



**BOARD OF HEALTH
REPORT 14-002
1:30 p.m.
Monday, March 17, 2014
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall**

Present: Mayor. R. Bratina (Chair), Councillors B. McHattie, S. Merulla, C. Collins, T. Jackson, S. Duvall, T. Whitehead, B. Clark, M. Pearson, B. Johnson, L. Ferguson, R. Powers, R. Pasuta, J. Partridge and R. Morrow

Absent with regrets: Councillor J. Farr – Personal

THE BOARD OF HEALTH PRESENTS REPORT 14-002 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards – 2013 Status Review (BOH14005) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

That Report BOH14005 respecting Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards – 2013 Status Review be received.

2. Capital Projects' Status Report as of December 31, 2013 (BOH13031)(City Wide) (Item 5.2)

That Report BOH13031 respecting Capital Projects' Status Report as of December 31, 2013 be received.

3. Infectious Disease and Health Hazard Semi-Annual Report – (Q3 and Q4) (July 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013) (BOH14003) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)

That Report BOH14003 respecting Infectious Disease and Health Hazard Semi-Annual Report – (Q3 and Q4) (July 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013) be received.

4. Bed Bug Strategy (BOH14010/CES14013) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

- (a) That Public Health Services and the Community and Emergency Services Department be directed to develop a Community bed bug strategy for Hamilton by the first quarter of 2015;
- (b) That Public Health Services staff and the Community and Emergency Services Department staff be directed, as part of a bed bug strategy, to report back on Item 6.3 from the September 16, 2013 Board of Health delegation submission by Shawn Corner and Ruth Corner, respecting Mr. Comer's ideas for pest prevention and for a potential bed bug registry for rental dwellings;
- (c) That Community and Emergency Services Department staff be directed to pilot a unit preparation service for low income, vulnerable residents, to develop community education materials regarding bed bugs, and to hire 1.0 temporary FTE for up to 18 months to develop the Community Bed Bug Strategy, for a total of \$200,000 to be funded from Bed Bug Eradication capital project #6731341301;
- (d) That Public Health Services be directed to provide navigation support, to assist vulnerable residents with bed bug infestation remediation processes using up to \$100,000 from the City's Unallocated Capital Reserve (#108020) to hire one temporary FTE navigator for a maximum of 18 months, without impact to the operational levy;
- (e) That Appendix "A" attached hereto Report BOH14-002 respecting Bed Bug Action Group Membership and their Bed Bug Related Roles be approved, without impact to the operational levy.
- (f) That the Board of Health, under the Mayor's signature, send a reminder letter to the Province requesting that the bed bug funding which ceased in 2012 be reinstated and copies be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to ensure that the provincial and federal governments are engaged with respect to a provincial and nationwide strategy.

**5. Post-Accreditation: Maintaining Quality in Public Health (BOH14009)
(City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

That Report BOH14009 respecting Post-Accreditation: Maintaining Quality in Public Health be received.

**6. Children's Aid Society/Catholic Children's Aid Society – Update on
Collaboration (BOH13028)(a) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

That Report BOH13028 respecting Children's Aid Society/Catholic Children's Aid Society – Update on Collaboration be received.

**7. Active and Sustainable School Transportation (ASST) Charter (Added Item
9.1)**

Whereas, schools are now the second biggest car trip generator for the morning commute in the GTHA;

And whereas, a number of Hamilton schools are being considered for closure resulting in larger amalgamated schools with impacts on transportation choice, community cohesion and health, and the environment;

And whereas, reducing vehicle trips to and from school by promoting more walkable and bikeable neighbourhoods improves pedestrian and cyclist safety, and reduces air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions;

And whereas, making a community and school grounds more walkable and bikeable contributes to total daily physical activity for better health and student performance;

And whereas, the City of Hamilton Public Health Services has been dedicated to the Active and Safe Routes to School initiatives since 2000;

And whereas, the City of Hamilton's Urban Official Plan and Metrolinx's Regional Transportation Plan, The Big Move, includes policy goals for the achievement of an integrated transportation network that impacts health and quality of life;

And whereas, a number of Ontario municipalities and school boards have recently developed and signed their own ASST charters recognizing the value of ASST and demonstrating commitment to take action in support of ASST including Toronto, Ottawa, York, and Waterloo

Therefore be it resolved:

- (a) That the Joint City/Board Relations Committee be directed to develop an Active and Sustainable School Transportation Charter to support the long-term commitment to active and sustainable school transportation.
- (b) That staff from Public Health Services and Public Works, through the existing Active and Safe Routes to School Steering Committee, be directed to assist the Committee with their deliberations and the development of the Charter.

8. Change in Membership of the Joint City/School Board Liaison Committee

That representatives of the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board be added as members of the Joint City/School Board Liaison Committee and that the Terms of Reference be amended accordingly.

9. Correspondence from Arlene King, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care respecting reissuance of the Provincial Case Definition for Clostridium Difficile Infection (CDI) outbreaks in public hospitals (Item 11.1)

That the correspondence from Arlene King, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care respecting reissuance of the Provincial Case Definition for Clostridium Difficile Infection (CDI) outbreaks in public hospitals be received.

10. Correspondence from Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, respecting the Universal Influenza Immunization Program (Item 11.2)

That the Correspondence from Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, respecting the Universal Influenza Immunization Program be received.

11. Correspondence from Barry Ward, Chair, Board of Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, respecting Oral Health Care for Low Income People (Item 11.3)

That the correspondence from Barry Ward, Chair, Board of Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, respecting Oral Health Care for Low Income People be received.

12. Phase 1 – Administrative Efficiencies (BOH14006) (City Wide) (Item 12.1)

- (a) That 1.0 FTE Clinical & Preventive Services Division Program Manager be transferred to the Planning & Business Improvement Division with no impact on the levy;
- (b) That 0.5 FTE Program Secretary position in Planning & Business Improvement be converted into a 0.4 FTE Public Health Dentist in Clinical & Preventative Services with no impact on the levy;
- (c) That Report BOH14006 respecting Phase 1 – Administrative Efficiencies remain confidential and not be released as a public document as the information relates to identifiable individuals.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following change:

- (i) Added Motion as Item 9.1 – Active & Sustainable School Transportation (ASST) Charter

The agenda was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(i) January 13, 2014 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes from the January 13, 2014 meeting of the Board of Health were approved, as presented.

(d) **DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)**

- (i) **Ms. Elizabeth McGuire representing the Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits respecting the Good to Go Food Box (Item 4.1)**

The delegation request submitted by Ms. Elizabeth McGuire, representing the Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits respecting the Good to Go Food Box, was approved, and the rules of order waived, in order to address the Board at the meeting.

- (ii) **Ms. Susan Muma representing Hamilton Organization for Poverty Elimination (HOPE) respecting the Good to Go Food Box (Item 4.2)**

The delegation requests submitted by Ms. Susan Muma representing Hamilton Organization for Poverty Elimination (HOPE) respecting the Good to Go Food Box, was approved, and the rules of order waived, in order to address the Board at the meeting.

(e) **PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 6)**

- (i) **Mr. Shawn Comer respecting the development of a new approach to dealing with pests in rental units in Hamilton (Item 6.1)**

Mr. Shawn Comer spoke to the Board with regard to the development of a new approach to dealing with pests in rental units.

The Board provided Mr. Comer with a copy of the staff report and invited him to stay for the presentation of this item.

The presentation by Mr. Shawn Comer respecting the development of a new approach to dealing with pests in rental units in Hamilton was received.

- (ii) **Ms. Elizabeth McGuire representing the Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits respecting the Good to Go Food Box. (Item 6.2)**

Ms. Elizabeth McGuire was not in attendance.

(iii) Ms. Susan Muma representing the Hamilton Organization for Poverty Elimination (HOPE) respecting the Good to Go Food Box. (Item 6.3)

Anne Newbigging spoke on behalf of Susan Muma. She expressed the importance of the Good to Go Food Box and gratitude for the program.

Councillor McHattie advised that Council has decided to extend the Good to Go Food Box until August 2015.

The presentation by Anne Newbigging on behalf of Susan Muma respecting the Good to Go Food Box was received.

(f) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Bed Bug Strategy (BOH14010/CES14013) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Susan Harding-Cruz, Program Manager, Health Protection and Kirstin Maxwell, Policy and Program Specialist, Housing Services, gave a presentation respecting Bed Bug Strategy with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included in the public record.

The presentation included but was not limited to the following:

- Bed Bug Information
- Impacts of infestations and trend
- What's been done in Hamilton
- What needs to be done

Staff outlined experiences with regard to bed bugs from residents.

The Board discussed the presentation and matters pertaining to funding, provincial and federal government engagement and the proposal of the use of notice cards on buildings.

The presentation by Susan Harding-Cruz respecting Bed Bug Strategy (BOH14010/CES14013), was received.

- (a) Sub-section (d) of Report BOH14010/CES14013, respecting the Bed Bug Strategy, was amended by adding the words “, without impact to the operational levy” after the words ... for a maximum of 18 months, to read as follows:

- (d) That Public Health Services be directed to provide navigation support, to assist vulnerable residents with bed bug infestation remediation processes using up to \$100,000 from the City's Unallocated Capital Reserve (#108020) to hire one temporary FTE navigator for a maximum of 18 months, **without impact to the operational levy**;
- (b) Sub-section (e) of Report BOH14010/CES14013, respecting the Bed Bug Strategy, was amended by adding the words “, without impact to the operational levy” after the words ...Related Roles be approved, to read as follows:
 - (e) That Appendix "A" attached to Report BOH14010/CES14013 respecting Bed Bug Action Group Membership and their Bed Bug Related Roles be approved, **without impact to the operational levy**.
- (c) Sub-section (f) was added to the recommendation of Report BOH14010/CES14013, respecting the Bed Bug Strategy, to read as follows:
 - (f) That the Board of Health, under the Mayor's signature, send a reminder letter to the Province requesting that the bed bug funding which ceased in 2012 be reinstated and copies be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to ensure that the provincial and federal governments are engaged with respect to a province and nationwide strategy.

For disposition of this matter please refer to Item 4.

The Mayor relinquished the chair to Deputy Mayor Partridge and left the meeting.

(g) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)

(i) Ottawa Street Mobile Farmer's Market 2-Year Pilot Program (Item 10.1)

Councillor Merulla presented the following notice of motion:

Whereas low consumption of vegetables and fruit is associated with a poor diet and increased risk of obesity, heart disease, Type 2 diabetes, and some cancers; and

Whereas the majority of Hamiltonians do not eat the recommended daily servings of vegetables and fruit, with less than half reporting they eat vegetables and fruit five or more times a day; and

Whereas in 2011-12, 11.6% of households in the City of Hamilton reported food insecurity due to income, which impacts their ability to consume fresh vegetables and fruit, and increases the risk of preventable chronic diseases; and

Whereas some Hamilton neighbourhoods have limited physical access to healthy food retail, but are surrounded by many unhealthy food retail outlets; and

Whereas a mobile farmers' market could result in multiple benefits, including improved access to fresh produce in Hamilton neighbourhoods with limited access to healthy food retail, increased support for the economic livelihood of local farmers, and building community resilience.

Therefore be it resolved:

- (a) That Public Health Services assist the Ottawa Street BIA apply for funding from the Local Food Grant for the proposed 2-year pilot mobile farmers' market project and that any shortfall would be funded through the City's Tax Stabilization Reserve.
- (b) That within By-law No. 07-170, Food Service Vehicles (Schedule 6), Planning and Economic Development explore options, when funding is obtained, to implement the 2-year pilot mobile farmers' market on sites identified by Planning and Economic Development and Public Health Services.
- (c) That Public Health Services and Planning and Economic Development work in collaboration with the Ottawa Street BIA on the operation of the proposed 2-year pilot mobile farmers' market project.

(h) **GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)**

(i) **Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee minutes – November 6, 2013 (Item 11.4)**

The Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee minutes of the November 6, 2013 meeting were received.

(ii) **Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee minutes – December 4, 2013 (Item 11.5)**

The Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee minutes of the December 4, 2013 meeting were received.

(i) **PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)**

(i) **Closed Session Minutes – January 13, 2014-03-14 (Item 12.1)**

(a) The closed session minutes of January 13, 2014 were approved, as presented;

(b) The closed session minutes of January 13, 2014 are to remain private and confidential and restricted from public disclosure.

(ii) **Phase 1 – Administrative Efficiencies (BOH14006) (City Wide) (Item 12.2)**

For disposition of this matter please refer to Item 12.

(j) **ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)**

The Board of Health adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor R. Bratina
Chair, Board of Health

Jasmine Branton
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk

2014 Bed Bug Action Group (BBAG) Membership and Bed Bug Related Role – Gathered through Facilitated Bed Bug Action Group Meeting
February 26, 2014

Name of Organization	Bed Bug Related Role	Supports to Bed Bug Issues	Name of representative(s) on Bed Bug Action Group
Housing Help Centre	Provide referrals, build connections Advocacy Information portal	Housing stabilization Deliver Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) funding Rental housing	Larry Huibers (Co-chair)
City of Hamilton Public Health Services	By law enforcement Education/Outreach Provide resources Influence policy development Facilitate complaints Provide referrals and connections Identify bugs	Education Advocacy Resource development	Susan Harding-Cruz (Co-chair) Connie DeBenedet Shelley Sharpen (recorder) Steve Susnik
City of Hamilton Community and Emergency Services Housing Services Division CityHousing Hamilton	Implement the Housing Homelessness Action Plan Oversee and manage contracts Provide tenant supports Provide expert knowledge	Develop a bed bug strategy Provide funding Resolve tenant issues Maintain/protect asset value Contract for pest control Structural expertise	Gillian Hendry Kirstin Maxwell Matt Bowen Kelly Miller
City of Hamilton City Manager's Office Health, Safety and Wellness	Support employees exposed during work Policy development	Voice of the employee Internal education and training	David Lindeman Kari Lindsay Michelle Lokun

Name of Organization	Bed Bug Related Role	Supports to Bed Bug Issues	Name of representative(s) on Bed Bug Action Group
Canadian Mental Health Association Residential Skills Development Program	Supports persons that have bed bugs	Advocate Reduce stigma	Kelly Comely
Landlord Representation and Real Estate Board	Contract pest control Educate property stakeholders	Maintain/ improve property values Manage properties effectively and efficiently Provide structural expertise Improve properties image for resale (seller disclosure)	Dan Casuccio H.D.A.A Tina Novak, Greenwin Property Management Augustino Ammendolia
Hamilton Community Legal Clinic	Advise tenants on legal rights	Advocate for change Advocacy for provincial bed bug funding Advocacy for Bed Bugs to be declared health hazard	Donna Eaton
Tenant Advisory Committee	Voice of the tenant Research issues impacting tenants	Advise/advocate Improve the City's image (in particular the downtown core)	John Hawker
Councillor's Office, Ward 1	Members not available for Facilitated meeting:		Nikola Wojewoda-Patti

Name of Organization	Bed Bug Related Role	Supports to Bed Bug Issues	Name of representative(s) on Bed Bug Action Group
Hamilton Public Library			Julianna McCormick
City of Hamilton Planning and Economic Department Municipal Law Enforcement			Kelly Barnett
Good Shepherd Works City of Hamilton Public Works Waste Collection Customer Service and Community Outreach			Andy Skrypniak Colin Vidler Stephen Bailey