



**SPECIAL PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
(Formerly the Board of Health)
MINUTES 23-006**

9:30 a.m.

Monday, May 15, 2023

Council Chambers, City Hall, 2nd Floor
71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

Present:	Councillor M. Wilson (Vice-Chair) Councillors J. Beattie, C. Cassar, B. Clark, M. Francis, T. Hwang, T. Jackson, C. Kroetsch, N. Nann, E. Pauls, M. Tadeson, A. Wilson
Absent with Regrets:	Mayor A. Horwath (Chair) – City Business, Councillors J.P. Danko – Personal, T. McMeekin – Personal, M. Spadafora - Personal

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR
CONSIDERATION:**

**1. 2023 Hamilton Community Heat Response Plan (BOH23019) (City Wide)
(Item 6.1)**

(a) (Kroetsch/Hwang)

WHEREAS the City has a Adequate Heat By-law in place to ensure that adequate heating is provided to all Hamiltonians during colder months;

WHEREAS the City recognized, in 2016, that it needed to modify the Adequate Heat By-law by shifting the start of the colder season from August 31 to September 15;

WHEREAS the City of Mississauga introduced an Adequate Temperature By-law on June 6, 2018 that defined “adequate and suitable cooling” to be a temperature in a “unit that does not exceed 26 degrees Celsius (26°C)”;

WHEREAS the City of Mississauga’s bylaw only applies to spaces where a landlord already provides air conditioning and does not address the gaps where a landlord does not;

WHEREAS in 2020 Montgomery County Council (Washington) voted unanimously to require that property owners “supply and maintain” air conditioning service at 80°F or less during the summer months following on similar measures taken in Dallas and Phoenix;

WHEREAS extreme heat continues to have increasingly harmful impacts on the physical and mental health of Hamiltonians;

WHEREAS residents in other municipalities, notably in Chicago (1995), Quebec (2018), British Columbia (2021), and Paris (2003, 2022), have died from the impacts of extreme heat indoors because they didn't have access to cooling;

WHEREAS many renters in parts of the City with the highest urban heat impacts do not have access to air conditioned spaces;

WHEREAS an Adequate Temperature By-law would be one of a number of significant new by-law initiatives designed to better protect tenants as well as respond to the Climate Emergency; and

WHEREAS Council wants to ensure that there are sufficient resources within the Licensing and By-law Services Division to develop, implement and enforce new and existing City by-laws in order to protect tenants and respond to the Climate Emergency.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff in the Licensing and By-law Services Division be directed to prepare an Information Report for Q4 2023 identifying the 2024 priorities and timelines for the development of new by-laws, including an Adequate Temperature By-law and report back to the Planning Committee;
- (b) That the following staffing resources, and related costs, to expand the Licensing and By-law Services Division's capacity to develop, update and enforce City by-laws to protect tenants and respond to the Climate Emergency, including the development of a new Adequate Temperature By-law, be referred to the 2024 Tax Supported Operating Budget process:
 - (i) One new Manager FTE and one new Senior Project Manager FTE within the Licensing and By-law Services Division;
 - (ii) One new Municipal Law Enforcement Supervisor FTE and one new Municipal Law Enforcement Officer FTE within the Licensing and By-law Services Division;
 - (iii) 0.5 FTE for Legal Services, to support the Licensing and By-law Services Division;
- (c) That staff be directed to include in the 2024 Tax Supported Capital Budget a Municipal By-law Review and Development project, with a purpose to undertake research, community engagement and leverage external

expertise for the development of new City by-laws, with a budget of \$100,000;

- (d) That staff in Healthy and Safe Communities be directed to report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee on the feasibility of the development of a municipal program to support low-income tenants with the cost to run an air conditioning unit and to support retrofits of private purpose-built rental housing in Q4 2023; and,
- (e) That staff in Healthy and Safe Communities and Public Health be directed to report back to the Public Health Committee on the feasibility of tracking heat-related deaths and illnesses in Hamilton in Q4 2023.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 0, as follows:

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(b) (Clark/Kroetsch)

That Report BOH23019, respecting 2023 Hamilton Community Heat Response Plan, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 9 to 0, as follows:

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang

Absent	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 2	Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin
Yes	-	Ward 3	Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Absent	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 1	Councillor Maureen Wilson

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 Correspondence from Hamilton ACORN, respecting Full Temperature Control for Tenants - Protecting Tenants from Extreme Heat

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 6.1.

- 3.2 Correspondence from ACORN Hamilton, Canadian Environmental Law Association and Hamilton Community Legal Clinic, respecting 2023 Hamilton Community Heat Response Plan (BOH23019) (City Wide)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 6.1.

4. DELEGATIONS REQUESTS

- 4.1 Delegation Requests, respecting 2023 Hamilton Community Heat Response Plan (BOH23019) (City Wide) (for today's meeting):

- (c) James Kemp
- (d) Zoe St Pierre, Canadian Environmental Law Association
- (e) Jacqueline Wilson, Low Income Energy Network
- (f) Christine Neale, ACORN
- (g) Karl Andrus
- (h) Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction
- (i) Clare Freeman and Merima Menzildzic, Hamilton Community Legal Clinic
- (j) Katie King, Hamilton Community Benefits Network
- (k) Arnim Hughes, ACORN
- (l) Adeola Egbeyemi, Environment Hamilton

- (m) Marnie Schurter, ACORN
- (n) Liz Scott, ACORN

(Pauls/Tadeson)

That the agenda for the May 15, 2023 Public Health Committee be approved, as amended.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 9 to 0, as follows:

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 3)

(i) (Kroetsch/Hwang)

That the following Communication items be approved, as presented:

- (a) Correspondence from Hamilton ACORN, respecting Full Temperature Control for Tenants - Protecting Tenants from Extreme Heat (Added Item 3.1)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 6.1.

- (b) Correspondence from ACORN Hamilton, Canadian Environmental Law Association and Hamilton Community Legal Clinic, respecting 2023 Hamilton Community Heat Response Plan (BOH23019) (City Wide) (Added Item 3.2)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 6.1.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 9 to 0, as follows:

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(Cassar/Clark)

That the following Delegation Requests, be approved for today's meeting:

- (i) Delegation Requests, respecting 2023 Hamilton Community Heat Response Plan (BOH23019) (City Wide) (Item 4.1)**
- (a) Stewart Klazinga, ACORN Hamilton – East End Chapter (Item 4.1(a))
 - (b) Damien Ash, ACORN (Item 4.1(b))
 - (c) James Kemp (Added Item 4.1(c))
 - (d) Zoe St Pierre, Canadian Environmental Law Association (Added Item 4.1(d))
 - (e) Jacqueline Wilson, Low Income Energy Network (Added Item 4.1(e))
 - (f) Christine Neale, ACORN (Added Item 4.1(f))
 - (g) Karl Andrus (Added Item 4.1(g))

- (h) Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction (Added Item 4.1(h))
- (i) Clare Freeman and Merima Menzildzic, Hamilton Community Legal Clinic (Added Item 4.1(i))
- (j) Katie King, Hamilton Community Benefits Network (Added Item 4.1(j))
- (k) Arnim Hughes, ACORN (Added Item 4.1(k))
- (l) Adeola Egbeyemi, Environment Hamilton (Added Item 4.1(l))
- (m) Marnie Schurter, ACORN (Added Item 4.1(m))
- (n) Liz Scott, ACORN (Added Item 4.1(n))

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 9 to 0, as follows:

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(e) DELEGATIONS (Item 5)

- (i) The following delegates addressed the Committee respecting the 2023 Hamilton Community Heat Response Plan (BOH23019) (City Wide) (Item 5.1):
 - (a) Stewart Klazinga, ACORN Hamilton – East End Chapter (Item 5.1(a))
 - (b) Damien Ash, ACORN (Item 5.1(b))
 - (c) James Kemp (Added Item 5.1(c))

- (d) Zoe St Pierre, Canadian Environmental Law Association (Added Item 5.1(d))
- (e) Jacqueline Wilson, Low Income Energy Network (Added Item 5.1(e))
- (f) Christine Neale, ACORN (Added Item 5.1(f))
- (g) Karl Andrus (Added Item 5.1(g))
- (h) Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction (Added Item 5.1(h))
- (i) Clare Freeman and Merima Menzildzic, Hamilton Community Legal Clinic (Added Item 5.1(i))
- (j) Katie King, Hamilton Community Benefits Network (Added Item 5.1(j))
- (k) Arnim Hughes, ACORN (Added Item 5.1(k))
- (l) Marnie Schurter, ACORN (Added Item 5.1(m))
- (m) Liz Scott, ACORN (Added Item 5.1(n))
- (ii) The following delegate was not present when called upon:
 - (a) Adeola Egbeyemi, Environment Hamilton (Added Item 5.1(l))

(Nann/Beattie)

That the following Delegations, be received:

- (a) Stewart Klazinga, ACORN Hamilton – East End Chapter (Item 5.1(a))
- (b) Damien Ash, ACORN (Item 5.1(b))
- (c) James Kemp (Added Item 5.1(c))
- (d) Zoe St Pierre, Canadian Environmental Law Association (Added Item 5.1(d))
- (e) Jacqueline Wilson, Low Income Energy Network (Added Item 5.1(e))
- (f) Christine Neale, ACORN (Added Item 5.1(f))
- (g) Karl Andrus (Added Item 5.1(g))

- (h) Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction (Added Item 5.1(h))
- (i) Clare Freeman and Merima Menzildzic, Hamilton Community Legal Clinic (Added Item 5.1(i))
- (j) Katie King, Hamilton Community Benefits Network (Added Item 5.1(j))
- (k) Arnim Hughes, ACORN (Added Item 5.1(k))
- (l) Marnie Schurter, ACORN (Added Item 5.1(m))
- (m) Liz Scott, ACORN (Added Item 5.1(n))

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 0, as follows:

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
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Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 1.

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 7)

(Cassar/Beattie)

That, there being no further business, the Public Health Committee be adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 8 to 0, as follows:

Absent - Mayor Andrea Horwath

Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 8	Councillor John-Paul Danko
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Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Absent	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 1	Councillor Maureen Wilson

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Maureen Wilson
Chair, Public Health Committee

Matt Gauthier
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk