



**BOARD OF HEALTH  
REPORT 16-012**

**AS AMENDED BY COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 14, 2016**

**1:30 p.m.**

**Monday, December 5, 2016**

**Council Chambers**

**Hamilton City Hall**

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Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger  
Councillors A. Johnson, J. Farr, M. Green, S. Merulla, C. Collins,  
T. Jackson, D. Skelly, D. Conley, M. Pearson, B. Johnson  
L. Ferguson, A. VanderBeek, R. Pasuta and J. Partridge

Absent with  
regrets: T. Whitehead – Personal

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**THE BOARD OF HEALTH PRESENTS REPORT 16-012 AND RESPECTFULLY  
RECOMMENDS:**

**1. Contaminated Lands Inventory (BOH16018) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)**

That Report BOH16018 respecting a Contaminated Lands Inventory, be received.

**2. Proposed Extension of Outdoor Swimming Pool Hours (CES16050) (City  
Wide)(Item 5.2)**

- (a) That Report CES16050 respecting Proposed Extension of Outdoor Swimming Pool Hours, be received; and
- (b) That a letter be sent to the Minister of Health and Long-Term care requesting the amount of \$437,559 for one-time funding to continue the pilot-project of extended hours at all outdoor pools throughout the City of Hamilton.

**3. Patients First (Bill 41) Update (BOH16061) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)**

That Report BOH16061 respecting a Patients First (Bill 41) Update, be received.

**4. Healthy Birth Weights Project Update (BOH14002(b)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

That Report BOH14002(b) respecting the Healthy Birth Weights Project Update, be received.

**5. Public Health Services Department Operational Work Plan Year-End Update (BOH16049(a)) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)**

That Report BOH16049(a) respecting a Public Health Services Department Operational Work Plan Year-End Update, be received.

**6. Secondment of ADGS staff to Hamilton Health Sciences, Addiction Initiative (BOH16063) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

- (a) That the Board of Health authorize and direct the Medical Officer of Health to receive, utilize and report on funding from Hamilton Health Sciences for up to a 0.5 FTE Social Work position in the Alcohol, Drug & Gambling Services program, and enter into a secondment agreement between the City of Hamilton and Hamilton Health Sciences for a six month pilot project, with an option to return, satisfactory in form to the City Solicitor; and,
- (b) That the Board of Health authorize and direct the Medical Officer of Health to increase the complement in Alcohol, Drug & Gambling Services program by 0.5 FTE, for the term of the secondment pilot agreement and the time of renewal.

**7. Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

That the Board of Health endorse the renewal of the Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEAs) Program funding from Impact Education Consulting beginning January 1, 2017 and ending **December 31, 2017, with no option for future renewal.**

**8. Public Health Funding and Accountability Agreement (BOH16062) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)**

That Report BOH16062, respecting the Public Health Funding and Accountability Agreement, be received.

**9. One-Time Program Based Grant Funding Requests to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (BOH16064) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)**

- (a) That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to maintain the raccoon rabies extraordinary staffing of 2.0 FTEs for 2017, with an added 1.0 FTE for a Rabies Response Coordinator within Animal Services, at a cost of

\$303,400, and a request for one-time 100% funding for this initiative be submitted through the Program Based Grant budget process of the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care;

- (b) That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to maintain the extraordinary staffing for the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program of 3.0 FTEs for 2017, at a cost of \$313,380, and a request for one-time 100% funding for this initiative be submitted through the Program Based Grant budget process of the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care; and,
- (c) That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to increase the complement by a 1.0 FTE for 2017 to address Ontario Public Health Services requirements related to Climate Change adaptation at a cost of \$102,040, and a request for one-time 100% funding for this initiative be submitted through the Program Based Grant budget process of the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care.

**10. Nurse-Family Partnership Request to Maintain Current Service Levels (BOH07035(f)) (City Wide) (Item 12.1)**

- (a) That the Board of Health authorize and direct the Medical Officer of Health to extend the agreement and restore and utilize 2017 funding from the Hamilton Community Foundation for a 1.0 full-time equivalent Public Health Nurse in the Nurse-Family Partnership program to June 30, 2017 with the option for a further extension until December 31, 2017;
- (b) That the Board of Health authorize and direct the Medical Officer of Health to temporarily increase 0.3 full-time equivalent Public Health Nurse within the Nurse-Family Partnership to utilize the Hamilton Community Foundation funding; and,
- (c) That the report respecting Nurse-Family Partnership Request to Maintain Current Service Levels (BOH07035(f)) remain confidential.

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

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

The Clerk advised the Board of the following changes:

**1. DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)**

- 4.1 Dr. Deanna Behnke-Cook, IDEAs Program, respecting Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059) (City Wide) (Item 8.2) (for today's meeting)

- 4.2 François Giroux, Vice-Principal, École secondaire Georges-P.-Vanier, respecting Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059) (City Wide) (Item 8.2) (for today's meeting)
- 4.3 Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry, Diocese of Hamilton; Chair Sexual health Network, respecting Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059) (City Wide) (Item 8.2) (for today's meeting)
- 4.4 Beth Lowes, Hamilton Wentworth District School Board respecting Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059) (City Wide) (Item 8.2) (for today's meeting)
- 4.5 Peer Mentors, IDEAs Program, respecting Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059) (City Wide) (Item 8.2) (for today's meeting)
- 4.6 Patty Aragian, Hamilton Wentworth District School Board respecting Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059) (City Wide) (Item 8.2) (for today's meeting)

**2. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEM (Item 11)**

11.1 Amendments to the Outstanding Business List:

Item to be marked as completed, and removed:

Item "J" – Polychlorinated Biphenyl Inventory  
(Item 5.1, Contaminated Lands Inventory (BOH16018) on this agenda)

**3. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS (Item 12.2)**

12.2 Personal Matter (no copy)

Pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-section (b) of the City's Procedural By-law 14-300, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (b) of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual including City employees.

Item 8.2 respecting Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059), was moved up the agenda following Consent Items.

The agenda for the November 14, 2016 Board of Health was approved, as amended.

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

None.

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

**(i) November 14, 2016 (Item 3.1)**

The Minutes of the November 14, 2016 meeting of the Board of Health were approved, as presented.

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

The Board of Health was advised that the delegation request from François Giroux, Vice-Principal, École secondaire Georges-P.-Vanier, respecting Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents, was withdrawn due to the delegate's illness.

**(i) Dr. Deanna Behnke-Cook, IDEAs Program, respecting Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059) (City Wide) (Item 8.2) (for today's meeting) (Added Item 4.1)**

The delegation request from Dr. Deanna Behnke-Cook, IDEAs Program, respecting Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059) (City Wide) (Item 8.2) was approved, for today's meeting.

**(ii) Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry, Diocese of Hamilton; Chair Sexual health Network, respecting Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059) (City Wide) (Item 8.2) (for today's meeting) (Added Item 4.3)**

The delegation request from Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry, Diocese of Hamilton; Chair Sexual health Network, respecting Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059) (City Wide) (Item 8.2) was approved, for today's meeting.

**(iii) Beth Lowes, Hamilton Wentworth District School Board respecting Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059) (City Wide) (Item 8.2) (for today's meeting) (Added Item 4.4)**

The delegation request from Beth Lowes, Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, respecting Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059) (City Wide) (Item 8.2) was approved, for today's meeting.

**(iv) Peer Mentors, IDEAs Program, respecting Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059) (City Wide) (Item 8.2) (for today's meeting) (Added Item 4.5)**

The delegation request from the Peer Mentors, IDEAs Program, respecting Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059) (City Wide) (Item 8.2) was approved, for today's meeting.

**(v) Patty Aragian, Hamilton Wentworth District School Board respecting Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059) (City Wide) (Item 8.2) (for today's meeting) (Added Item 4.6)**

The delegation request from Patty Aragian, Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, respecting Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059) (City Wide) (Item 8.2) was approved, for today's meeting.

**(e) CONSENT ITEM (Item 5)**

**(i) Contaminated Lands Inventory (BOH16018) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)**

Rob Hall, Director, Health Protection addressed the Board with an overview of Report BOH16018 respecting Contaminated Lands Inventory. Matt Lawson, Program Manager, answered questions from the Board regarding Report BOH16018 respecting Contaminated Lands Inventory.

Planning staff were directed to update the Contaminated Sites Management Plan (CSMP) and expand upon the 2008 Historic Land Use Inventory (HLUI) inventory to include city-wide contaminated lands; and

Planning staff will provide a consolidated list of contaminated lands from the Ministry of the Environment be submitted to the Board of Health.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

**(ii) Proposed Extension of Outdoor Swimming Pool Hours (CES16050) (City Wide)(Item 5.2)**

Recreation staff were directed to report back to the Board of Health on the feasibility of standardized hours of operations across all City of Hamilton recreational pools.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

**(f) DELEGATIONS (Item 6)**

**Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

**(i) Dr. Deanna Behnke-Cook, IDEAs Program, respecting Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059) (Added Item 6.1)**

Dr. Deanna Behnke-Cook addressed the Board respecting Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059), with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included in the public record. Information packages were distributed to the Board. Comments included, but were not limited to the following:

- The IDEAs Program has been running since 1998
- HWDSB and the HWCDSB have piloted the IDEAs program
- The intent of the IDEAs program is to help young people achieve optimal health now and in the future
- IDEAS is not just a transition program
- Students want to speak with Peer Mentors to answer their questions and work with them as they transition into upper levels of education
- The program allows for students academic engagement, whatever that means to each student
- Drugs and alcohol, and sexual activity are a real part of students lives
- Students need to be supported so that they know how to avoid these situations
- There are not enough Public Health Nurses to reach all these students
- We need young men to hear from young men, and young women to hear from young women
- Peer mentoring makes the information real to the students
- The IDEAs program addresses 2017 Ontario curriculum expectations

The delegation from respecting Dr. Deanna Behnke-Cook, IDEAs Program, respecting BOH16059, Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's), was received.

**(ii) Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry, Diocese of Hamilton; Chair Sexual health Network, respecting Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059) (Added Item 6.2)**

Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry, Diocese of Hamilton; Chair Sexual health Network addressed the Board respecting Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059). Her comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- As a teacher, 13 years ago, we started the pilot program for IDEAs
- I loved the program, the students loved the program, and commented on it for many years afterwards
- Now, as Director of Family Ministry, I deal with six school boards, working on the health and physical education programs
- I invited school board Directors to hear about the IDEAs program
- From my point of view, the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board is in favour of the IDEAs program
- We have a better chance of helping students in their transitional period between childhood and adulthood with programs like IDEAs

The delegation from Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry, Diocese of Hamilton; Chair Sexual Health Network, respecting BOH16059, Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's), was received.

**(iii) Beth Lowes, Hamilton Wentworth District School Board respecting Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059) (Added Item 6.3)**

Beth Lowes, Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (Delta Secondary) addressed the Board respecting Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059). Her comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- I have been a teacher in the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, working specifically in health and physical education for 30 years
- I first met Dr. Benhke-Cook early in my career when she came to speak on AIDS prevention
- Her program is irreplaceable, and invaluable
- She helped me develop my peer mentor program
- The message to my students is "Every day is a new day"
- The peer mentors spread their knowledge to the rest of the students
- Dr. Benke-Cook is recognizable and known for her program throughout the school
- The students are not comfortable going to the Public Health Nurse for their questions
- The students go to the Peer Mentors with their questions and concerns
- The IDEAs program is worth more than the \$50k in the Public Health Budget

The delegation from Beth Lowes, Hamilton Wentworth District School Board respecting BOH16059, Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's), was received.

**(iv) Peer Mentors, IDEAs Program, respecting Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059) (Added Item 6.4)**

Peer Mentors Sophia Xhekaj, Michaela Hallok and Sarah Gunell addressed the Board respecting Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059). Their comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- We had an event at Delta Highschool in November, where we invited the Grade 8 students from feeder schools to come and spend the day with us going to classes
- My name is Sophia Xhekaj, and I received a message from a student we mentored telling us how much she learned and how helpful the IDEAs program was to her during a time of loss in her family
- Our group is very diverse, including students from every facet of life
- My name is Michaela Hallok, and I'm a Senior at Delta Highschool



- This program means a great deal to me because of my own personal challenges
- The IDEAs program has taught me that I am not alone in my struggles and that I can make a difference through my experiences
- My name is Sarah Gunell, and I'm in Grade 12
- The IDEAs program is important to young students because of our diversity and our ability to speak to them as peers
- The messages of personal safety are important for them to hear from people their own age

The delegation from the Peer Mentors, IDEAs Program respecting BOH16059, Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's), was received.

**(v) Patty Aragian, Hamilton Wentworth District School Board respecting Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059) (Added Item 6.5)**

Patty Aragian, Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, addressed the Board respecting Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059). Her comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- I am a physical and health education specialist for my entire teaching career
- I have seen and heard of past students who end up making poor choices related to substance use and engaging in early sexual behaviours that have led to negative outcomes such as unwanted pregnancy
- I have had the opportunity to see the IDEAS program in action over many years
- This peer mentor intervention program is priceless within my school community
- The IDEAS program educates our students and gives them a forum to ask relevant questions regarding their concerns and fears which are uniquely connected to themselves and the community they belong to
- I can guarantee you that many of these inner-city kids have witnessed more negative behaviours thus far in their young lives than all of the adults combined in this room
- The IDEAS program and it's mentors are living proof that the vicious cycle of early substance use, premature sexual activity and academic failure is not their destiny, because believe me, many of my students think that it is inevitable, that this will be their future
- From my extensive experience in this field, I can honestly tell you that regardless of my passion for what I do, the level of classroom discussion during the IDEAS sessions supersedes the level of participation that is elicited in the regular classroom lead by me
- I am a true advocate for this program and hope that you will see the value of it, as I am sure it has impacted many of my students

The delegation from Patty Aragian, Hamilton Wentworth District School Board respecting BOH16059, Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's), was received.

**(g) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)**

**(i) Healthy Birth Weights Project Update (BOH14002(b)) (City Wide)  
(Item 7.1)**

Vanessa Parlette, Health Strategy Specialist addressed Committee respecting Report BOH14002(b), Health Birth Weights Project Update. A copy of her PowerPoint presentation has been included in the public record.

Comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- This is an update on work to address the City's 2012-15 strategic plan objective 1.5 (v), "the development and implementation of a maternal health strategy to decrease low birth weight"
- Previous updates were provided in Reports BOH14002 and BOH14002(a)
- Why Healthy Birth Weights?
  - Closely linked to cycle of poverty
  - Babies born below 2500g are more likely to experience chronic health issues and delayed development
  - Risk of Low Birth Weight is much higher for women who already face social disadvantage
  - Complex issue needs a community approach –focus on high social risk factors as place to start
- Youth Leadership
- Care Pathway Approach
- Youth Pregnancy Care Pathway for Care Providers
- Young Parent Resource Tool
- Building Capacity through Cross-sector Education
- Best Practice Smoking Cessation Supports Sustaining and leveraging impact towards new goals
- Informing system integration initiatives
- Aligning with other strategies and networks
- Care Pathway, Cross-sector Education, and Smoking Cessation integrated into operational programming
- Next Steps
  - Ongoing monitoring and evaluation
  - Youth Sexual Health Strategy
  - Cross-divisional collaboration focused on youth wellbeing
  - Build on community partnerships and HBW success

The Presentation respecting Healthy Birth Weights Project Update (BOH14002(b)), was received.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 4.

**(ii) Public Health Services Department Operational Work Plan Year-End Update (BOH16049(a)) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)**

A video was broadcast to the Board respecting BOH16049(a), Public Health Services Department Operational Work Plan Year-End Update.

The Video Presentation respecting Public Health Services Department Operational Work Plan Year-End Update (BOH16049(a)), was received.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 5.

**(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)**

**(i) Secondment of ADGS staff to Hamilton Health Sciences, Addiction Initiative (BOH16063) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

Ellen Pezzetta, Director, addressed the Board with an overview of Report BOH16063 respecting the Secondment of ADGS staff to Hamilton Health Sciences, Addiction Initiative.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 7.

**(ii) Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) (BOH16059) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

Ellen Pezzetta, Director, addressed the Board with an overview of Report BOH16059 respecting the Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's) Program.

Approval of recommendations in Report BOH16059, respecting Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEA's), was DEFERRED until after Private and Confidential matters.

The following recommendations were amended by deleting the phrase June 30, 2017 in sub-section (a), and replacing it with the phrase December 31, 2017; and deleting sub-section (b) in its entirety:

(a) That the Board of Health endorse the renewal of the Informed Decisions Empowering Adolescents (IDEAs) Program funding from Impact Education Consulting beginning January 1, 2017 and ending ~~June 30, 2017~~ **December 31, 2017, with no option for future renewal;** and,

~~(b) That the Board of Health approve the transfer of \$27,115 to the City Manager's Office to offset the cost of the Web Redevelopment positions.~~

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 8.

**(iii) Public Health Funding and Accountability Agreement (BOH16062) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)**

Dr. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health, addressed the Board with an overview of Report BOH16062, Public Health Funding and Accountability Agreement.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 8.

**(iv) One-Time Program Based Grant Funding Requests to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (BOH16064) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)**

Dr. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health, addressed the Board with an overview of Report BOH16064 respecting a One-Time Program Based Grant Funding Requests to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 9.

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

**(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Added Item 11.1)**

The following Item to be marked as completed, and removed:

Item "J" - Polychlorinated Biphenyl Inventory  
(Item 5.1, Contaminated Lands Inventory (BOH16018) on this agenda)

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

Committee move into Closed Session, respecting Item 12.1, respecting BOH07035(f), Nurse-Family Partnership Request to Maintain Current Service Levels, and 12.2 respecting a Personal Matter, pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (b), of the City's Procedural By-law 14-300, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (b) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matters pertain to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City employees.

**(i) Nurse-Family Partnership Request to Maintain Current Service Levels (BOH07035(f))(City Wide) (Item 12.1)**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 10.

**(ii) Personal Matter (Item 12.2)**

Staff was provided with direction in Closed Session.

**(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)**

There being no further business, the Board of Health adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger  
Chair, Board of Health

Loren Kolar  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk