



**BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES 16-002**

1:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 18, 2016  
Council Chambers  
Hamilton City Hall

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

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**1. Prohibiting Smoking Within City Parks and Recreation Properties: Schedule Update (BOH07034(j)) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)**

**(Green/Merulla)**

- (a) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare a by-law to amend By-law No. 11-080, updating Schedule "A" which lists the parks and recreation properties where smoking is prohibited; and,
- (b) That the By-law amending By-law No. 11-080 be enacted by Council.

**CARRIED**

**2. Overview of *Smoke-Free Ontario Act* and *Electronic Cigarettes Act* Legislative and Regulatory Changes Effective January 1, 2016 (BOH16002) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

**(Green/Pearson)**

That Report BOH16002 respecting an Overview of Smoke-Free Ontario Act and Electronic Cigarettes Act Legislative and Regulatory Changes Effective January 1, 2016, be received.

**CARRIED**

**3. Public Health Nurse Secondment to the Canadian Nurse-Family Partnership Education Project (BOH16003) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

**(B. Johnson/Conley)**

- (a) That the Board of Health authorize and direct the Medical Officer of Health to execute an agreement with Middlesex-London Health Unit, as the lead for the Canadian Nurse-Family Education Project, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor that supports a secondment of a Public Health Nurse to the Canadian Nurse-Family Partnership Education Project in the position of Provincial Clinical Lead, and;
- (b) That the Board of Health authorize and direct the Medical Officer of Health to increase complement in the Family Health Division Nurse-Family Partnership Program by 0.5 full time equivalent Public Health Nurse during the length of the secondment.

**CARRIED**

**4. Transfer of FTE from Public Health Services to Community & Emergency (BOH16006) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

**(Jackson/Ferguson)**

That 3.0 FTE from Public Health Services be transferred to Community & Emergency Services to administer the Adult Discretionary Dental and Denture Program.

**CARRIED**

**5. Epinephrine Auto Injectors on All City of Hamilton Fire Trucks (Item 9.1)**

**(Ferguson/B. Johnson)**

That the Fire Chief be directed to report back to the Board of Health with respect to the feasibility of Hamilton Fire Service carrying epinephrine auto injectors on all City of Hamilton fire trucks.

**CARRIED**

**6. Correspondence from the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit respecting their resolution supporting legislation to enforce infection prevention and control practices within invasive personal service settings under the Health Protection and Promotion Act. (Item 11.1)**

**(B. Johnson/Pearson)**

That the Correspondence from the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit respecting their resolution supporting legislation to enforce infection prevention and control practices within invasive personal service settings under the Health Protection and Promotion Act, be received and endorsed.

**CARRIED**

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH:**

**(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

Copies of Item 8.1 respecting the Patients First Discussion Paper – Board of Health Response were distributed at the meeting.

**(Jackson/Green)**

That the agenda for the February 18, 2016 Board of Health be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

None.

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

**(i) January 11, 2016 (Item 3.1)**

**(Conley/Merulla)**

That the Minutes of the January 11, 2016 meeting of the Board of Health be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)**

**(i) Overview of *Smoke-Free Ontario Act* and *Electronic Cigarettes Act* Legislative and Regulatory Changes Effective January 1, 2016 (BOH16002) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

Kevin McDonald, Program Manager of the Tobacco Control Program, presented a PowerPoint presentation respecting an Overview of *Smoke-Free Ontario Act* and *Electronic Cigarettes Act* Legislative and Regulatory Changes Effective January 1, 2016 (BOH16002) to the Board. His comments included, but were not limited to the following:

- History of the *Smoke Free Ontario Act*
- Goal of the *Smoke Free Ontario Act*
- *Smoke Free Ontario Act* Legislative and Regulatory Changes
- *Electronic Cigarettes Act*
- Service Impacts and Budget Implications

**(Merulla/Pearson)**

That the Presentation from the Medical Officer of Health respecting an Overview of *Smoke-Free Ontario Act* and *Electronic Cigarettes Act* and Regulatory Changes Effective January 1, 2016, be received.

**CARRIED**

For further disposition, refer to Item 2

**(ii) Public Health Services “Program & Services Highlights” (Item 7.2)**

Dr. Jessica Hopkins, Associate Medical Officer of Health introduced the video presentation.

**(Pearson/Collins)**

That the video presentation respecting “Programs & Services Highlights”, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(Green/Merulla)**

That staff be asked to report back to the Board of Health on the use and effectiveness of safe injection site programs across the country.

**CARRIED**

**(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)**

**(i) Patients First Discussion Paper – Board of Health Response (BOH16005) (Item 8.3)**

That the recommendations in Report BOH16005 respecting the Patients First Discussion Paper – Board of Health response be **amended** as follows:

**(Jackson/Green)**

(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 engaging 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.

**AMENDMENT CARRIED  
MOTION, AS AMENDED, CARRIED**

This item was ratified immediately after the Board of Health meeting, at a Special City Council Meeting.

For further disposition, refer to Council Minutes 16-003.

**(f) MOTIONS (Item 9)**

**(i) Epinephrine Auto Injectors on All City of Hamilton Fire Trucks (Item 9.1)**

For further disposition, refer to Item

**(Green/Jackson)**

That staff be directed to report back to the Board of Health on the feasibility, cost and funding options to provide Naloxone on all City of Hamilton fire trucks and Police vehicles.

**CARRIED**

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

**(i) Public Health Funding and Accountability Agreement Indicators – 2015 Indicator Reporting and 2016 Indicators (Item 11.2)**

**(Jackson/B. Johnson)**

That the Public Health Funding and Accountability Agreement Indicators – 2015 Indicator Reporting and 2016 Indicators, be received and referred to Public Health Services staff for a report.

**CARRIED**

**(ii) Correspondence from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Population and Public Health Division , Health Promotion Implementation Branch respecting an Amendment to Ontario Regulation 570 Effective January 1, 2016.**

**(Pearson/Conley)**

That the Correspondence from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Population and Public Health Division, Health Promotion Implementation Branch respecting an Amendment to Ontario Regulation 570 Effective January 1, 2016, be Received.

**CARRIED**

**(iii) Update respecting Sleigh & Play at the Healthy Kids Kick Off (Item 11.4)**

**(Green/Conley)**

That the Update respecting Sleigh & Play at the Healthy Kids Kick Off, be received.

**CARRIED**

(h) **ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)**

**(Pearson/Collins)**

That, there being no further business, the Board of Health be adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor T. Whitehead  
Chair, Board of Health

Loren Kolar  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk