

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council Date: February 18, 2015

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. PEARSON.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

- (a) That Staff be directed to prepare a letter to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care for submission by the Mayor on behalf of the Board of Health as an official response to the “Patients First: a proposal to strengthen patient-centred health care in Ontario” discussion paper, and that the letter include the following:
 - (i) That the Board of Health supports the recommendations of the Patients First discussion paper in principle, ~~but that~~ **subject to** the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care engage in a consultative process with local public health units and municipalities with respect to implementation of the Patients First objectives,
 - (ii) That Local Health Integration Network (LIHN) governance include a mechanism for municipal involvement in health system decision-making with the specific mechanism to be determined in consultation with local municipalities,
 - (iii) That LIHN decision-making, including health system planning and allocation of funding to public health units and health care organizations, be done through a transparent process,
 - (iv) That to maintain a strong local public health system responsive to the needs of the local community, the Medical Officer of Health retain decision-making authority independent of the LIHN and that the role of the Board of Health in local public health governance be maintained,
 - (v) That funding directed to local public health units **by the Province** cannot be reallocated by the LIHN to other health services,
 - (vi) That the summary of themes raised through consultation with Board of Health members be included in the letter to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care; and

- (vii)** That copies of the letter be forwarded to the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant (HNHB), other Boards of Health of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health (COMOH), **and local area MPPS McMeekin, Horwath, Taylor, Miller and Hudak.**
 - (viii)** *That funding directed to the Public Health Units through the Municipal Levy be transferred directly to the Public Health Units, and not through the LHIN*
 - (ix)** *That staff be directed to add particular emphasis be placed on care in the home, getting ACC patients into care other than acute care hospitals, and emergency room wait times.*
- (b) That the Board of Health endorse the Medical Officer of Health's letter to the Minister of Health and Long-term Care providing feedback on the Patients First discussion paper.