



## **BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES 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### DELEGATION WITHDRAWN: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

### (Partridge/Nann)

That the agenda for the May 17, 2021 Board of Health be approved, as amended.

### Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

YES	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
YES	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
YES	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
YES	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
YES	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
ABSENT	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judy Partridge

### (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)**

**(Ferguson/Farr)**

That the Minutes of the April 19, 2021 meeting of the Board of Health be approved, as presented.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:**

YES	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
YES	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
YES	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
YES	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
YES	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
ABSENT	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judy Partridge

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

**(Pearson/Nann)**

That the following Communications items be 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)

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:**

YES	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
YES	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

YES	-	Ward 4	Councillor Sam Merulla
YES	-	Ward 5	Councillor Chad Collins
YES	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
YES	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
YES	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
YES	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
YES	-	Ward 10	Councillor Maria Pearson
YES	-	Ward 11	Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
ABSENT	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judy Partridge

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

**(Wilson/Nann)**

That the following Delegation Requests be 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)

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:**

YES	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
YES	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
YES	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
YES	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
YES	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
ABSENT	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judy Partridge

**(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.

**(Pearson/Jackson)**

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

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:**

YES	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
YES	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
ABSENT	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
YES	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
YES	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
ABSENT	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
ABSENT	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judy Partridge

**(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.

**(Pearson/Pauls)**

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

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:**

YES	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
YES	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
ABSENT	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
YES	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
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YES	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
YES	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
ABSENT	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
ABSENT	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judy Partridge

**(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.

**(Ferguson/Farr)**

That the Delegation from David Elfstrom, respecting COVID-19 Outbreaks in Apartment Buildings, be received.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:**

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YES	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
YES	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
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ABSENT	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judy Partridge

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

**(Pauls/VanderBeek)**

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

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 0, as follows:**

YES	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
YES	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
ABSENT	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
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ABSENT	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judy Partridge

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger  
Chair, Board of Health

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