



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 16-003

Immediately following the Board of Health meeting
5:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 18, 2016

Council Chamber

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Councillor T. Whitehead (Chair)
Councillors, M. Green, S. Merulla, C. Collins, T. Jackson, D.
Conley, M. Pearson L. Ferguson

**Absent with
regrets:** Mayor F. Eisenberger, Councillors A. Johnson, J. Farr and J.
Partridge - Personal, A. VanderBeek, – City Business, R. Pasuta -
Illness

Deputy Mayor Whitehead called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

1. CORRECTION TO MOTION

- 3.1 (ix) *That staff be directed to add particular emphasis be placed on care in the home, getting ACG Alternate Level of Care patients into care other than acute care hospitals, and emergency room wait times.*

(Ferguson/Pearson)

That the agenda for the February 18, 2016 meeting of Council be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

MOTIONS

7.1 Patients First Discussion Paper – Board of Health Response

(Pearson/Conley)

- (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, 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 (LHIN) 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 LHIN 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 LHIN 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 LHIN 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) LHIN, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aLPHa), 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 Minister 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 particular emphasis be placed on care in the home, getting Alternate Level of Care 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.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS

(Pearson/Conley)

That Bill No. 16-048 be passed, and that the Corporate Seal be affixed thereto, and that the By-law be numbered and signed by the Mayor and the City Clerk to read as follows:

Bill No.

048 To Confirm the Proceedings of City Council

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

(Pearson/Ferguson)

That, there being no further business, the City Council meeting be adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor T. Whitehead