



## BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT 21-005

9:30 a.m.

Monday, May 17, 2021

**Due to COVID-19 and the closure of City Hall, this meeting was held virtually**

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**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:** Councillors T. Whitehead – Leave of Absence

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

**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 to the agenda:

### **5. COMMUNICATIONS**

- 5.1. Correspondence from Mel Switzer, President, Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Agriculture; and Drew Spoelstra, Vice-President, Ontario Farmers' Association, respecting support for Agricultural Workers and Food Processors as a Priority Vaccination Group.
- 5.2. Correspondence from Peterborough Public Health, respecting Appreciation and Support for the Provinces' Secision to Extend the Current Stay-at-Home Order Recommendation: Be received.

**6. DELEGATION REQUESTS**

- 6.1. Delegation Request from Kate Mulligan, Toronto Board of Health Member, respecting Reformation of Hamilton's Board of Health (for today's meeting)
- 6.3. Emily Power, respecting the Urgent Need for a More Proactive Strategy to Address COVID-19 Outbreaks in Apartment Buildings (for today's meeting)
- 6.4. David Elfstrom, respecting COVID-19 Outbreaks in Apartment Buildings (for today's meeting)

**DELEGATION WITHDRAWN:**

- 6.2. Terri Bedminster, Refuge Hamilton Centre for Newcomer Health, respecting Reforming Board of Health and Vaccinations for Tenants in COVID-19 Hotspot Buildings

The agenda for the May 17, 2021 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) April 19, 2021 (Item 4.1)**

The Minutes of the April 19, 2021 meeting of the Board of Health were approved, as presented.

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

The following Communications items were received:

- (i) Correspondence from Mel Switzer, President, Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Agriculture; and Drew Spoelstra, Vice-President, Ontario Farmers' Association, respecting support for Agricultural Workers and Food Processors as a Priority Vaccination Group (Added Item 5.1)
- (ii) Correspondence from Peterborough Public Health, respecting Appreciation and Support for the Provinces' Decision to Extend the Current Stay-at-Home Order (Added Item 5.2)

**(f) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)**

The following Delegation Requests were approved for today's meeting:

- (i) Delegation Request from Kate Mulligan, Toronto Board of Health Member, respecting Reformation of Hamilton's Board of Health (Added Item 6.1)
- (ii) Delegation Request from Emily Power, respecting the Urgent Need for a More Proactive Strategy to Address COVID-19 Outbreaks in Apartment Buildings (Added Item 6.3)
- (iii) Delegation Request from David Elfstrom, respecting COVID-19 Outbreaks in Apartment Buildings (Added Item 6.4)

**(g) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 9)**

- (i) Overview of COVID-19 Activity in the City of Hamilton 11 Mar to Present (Item 9.1)**

Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Officer of Health; Michelle Baird, Director, Healthy and Safe Communities and Stephanie Hughes, Epidemiologist, Healthy and Safe Communities, addressed the Board with an Overview of COVID-19 Activity in the City of Hamilton 11 Mar to present, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

The Presentation respecting an Overview of COVID-19 Activity in the City of Hamilton 11 Mar to present, was received.

**(h) VIRTUAL DELEGATIONS (Item 9)**

- (i) Kate Mulligan, Toronto Board of Health Member, respecting Reformation of Hamilton's Board of Health (Added Item 9.1)**

Kate Mulligan was not present when called upon.

- (ii) Emily Power, respecting the Urgent Need for a More Proactive Strategy to Address COVID-19 Outbreaks in Apartment Buildings (Added Item 9.2)**

Emily Power addressed the Board respecting the Urgent Need for a More Proactive Strategy to Address COVID-19 Outbreaks in Apartment Buildings with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

The Delegation from Emily Power, respecting the Urgent Need for a More Proactive Strategy to Address COVID-19 Outbreaks in Apartment Buildings, was received.

**(iii) David Elfstrom, respecting COVID-19 Outbreaks in Apartment Buildings (Added Item 9.3)**

David Elfstrom addressed the Board respecting COVID-19 Outbreaks in Apartment Buildings.

The Delegation from David Elfstrom, respecting COVID-19 Outbreaks in Apartment Buildings, were received.

**(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

There being no further business, the Board of Health adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger  
Chair, Board of Health

Loren Kolar  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk