartment Buildings (for today's meeting)

From: Michelle Spoelstra
To: [Kolar, Loren](#)
Cc: [Mel Switzer](#); [Drew Spoelstra](#)
Subject: Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Agriculture -Vaccine support
Date: May 13, 2021 10:19:09 AM
Attachments: [HWFA-Vaccine support.pdf](#)

Good morning,

On behalf of HWFA President, Mel Switzer and OFA Vice-President, Drew Spoelstra, I have attached a letter encouraging HPHS to follow the leadership of neighbouring health units that recognize the importance of our agricultural workers and food processors by prioritizing, communicating and offering vaccinations for this priority group.

Thank you for this consideration.

Regards,

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Michelle Spoelstra

Secretary/Treasurer
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May 13, 2021

Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Chair of the Board of Health

Dr. Elizabeth Richardson
Medical Officer of Health

Dear Mayor Eisenberger and Dr. Richardson,

The Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Agriculture (HWFA) is a local voice for more than 545 farm families – a significant source of food, fiber and fuel, as well as employment, in the City of Hamilton. Agriculture has met the challenge of providing a safe, stable, and strong food supply in the City of Hamilton, and across the province, throughout the pandemic. Farmers, farm workers and food processing workers are essential as they collectively support the entire food system, but this can only be maintained if these workers remain on the job and in good health.

HWFA strongly encourages Hamilton Public Health Services (HPS) to invest in the food security that is vital to the well-being of Hamilton residents by prioritizing farmers, farm workers and food processing workers in the local vaccine roll out. These workers, including those who live and work in congregate settings and seasonal agricultural workers, are clearly identified as Group 1 of the Province's Phase 2 Vaccination Plan.

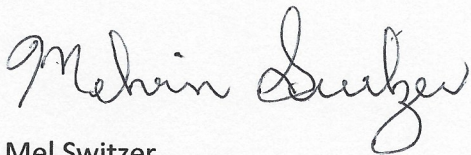
We are encouraged to learn that some Hamilton farmers are now able to book vaccines through the opening of the provincial booking system, but there does not seem to be any prioritization of these essential workers. To date, there has been no communication from HPS to the agriculture community, leaving farmers and agri-food employers wondering what they can do to protect workers while they continue to provide food for our tables. HWFA encourages HPS to follow the leadership of neighbouring health units that recognize the importance of our agricultural workers and food processors by prioritizing, communicating and offering vaccinations for this priority group. Implementing a plan, such as dedicated vaccination clinics

for farmers and farm workers can help this prioritization, recognizing the importance of keeping our food supply chain strong.

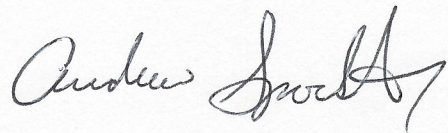
HWFA is also concerned about the impact of potential Section 22 workplace closures on our food system. Just one closed workplace in the agri-food system has a vast impact on the overall system beyond Hamilton borders. Taking vaccine clinics to the food processing sector in Hamilton would help secure our local food system.

We ask you to consider these points and elevate the priority of these essential workers in local vaccine appointments. HWFA is here to help, and we would be happy to meet with you to discuss the role we can play in prioritizing vaccines for farm and food workers, ensuring a secure local food system for Hamilton.

Yours truly,



Mel Switzer,
Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Agriculture,
President



Drew Spoelstra,
Ontario Federation of Agriculture,
Vice President

Cc:
Donna Skelly, MPP Flamborough-Glanbrook
Members of the Board of Health
Hamilton City Councillors

From: allhealthunits
To: AllHealthUnits@lists.alphaweb.org
Subject: [allhealthunits] FW: CORRESPONDENCE: PPH Board of Health thanks for SAH Order Extension
Date: May 14, 2021 11:36:30 AM
Attachments: [210514 Premier Thanks SAH Extension ns.pdf](#)

ATTN: ONTARIO BOARDS OF HEALTH

From: Alida Gorizzan
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 11:15 AM
To: 'premier@ontario.ca' <premier@ontario.ca>
Cc: 'christine.elliott@pc.ola.org' <christine.elliott@pc.ola.org>; 'dave.smithco@pc.ola.org' <dave.smithco@pc.ola.org>; Dave Piccini (david.piccinico@pc.ola.org) <david.piccinico@pc.ola.org>; 'laurie.scottco@pc.ola.org' <laurie.scottco@pc.ola.org>; 'AudreyP@curvelake.ca' <AudreyP@curvelake.ca>; Trisha Shearer (hfnadministrator@hiawathafn.ca) <hfnadministrator@hiawathafn.ca>; John Kennedy (JKennedy@peterborough.ca) <JKennedy@peterborough.ca>; 'clerksoffice@ptbocounty.ca' <clerksoffice@ptbocounty.ca>; Rosana Salvaterra <rsalvaterra@peterboroughpublichealth.ca>; Andy Mitchell <amitchell@selwyntownship.ca>
Subject: CORRESPONDENCE: PPH Board of Health thanks for SAH Order Extension

Good morning,

Please see the attached correspondence, sent on behalf of the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health, regarding the above-noted matter.

Sincerely,
Alida Gorizzan

Alida Gorizzan

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May 14, 2021

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford,

On behalf of the Peterborough board of health, I would like to share our appreciation and support for your decision to extend the current Stay-at-Home Order that was set to expire on May 19 until at least June 2, 2021. Your announcement yesterday has come as good news for our communities in Peterborough, where we have seen a much slower decline in the incidence of daily COVID-19 cases than with previous provincial lock downs.

Although we understand the sacrifices that are required by our local operators and businesses, it is critical that when we do emerge from this period, we are able to sustain any gains made. We continue to make great progress with our vaccination roll-out but we will not have achieved the critical mass of fully immunized individuals by June 2nd and we must rely on a continuation of public health measures to prevent a resurgence.

With this in mind, we would like to propose three priorities for provincial leadership in order to prepare for June 2nd and a successful transition to recovery over the summer months:

First, we request that the province articulate the parameters that need to be achieved in order for the order to be lifted or modified. This includes clearly specifying goals such as daily new cases, transmission rates, test positivity rate, hospitalization and ICU capacity that will indicate when it is safe to ease the current restrictions. Sticking to the health measures will be much easier if we have specific goals to work towards.

Second, we urge that lower-risk outdoor activities be permitted. Communities are exhausted and the science supports the outdoors as a safer setting for physical activities such as play and recreation. Surely we can allow sports, exercise, and similar activities that can be done in small numbers, allow for physical distancing and other public health measures like the wearing of masks where necessary. For many of these spaces, the missing ingredient is the required supervision to ensure appropriate use. This may be a target for enhanced provincial funding to allow municipalities to step in to fill this gap.

Third, we believe that part of the encouragement for people to get vaccinated is the provision of the rationale. In other words, the descriptions of what additional activities can or loosened restrictions fully vaccinated individuals can expect. Now is the time to provide guidelines of what a fully vaccinated person can do with another fully vaccinated person – whether that may be to hug, eat together, share a visit with a parent in long-term care. We encourage the Premier to accept the invitation from ALPHa, our provincial association of boards of health, for further input and advice on how best to ensure the success of Ontario's COVID-19 response as we move into the summer months.

The battle against COVID 19 and the management of the pandemic has highlighted the value of the partnership between public health and the government in protecting the health of Ontarians. As we move forward together to finish the job and as we consider the ongoing role of Public Health in a post-pandemic environment, we look forward to continuing the close collaboration with the government and other health care partners.

Once again, thank you, Premier, for taking action and communicating it clearly with us in a timely way.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Mayor Andy Mitchell
Chair, Board of Health

cc: Hon. Christine Elliott, Minister of Health
Dave Smith, MPP Peterborough-Kawartha
David Piccini, MPP Northumberland-Peterborough South
Laurie Scott, MPP Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock
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Hiawatha First Nation Council
Peterborough City Council
Peterborough County Council
Association of Local Public Health Agencies
Ontario Boards of Health

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Vernem, Christine](#); [Kolar, Loren](#)
Subject: BOH - Request to speak MULLIGAN
Date: May 14, 2021 9:24:52 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: no-reply@hamilton.ca <no-reply@hamilton.ca>
Sent: May 14, 2021 8:30 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

Submitted on Friday, May 14, 2021 - 8:30am Submitted by anonymous user: 162.158.74.77 Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==
Committee: Board of Health

==Requestor Information==
Name of Individual: Kate Mulligan
Name of Organization: Public Member, Toronto Board of Health
Contact Number: [REDACTED]
Email Address: [REDACTED]
Mailing Address:
[REDACTED]
Reason(s) for delegation request: Reforming Hamilton's board of health
Will you be requesting funds from the City? No
Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

The results of this submission may be viewed at:
<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/501116>

From: [Kolar, Loren](#)
To: [Richardson, Dr. Elizabeth](#); [Johnson, Paul](#)
Cc: [Fernandes, Krislyn](#); [Martinello, Lynn](#)
Subject: FW: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form
Date: May 14, 2021 1:26:00 PM

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From: no-reply@hamilton.ca <no-reply@hamilton.ca>
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==Committee Requested==
Committee: Board of Health

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Terri Bedminster
[REDACTED] Organization: Refuge Ohamilton Centre for Newcomer health

Contact Number:

Email Address: terri@newcomerhealth.ca

Mailing Address:

REFUGE - Hamilton Centre for Newcomer Health
183 Hughson St S, Hamilton ON L8N 2B6

Reason(s) for delegation request: Reforming the board of health
and the need to develop a strategy to vaccinate tenants in covid
hotspot buildings

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

From: [Kolar, Loren](#)
To: [Richardson, Dr. Elizabeth](#); [Johnson, Paul](#)
Cc: [Fernandes, Krislyn](#); [Martinello, Lynn](#)
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==Committee Requested==
Committee: Board of Health

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Emily Power

Name of Organization:

Contact Number: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

Reason(s) for delegation request: The urgent need for a more proactive strategy to address COVID-19 outbreaks in apartment buildings in Hamilton.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

The results of this submission may be viewed at:
<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/501316>

From: clerk@hamilton.ca
To: [Kolar, Loren](#)
Subject: Request to Speak - Elfstrom
Date: May 14, 2021 12:11:02 PM

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Submitted on Friday, May 14, 2021 - 11:31am Submitted by anonymous user: 162.158.126.118 Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==
Committee: Board of Health

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: David Elfstrom
Name of Organization:
Contact Number: [REDACTED]
Email Address: [REDACTED]
Mailing Address:

[REDACTED]

Reason(s) for delegation request: David Elfstrom is a professional engineer who completed an investigation of an apartment building with a COVID-19 outbreak for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit in March of 2021. That outbreak ended with 45 cases and three deaths. Currently there are three apartment buildings in the City of Hamilton with an active outbreak, totaling 196 cases and one death to-date. Mr. Elfstrom wishes to share his subject matter expertise with the Board of Health and suggest time-sensitive actions that can be undertaken by the Medical Officer of Health in coordination with other city departments to stop spread of COVID-19 within apartment buildings in the City of Hamilton.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No
Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

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