



## **BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT 20-005**

9:30 a.m.

**Monday, September 21, 2020**

**Council Chambers  
Hamilton City Hall**

**Present:** Mayor F. Eisenberger  
Councillors M. Wilson (Vice-Chair), J. Farr, N. Nann, S. Merulla, C. Collins, T. Jackson, E. Pauls, J.P. Danko, B. Clark, M. Pearson, B. Johnson, L. Ferguson, A. VanderBeek, and J. Partridge

**Absent with  
Regrets:** T. Whitehead - Personal

### **THE BOARD OF HEALTH PRESENTS REPORT 20-005 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

**1. Correspondence from Chatham-Kent Public Health Unit respecting the Decriminalization of Personal Possession of Illicit Drugs (Item 5.1)**

That the Correspondence from Chatham-Kent Public Health Unit respecting the Decriminalization of Personal Possession of Illicit Drugs be received and referred to staff for a review of the decriminalization of personal possession of illicit drugs as part of the public health framework, with a report back to the Board of Health.

**2. Face Coverings in Enclosed Public Spaces (BOH20014(a)) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)**

- (a) That the amending By-law attached as Appendix "A" to Report BOH20014(a) which amends By-law 20-155 "A By-law to Require the Wearing of Face Coverings Within Enclosed Public Spaces" and to amend City of Hamilton By-law 17-225, being "A By-law to Establish a System of Administrative Penalties", each of which has been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be enacted and effective as of ratification by City Council; and,
- (b) That these amended By-laws shall be reviewed by the Board of Health every three months unless directed otherwise by City Council.

**3. Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program Budget 2020-2021 (BOH20017) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)**

That the 2020-2021 Healthy Babies, Healthy Children program budget, funded by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services be approved, including a reduction of 1.0 FTE, and, that the Medical Officer of Health or delegate be authorized and directed to receive, utilize, report on and execute the Healthy Babies Healthy Children Service agreement and contract, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor

**4. Child & Adolescent Services Budget 2020-2021 (BOH20018) (City Wide) (Item 10.3)**

That the Child & Adolescent Services budget be approved, and the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to receive, utilize, report and execute all service agreements and contracts required to give effect to the 2020-2021 Ministry of Health funded Child & Adolescent Services program, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

**5. Mental Health & Street Outreach Program and Alcohol, Drug & Gambling Services Program Budget 2020-2021 (BOH20016) (City Wide) (Item 10.4)**

- (a) That the 2020-2021 HNHB LHIN Funded Mental Health & Street Outreach and Alcohol, Drug & Gambling Services Programs' budgets, be approved, including the net increase of 0.4 FTE, and, that the Medical Officer of Health or delegate be authorized and directed to receive, utilize, report and execute all Service agreements and contracts, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, required to give effect to the 2020-2021 Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Services and Community Mental Health Promotion Program budget;
- (b) That the 2020-2021 Alcohol, Drug & Gambling Services', Choices and Changes program budget, funded by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services be approved, and, that the Medical Officer of Health or delegate be authorized and directed to receive, utilize, report and execute all Service agreements and contracts, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, required to give effect to the 2020-2021 Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Services Choices and Changes program budget;
- (c) That the 2020-2021 Alcohol, Drug & Gambling Services' Other Funding Grants program budget be approved, including the reduction of 1.35 FTE, and, that the Medical Officer of Health or delegate be authorized and directed to receive, utilize, report and execute all Service agreements and contracts, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, required to give effect to the 2020-2021 Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Services Other Funding Grants programs budget; and,

- (d) That the 2020-2021 Mental Health (Good Shepherd) program budget be approved, including the increase of 0.1 FTE, and, that the Medical Officer of Health or delegate be authorized and directed to receive, utilize, report and execute all Service agreements and contracts, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, required to give effect to the 2020-2021 Mental Health and Street Outreach Program Mental Health Good Shepherd program budget.

**6. Dental Program Update (BOH19026(b)) (Added Item 10.5)**

That the Board of Health authorize and direct the Medical Officer of Health to increase the Ontario Senior's Dental Care Program complement by 0.5 FTE.

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**(a) CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item 1)**

There were no ceremonial activities.

**(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)**

The Committee Clerk advised the Board of the following changes:

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

- 5.3 Correspondence from Marnie Saskin, Odeon Fitness, respecting Mandatory Masks

Recommendation: Be received.

- 5.4 Correspondence from the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, and Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health respecting Public Health Funding and Accountability Agreement

Recommendation: Be received.

Note: Due to the lifting of the Provincial embargo on this information, the Correspondence has been moved out of Private & Confidential, and into Communications.

- 5.5 Correspondence from William McDonald respecting the Wearing of Face Masks in Public Areas of Apartments and Condominiums

Recommendation: Be received.

**9. PRESENTATION**

- 9.1 Overview of COVID-19 activity in the City of Hamilton 11 Mar – 18 Sept 2020

**10. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 10.5 Dental Program Update (BOH19026(b)) (City Wide)

Note: Due to the lifting of the Provincial embargo on this information, the report has been moved out of Private & Confidential, and into Discussion Items.

The agenda for the September 21, 2020 Board of Health was approved, as amended.

**(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)**

There were no declarations of interest.

**(d) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)**

**(i) July 10 , 2020 (Item 4.1)**

The Minutes of the July 10, 2020 meeting of the Board of Health were approved, as presented.

**(e) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)**

The following Communications were approved as presented:

- (i) Correspondence from the Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit respecting COVID-19 Extraordinary Expenses and School-Focused Nurses (Item 5.2)

Recommendation: Be received.

- (ii) Correspondence from Marnie Saskin, Odeon Fitness, respecting Mandatory Masks (Added Item 5.3)

Recommendation: Be received.

- (iii) Correspondence from the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, and Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health respecting Public Health Funding and Accountability Agreement (Added Item 5.4)

Recommendation: Be received.

- (iv) Correspondence from William McDonald respecting the Wearing of Face Masks in Public Areas of Apartments and Condominiums (Added Item 5.5)

Recommendation: Be received.

**(f) STAFF PRESENTATION (Item 9)**

- (i) Overview of COVID-19 Activity in the City of Hamilton 11 Mar – 18 Sept 2020 (Added Item 9.1)**

Stephanie Hughes, Epidemiologist, Healthy and Safe Communities, addressed the Board with an Overview of COVID-19 Activity in the City of Hamilton 11 Mar – 18 Sept 2020, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

The Presentation respecting an Overview of COVID-19 Activity in the City of Hamilton 11 Mar – 18 Sept 2020, was received.

**(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

There being no further business, the Board of Health adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger  
Chair, Board of Health

Loren Kolar  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk