



**BOARD OF HEALTH
REPORT 12-008
1:30 p.m.
Monday October 15, 2012
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall**

Present: Mayor B. Bratina, Chair
Councillors S. Duvall, J. Farr, L. Ferguson, T. Jackson, B. Johnson,
B. McHattie, S. Merulla, B. Morelli, J. Partridge, R. Pasuta,
M. Pearson, R. Powers, T. Whitehead

Absent with
regrets: Councillor B. Clark – Personal Business
Councillor C. Collins – City Business

**THE BOARD OF HEALTH PRESENTS REPORT 12-008 AND RESPECTFULLY
RECOMMENDS:**

**1. Creating Access to Screening and Training in the Living Environment
(CASTLE) Project (BOH12026) (Item 5.1)**

That Report BOH12026 respecting the Creating Access to Screening and Training in the Living Environment (CASTLE) Project, be received.

2. Climate Change Actions 2011 (BOH12029) (Item 5.2)

That Report BOH12029 respecting Climate Change Actions 2011, be received.

**3. Prohibiting Smoking Within City Parks and Recreation Properties
(BOH07034(g)) (Item 5.3)**

- (a) That report BOH07034(g) Prohibiting Smoking Within City Parks and Recreation Properties, be received;
- (b) That the by-law which amends By-law No. 11-080 Prohibiting Smoking within City Parks and Recreation Properties and adds a schedule of places where smoking is prohibited under the By-law, be approved.

4. Ontario Action Plan for Health Care Report (BOH12032 / HES12018) (Item 5.4)

- (a) That the Mayor write a letter to the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care take steps to recognize the role paramedics currently perform in Ontario's health system;
- (b) That the City of Hamilton support the partnership between Emergency Medical Services (EMS) & Public Health Services (PHS) to provide health promotion and prevention services and the right care where people live and work to address the priorities in Ontario's Action Plan For Health Care report as attached to BOH12032 / HES12018;
- (c) That Public Health Services continue to seek opportunities to collaborate with internal City of Hamilton departments and external community partners to provide prevention of chronic diseases through modifiable risk factor mitigation and reduction of health inequities as identified as priorities in Ontario's Action Plan for Health Care.

5. Easy Food Box Program (New Business)

- (a) That the Easy Food Box one year pilot project, to provide fresh food to 500 single Ontario Works recipients be supported and funded to an amount of \$65,000, to cover the pilot project, administrative costs, public education pamphlet, evaluation, and be funded as follows:
 - (i) \$55,000 from the Social Services Initiatives Reserve, and;
 - (ii) \$10,000 from the Hamilton Community Foundation, and the Hamilton Poverty Roundtable;
- (b) That the pilot project evaluation be conducted by Public Health Services toward an interest in scaling the project upward;
- (c) That Environment Hamilton report back on sustainability planning for the project going forward;
- (d) That the City assist in investigating whether the Easy Food Box project can be assisted through the use of City arenas, facilities and through local Food Banks.

6. Nutritious Food Basket (BOH12025) (Item 8.1)

- (a) That the Board of Health correspond with the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Community and Social Services and the Commissioners of the Provincial Social Assistance Review, to stress the immediate need for an evidence-based mechanism for setting annual social assistance rates and higher asset limits that will allow people to meet basic living costs, including the cost of nutritious food;
- (b) That the Board of Health correspond with the Premier of Ontario, and copy local area MPP's, to request that the Province develop a comprehensive Ontario Food and Nutrition Strategy that will drive policies so that:
 - (i) Ontarians have access to and the means to obtain safe, healthy, local and culturally acceptable food;
 - (ii) Ontarians have the information, knowledge, skills and relationships to support healthy eating and make healthy choices where they live, work, learn and play;
 - (iii) Ontario has a diverse and sustainable food production system that contributes to an equitable and prosperous economy;
- (c) That the Board of Health support development of a comprehensive Food Strategy for the City of Hamilton.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL:**(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)****1. ADDED DELEGATION REQUESTS**

- 4.4 Delegation Request by Dave Cherkewski wishing to speak to the Nutritious Food Basket Report and the "Good Food Box" proposal from the "Nutritious Food Plan Committee"

2. ADDED CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1.4 Correspondence from Tom Cooper, Director of the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction respecting a Good Food Box Proposal.

The agenda was approved as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

Councillor McHattie declared a conflict on item 4.2, Delegation Request from Mitchell Blau, Environment Hamilton (EH) to present findings and recommendations of EH's Dustbusters Initiative as the presenter Mitchell Blau is his son.

(c) MINUTES (Item 3)**(i) September 17, 2012 (Item 3.1)**

The minutes from the September 17, 2012 Board of Health meeting, were approved, as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)**(i) Delegation request from Mark Holland, representing the Heart & Stroke Foundation wishing to speak to the Board regarding how to make Hamilton a more cardiac safe City (Item 4.1)**

The delegation request from from Mark Holland, representing the Heart & Stroke Foundation wishing to speak to the Board regarding how to make Hamilton a more cardiac safe City, was approved to speak at the next meeting.

(ii) Delegation Request from Mitchell Blau, Environment Hamilton (EH) to present findings and recommendations of EH's Dustbusters Initiative (Referred from the Council on September 12, 2012) (Item 4.2)

The delegation request from Mitchell Blau, Environment Hamilton (EH) to present findings and recommendations of EH's Dustbusters, was approved to speak at the next meeting.

(iii) Delegation Request from Maria Antelo, representing Hamilton Community Legal Clinic respecting the Good Food Box program proposed by Nutritious Food Plan Committee (Item 4.3)

The delegation request from Maria Antelo, representing Hamilton Community Legal Clinic respecting the Good Food Box program proposed by Nutritious Food Plan Committee, was approved to speak at today's meeting as item 8.1.3.

- (iv) **Delegation Request by Dave Cherkewski wishing to speak to the Nutritious Food Basket Report and the “Good Food Box” proposal from the “Nutritious Food Plan Committee” (Added Item 4.4)**

The delegation request from Dave Cherkewski wishing to speak to the Nutritious Food Basket Report and the “Good Food Box” proposal from the “Nutritious Food Plan Committee”, was approved to speak at today’s meeting as item 8.1.4.

(e) **CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)**

- (i) **Climate Change Actions 2011 (BOH12029)**

Agenda item 5.2 respecting Climate Change Actions 2011 (BOH12029), was moved to the discussion portion of the agenda and renumbered item 8.2

- (ii) **Prohibiting Smoking Within City Parks and Recreation Properties (BOH07034(g))**

Agenda item 5.3 respecting Prohibiting Smoking Within City Parks and Recreation Properties (BOH07034(g)), was moved to the discussion portion of the agenda and renumbered item 8.3

(f) **PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)**

The delegation by Mr. Dave Carson representing the Community Food Security Stakeholder Sub-Committee, was moved to item 7.1 of the agenda.

- (i) **Delegation request from Mr. Dave Carson representing the Community Food Security Stakeholder Sub-Committee (CFSSC) requesting to provide comment on the contribution that the CFSSC can make to the Food Strategy for Hamilton (Item 7.1)**

Mr. Carson gave a presentation to the Board of Health with the assistance of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation was retained for the record.

The presentation by Dave Carson Food Security Stakeholder Sub-Committee (CFSSC) respecting the contribution that the CFSSC can make to the Food Strategy for Hamilton, was received.

(g) DISCUSSION (Item 8)**(i) Nutritious Food Basket (BOH12025) (Item 8.1)**

Staff spoke to the report and gave a brief outline of the recommendations contained in the report.

- (a) Delegation request from Ms. Maureen Leyland representing the Social Action Committee, Ontario Association of Social Workers, Hamilton & District Branch requesting to speak about a Good Food Box for single OW recipients, when the Nutritious Food Basket Report is presented (Item 8.1.1)**

Ms. Leyland spoke to the Board respecting the Nutritious Food Basket report, and spoke to the problems faced by individuals on Ontario Works have in affording nutritious food.

The presentation by Maureen Leyland was received.

- (b) Delegation request from Ms. Karen Burson representing Environment Hamilton requesting to present a new proposal for a fresh food subsidy to support single OW recipients living in Hamilton (Item 8.1.2)**

Ms. Karen Burson gave a presentation to the Board of Health, with the assistance of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of her presentation was retained for the record.

The delegation by Karen Burson, was received.

- (c) Delegation Request from Maria Antelo, representing Hamilton Community Legal Clinic respecting the Good Food Box program proposed by Nutritious Food Plan Committee (Item 8.1.3)**

Ms. Maria Antelo gave a presentation to the Board of Health. A copy of her speaking notes were retained for the record.

The delegation by Maria Antelo, was received.

- (d) **Delegation Request by Dave Cherkewski wishing to speak to the Nutritious Food Basket Report and the “Good Food Box” proposal from the “Nutritious Food Plan Committee”**

Mr. Cherkewski spoke to the Board of Health with in support to the proposal for a Good Food Box program.

The delegation by Dave Cherkewski was received.

- (e) **Correspondence from Tom Cooper, Director of the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction respecting a Good Food Box Proposal.**

That the correspondence from Tom Cooper Director of the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction respecting a Good Food Box Proposal, be received.

(ii) Good Food Box Program

The motion CARRIED on the following standing recorded vote:

Yeas:	M. Pearson, B. Johnson, R. Powers, R. Pasuta, J. Partridge, B. McHattie, J. Farr, S. Merulla, T. Jackson, S. Duvall, R. Bratina
Total:	11
Nays:	None
Total:	0
Absent:	B. Clark, L. Ferguson, B. Morelli, C. Collins, T. Whitehead
Total:	5

Please refer to item 5 for disposition.

(iii) Prohibiting Smoking Within City Parks and Recreation Properties (BOH07034(g))

The motion CARRIED on the following vote:

Yeas:	M. Pearson, B. Johnson, R. Pasuta, J. Partridge, B. McHattie, J. Farr, S. Merulla, T. Jackson, R. Bratina
Total:	9
Nays:	S. Duvall
Total:	1
Absent:	B. Clark, L. Ferguson, R. Powers, B. Morelli, C. Collins, T. Whitehead
Total:	6

Please refer to item 6 for disposition.

(i) MOTIONS (Item 9)

(i) Review of the City of Hamilton Streets By-law (Item 9.1)

Whereas, over the course of summer 2012, Environment Hamilton's Dustbusters project has identified many sources of airborne particulate emanating from industrial sources, and;

Whereas, Clean Air Hamilton, the City of Hamilton's Public Health Department and others have highlighted the public health risks associated with breathing airborne particulates, especially PM10 and PM2.5 particulates, and;

Whereas, although track out issues are noted in the bylaw, the City of Hamilton's "Streets Bylaw" is not intended for controlling airborne emissions, and;

Whereas the Ontario Ministry of Environment and the City of Hamilton both have an interest in reducing airborne particulate in Hamilton.

Therefore be it resolved that staff consult with Environment Hamilton, Clean Air Hamilton and the Ontario Ministry of Environment to review the Streets Bylaw and develop a better legal instrument to reduce airborne particulate in Hamilton and report back to the Board of Health.

(j) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)

(i) Outstanding Business List

Outstanding Business List item B respecting Prohibiting Smoking Within City Parks and Recreation Properties, was removed as the item is complete.

Outstanding Business List item C respecting Public Notification respecting the removal of Food Safety Program green card from an eating establishment, due to infractions noted during a food premise inspection, was removed as the item is complete.

(k) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

The Board of Health adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor R. Bratina
Chair, Board of Health

Christopher Newman
Legislative Coordinator
October 15, 2012