

Restructuring The Board of Health - Hamilton

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Historical Context

Historical Context Informs Present Realities

40 Years of Human Experimentation in America: The Tuskegee Study

The goal was to “observe the natural history of untreated syphilis” in black populations, but the subjects were completely unaware and were instead told they were receiving treatment for bad blood when in fact, they received no treatment at all.



Ada McVean B.Sc. | 25 Jan 2019

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History

Starting in 1932, 600 African American men from Macon County, Alabama were enlisted to partake in a scientific experiment on syphilis. The “Tuskegee Study of Untreated Syphilis in the Negro Male,” was conducted by the United States Public Health Service (USPHS) and involved blood tests, x-rays, spinal taps and autopsies of the subjects.

Henrietta Lacks: science must right a historical wrong

In Henrietta Lacks's centennial year, researchers must do more to ensure that human cells cannot be taken without consent.



Nobody asked Henrietta Lacks for consent to use her cells in research in 1951 – and, shockingly, consent is still not always required in the United States today. Credit: Jonathan Newton/The Washington Post/Getty

Sterilization of Indigenous Women

Traditionally, Indigenous women commanded the highest respect in their communities as water carriers and the givers of life. They are sacred¹ and powerful beings because they “birth the whole world.”² Unfortunately, racism, sexism, and colonialism³ have disrupted respect for Indigenous peoples and women. As a result, it has perpetuated violence, including the forced and coerced sterilization of Indigenous women and girls.

Coerced sterilization refers to the practice of sterilizing Indigenous women without free and informed consent. Based on eugenics beliefs and policies, Sexual Sterilization Acts were passed in Alberta (1928 to 1972) and British Columbia (1933 to 1973) and were not repealed until the 1970s. Under the Acts, a board of eugenics could order sterilization of institutionalized patients who “if discharged without being subjected to an operation for sexual sterilization would be likely to beget or bear children who by reason of inheritance would have a tendency to serious mental disease or mental deficiency.”⁴

Dr. Jennifer Leason

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8279667/>

Can Fam Physician

The Reality

Health

Black Canadians' chances of getting kidney transplant hurt by race-based adjustment



Charles Cook, who has had both heart and kidney transplants, want...

Katharine Lake Berz Special to the Star

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Charles Cook has survived a stroke, a heart transplant, a kidney transplant and months in Toronto General Hospital. The 53-year-old knows he's one of the lucky ones. But he worries that while waiting for his next new kidney, his luck will run out.

Cook is Black. And he is all too aware that means his chances of receiving a live donor kidney transplant — the preferred treatment for kidney failure — are half that of non-Black Canadians. Cook's kidney failure was the result of post-operative complications that automatically placed him on the donor list. But he knows he will one day need another kidney and his good luck may change.

Health

Barriers like racism, distrust may be main cause of health-care disparities for Indigenous women, study says

National study quantifying health-care inequities is 1st of its kind, lead author says



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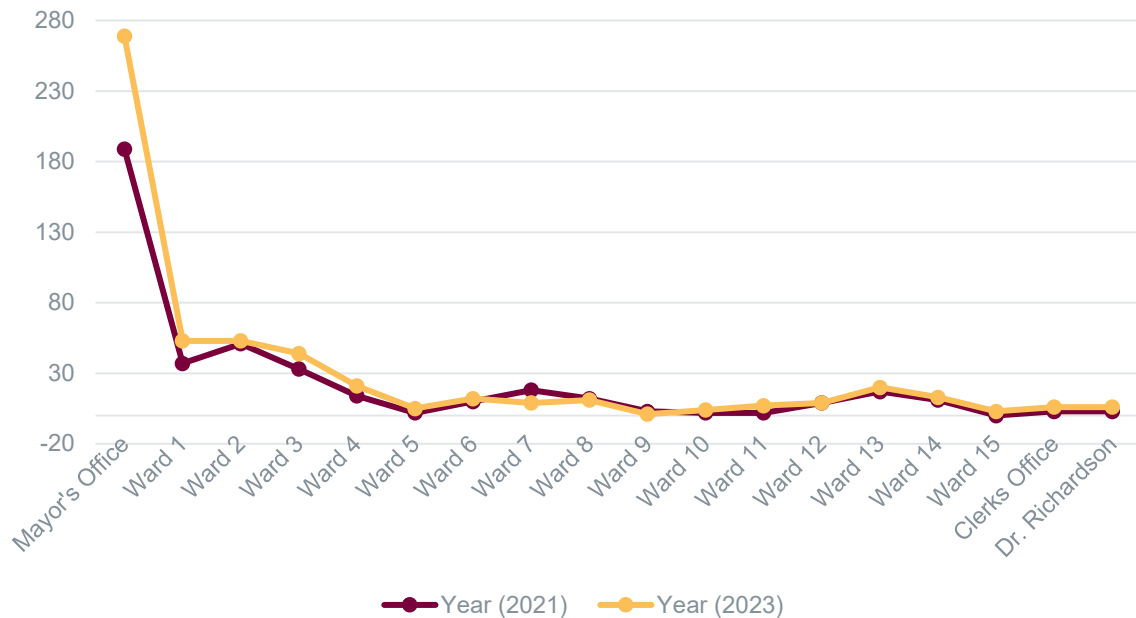


Cheryl Whiskeyjack is the executive director of Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society in Edmonton. Whiskeyjack says Indigenous women often do not have a steady, regular health-care provider as a result of discrimination and instead see different doctors at each visit. (Sam Martin/CBC News)

Community Buy In & Support

The Local Discussion

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# of signatures from Hamilton residents	Year (2021)	Year (2023)	
Mayor's Office	189	269	
Ward 1	37	53	
Ward 2	51	53	
Ward 3	33	44	
Ward 4	14	21	
Ward 5	2	5	
Ward 6	10	12	
Ward 7	18	9	
Ward 8	12	11	
Ward 9	3	1	
Ward 10	2	4	
Ward 11	2	7	
Ward 12	9	9	
Ward 13	17	20	
Ward 14	11	13	
Ward 15	0	3	
Clerks Office	3	6	
Dr. Richardson	3	6	
Total	416	546	962



Community Buy In & Support

Engage Hamilton has 928 responses + Community Consultation






Another year has come and gone for Engage Hamilton – and what a year it has been! There have been many great accomplishments in the online engagement space (42 projects launched!) and the City continues to grow our public engagement program.

Our Top 10 Engage projects of 2023 that gathered the most interest and participation include:

- Proposed Encampment Protocol
- HSR (re)Designed Network
- Board of Health's Governance Structure
- Litter Strategy and Downtown Service Review
- Main Street Conversion Study
- Provincial Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan
- Growing Hamilton - Planning for New Communities
- Better Homes Hamilton Program
- Electric City Public Art
- Pier 4 Park Tugboat Playground Replacement - Play Your Way

2023 participation

 7,609 Engaged	 21,348 Informed	 51,738 Aware
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The Time Is Now

Restructure the Board of health to include health, experts and community members.

- Expectations are changing and changing fast with regard to governance and accountability practices and it will not be good news for Boards of Health that have not fully met expectations if things go awry. Pandemics are bound to happen
- Medial Chief Officer quoted in the SARS Commission Report

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Number	Role	Name	Appt Start Date	Appt End Date
1	Councillor	Alejandra Bravo	10-Aug-2023	31-Dec-2024
2	Member	Abinaya Chandrabalan	09-Feb-2023	14-Nov-2026
3	Member	Lindsay Kretschmer	09-Feb-2023	14-Nov-2026
4	Councillor	Ausma Malik	10-Aug-2023	31-Dec-2024
5	Councillor	Chris Molse	10-Aug-2023	31-Dec-2024
6	Councillor	Amber Morley	10-Aug-2023	31-Dec-2024
7	Member	Charles Ozzoude	09-Feb-2023	14-Nov-2026
8	Councillor	Gord Perks	10-Aug-2023	31-Dec-2024
9	Member	Suman Roy (on leave)	09-Feb-2023	14-Nov-2026
10	Member	Ramanjeet Singh	09-Feb-2023	14-Nov-2026
11	Stakeholder Rep	Anu Sriskandarajah	09-Feb-2023	31-Dec-2024
12	Councillor	Michael Thompson	10-Aug-2023	31-Dec-2024
13	Member	Stephanie Zhou	09-Feb-2023	14-Nov-2026

Apply now

City Council appointed seven new members to the Board of Health at its February meeting. Applications are always being accepted for future vacancies on this board.



Apply Online



Print Application [↗](#)

Chatham-Kent Board of Health

Current Appointees

Representatives of Council (4)

**Councillor Lauren Anderson,
Councillor Melissa Harrigan*,
Councillor Brock McGregor,
Councillor Carmen McGregor**

*Councillor Allyson Storey will be replacing Council Harrigan during her leave.

Citizen Appointees (2)

Michael Genge, Magdiel Hoste

Provincial Appointee

VACANT

Indigenous Representative

Joshua Caron

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Support for Different Options

How strongly do you support or oppose each option?

All Responses

