



**BOARD OF HEALTH
REPORT 13-004
1:30 p.m.
Thursday May 16, 2013
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall**

Present: Mayor B. Bratina, Chair
Councillors C. Collins, S. Duvall, J. Farr, L. Ferguson, B. Johnson,
B. McHattie, S. Merulla, M. Pearson, T. Whitehead

Absent with
regrets: B. Clark – Personal Business
T. Jackson – Vacation
B. Morelli – City Business
J. Partridge – City Business
R. Pasuta – Personal Business
R. Powers – City Business

**THE BOARD OF HEALTH PRESENTS REPORT 13-004 AND RESPECTFULLY
RECOMMENDS:**

1. Correspondence (Item 11)

- (a) **Correspondence from the Corporation of the Township of Killaleo –
Hagarty – Richards respecting their support for the Ontario
Convenience Stores Association resolution respecting the stopping
of the sale of contraband tobacco**

Recommendation: Be received

- (b) **Correspondence from the Peterborough County-City Health Unit
Respecting The Potential Health Impacts of a Casino in
Peterborough**

Recommendation: Be received

- (c) **Correspondence from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care the 2013 Performance Targets for the Health Protection Indicators under the 2011-2013 Public Health Accountability Agreement**

Recommendation: Be received

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

1. ADDED NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)
 - (i) Epinephrine Auto Injectors (ERA) – Rotary Club of Ancaster A.M. (Item 10.1)
2. ADDED GENERAL INFORMATION (Item 11)
 - (i) Added Correspondence (Item 11.1)
 - (c) Correspondence from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care respecting the 2013 Performance Targets for the Health Protection Indicators under the 2011-2013 Public Health Accountability Agreement (Item 11.1 (c))

Recommendation: Be received

The agenda was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(c) MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) April 22, 2013 (Item 3.1)

The minutes from the April 22, 2013 Board of Health meeting, were approved.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

- (i) Christopher Savard representing the Academy of Nurse Practitioners Association, respecting the use of Nurse Practitioner led clinics to alleviate the primary care crisis (Item 4.1)**

The delegation request by Christopher Savard representing the Academy of Nurse Practitioners Association, respecting the use of Nurse Practitioner led clinics to alleviate the primary care crisis, was approved to speak at the June 17, 2013 meeting of the Board of Health.

- (ii) Renee Wetselaar and Kerry Cranston representing the City of Hamilton Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer Advisory Committee (LGBTQ), respecting the need for a suicide prevention strategy (Item 4.2)**

The delegation request by Renee Wetselaar and Kerry Cranston representing the City of Hamilton Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer Advisory Committee (LGBTQ), respecting the need for a suicide prevention strategy, was approved to speak at the June 17, 2013 meeting of the Board of Health.

(e) PRESENTATION (Item 7)

- (i) Organizational Standards for Ontario Public Health (no copy) (Item 7.1)**

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was retained by the Clerk for the record.

Dr. Richardson introduced Joyce Locke to present on the Review of Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards. Ms. Locke proceeded to provide the Board of Health with a presentation on organizational standards, leadership, best practices, accountability, transparency, continuous improvement and the need for self evaluation.

The Board asked questions of the presenter respecting issues surrounding governance as well as the need to work towards self-evaluation.

The presentation respecting Organizational Standards for Ontario Public Health, was received.

(f) MOTIONS (Item 9)**(i) Epinephrine Auto Injectors (EAI) – Rotary Club of Ancaster A.M. (item 9.1)**

WHEREAS A 12 year old, was unaware she had a food allergy, recently lost her life at the food court at Mapleview Mall;

AND WHEREAS she went into anaphylactic shock which restricts breathing and can cause death in two to three minutes;

AND WHEREAS in people with severe allergies, certain foods are the cause of anaphylaxis, a potentially fatal reaction;

AND WHEREAS over the past 15 years, Anaphylaxis Canada estimates are that the occurrence of anaphylaxis from food allergies increases by 18 percent each year;

AND WHEREAS emergency rooms in Canada handle many cases of allergic reactions each year;

AND WHEREAS in the recent years, an increasing number of people have lost their lives in Canada as a result of anaphylactic shock;

AND WHEREAS there are more than 120 foods that can cause allergic reactions, and they come from 8 food categories (shellfish, fish, wheat, soy, milk, eggs, tree nuts including walnuts, almonds, & cashews, and peanuts);

AND WHEREAS about 90 percent of food-related allergic reactions result from these eight food groups;

AND WHEREAS food allergy is a common potentially life-threatening disorder that affects about 6%-8% of children;

AND WHEREAS studies also show that of Canadian children with life-threatening food allergies, more than 30 percent are allergic to more than one food category;

AND WHEREAS a simple quick cure, an injection of epinephrine, (a natural product of the adrenal glands in all humans) can reverse the symptoms within seconds, saving lives;

AND WHEREAS Epinephrine Auto-Injector (EAI) products are readily available on the commercial pharmaceutical marketplace;

AND WHEREAS the Rotary Club of Ancaster A.M. has set a goal to have an Epinephrine Auto-Injector (EAI) in every food court, restaurant, snack bar and fast food facility in Hamilton;

AND WHEREAS Hamilton would be a pilot for other cities across Canada;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to understand how we can achieve this goal;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Medical Officer of Health be directed to prepare a report for the Board of Health outlining the following.
 - (i) How we can get the Epinephrine Auto-Injector (EAI) into every food service outlet in Hamilton;
 - (ii) How employees of every food service outlet can be trained to do the auto injections for people suffering from the symptoms;
 - (iii) How EAI kits can be maintained & monitored in every facility;
 - (iv) Provide an approximate cost for full implementation;
- (b) That the Medical Officer of Health report back in September 2013.

(g) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)

Councillor Ferguson introduced the following notices of motion.

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The rules of order were waved to introduce a motion respecting epinephrine auto injectors

Please refer to item (f)(i) for disposition.

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

The Board of Health adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor R. Bratina
Chair, Board of Health

Christopher Newman
Legislative Coordinator