



BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT 21-006

9:30 a.m.

Monday, June 14, 2021

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

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

THE BOARD OF HEALTH PRESENTS REPORT 21-006 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. **Board of Health Governance Overview (BOH21006) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)**
 - (a) That the Chair & Vice Chair of the Board of Health continue to engage in discussions regarding public health modernization with the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, Province of Ontario and Association of Municipalities Ontario, and bring forward the importance of equity, diversity, and inclusion to those tables;
 - (b) ***That the Medical Officer of Health, or designate, engage an external vendor to plan and deliver an education session on the topic of governance and structural options for the Board of Health to consider and to ensure members have up to date information as the Province moves ahead with discussions and decisions related to public health modernization;***
 - (c) That Public Health staff be directed to engage with the newly established Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Sub-committee to ensure appropriate internal and external consultations and standards of practice through implementation of public health modernization.

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 ACORN respecting Mandatory Regulations to Stop COVID-19 Spread in Multiple Residential Apartment Buildings

Recommendation: Be received.

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 6.1. Delegation Request from Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton, respecting the Board of Health Governance Overview (BOH21006) (for today's meeting)
- 6.2. Delegation Request from Kojo Dampsey, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion, respecting the Board of Health Governance Review (BOH21006) (for today's meeting)
- 6.3. Delegation Request from Kathy Johnson, ACORN, respecting Mandatory Regulations to Stop COVID-19 Spread in Multiple Residential Apartment Buildings, Video Submission (for today's meeting)
- 6.4. Delegation Request from Claudette Gadoury, ACORN, respecting Mandatory Regulations to Stop COVID-19 Spread in Multiple Residential Apartment Buildings, Video Submission (for today's meeting)
- 6.5. Delegation Request from Rebecca Guzzo, ACORN, respecting Mandatory Regulations to Stop COVID-19 Spread in Multiple Residential Apartment Buildings, Video Submission (for today's meeting)

7. CONSENT ITEMS

- 7.1 Clerk's Report - Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee- May 25,2021

The agenda for the June 14, 2021 Board of Health was approved, as amended.

(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

Councillor Merulla declared an interest in Items 5.1, Correspondence from ACORN respecting Mandatory Regulations to Stop COVID-19 Spread in Multiple Residential Apartment Buildings, and 6.3 to 6.5, Delegations Requests respecting Mandatory Regulations to Stop COVID-19 Spread in Multiple Residential Apartment Buildings, as he and his spouse are rental property owners.

Councillor Pearson declared an interest in Items 5.1, Correspondence from ACORN respecting Mandatory Regulations to Stop COVID-19 Spread in Multiple Residential Apartment Buildings, and 6.3 to 6.5, Delegations Requests respecting Mandatory Regulations to Stop COVID-19 Spread in Multiple Residential Apartment Buildings, as she and her spouse are rental property owners.

Councillor VanderBeek declared an interest in Items 5.1, Correspondence from ACORN respecting Mandatory Regulations to Stop COVID-19 Spread in Multiple Residential Apartment Buildings, and 6.3 to 6.5, Delegations Requests respecting Mandatory Regulations to Stop COVID-19 Spread in Multiple Residential Apartment Buildings, as she and her spouse are rental property owners.

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

(i) May 17, 2021 (Item 4.1)

The Minutes of the May 17, 2021 meeting of the Board of Health were approved, as presented.

(e) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) Correspondence from ACORN respecting Mandatory Regulations to Stop COVID-19 Spread in Multiple Residential Apartment Buildings (Added Item 5.1)

The Correspondence from ACORN respecting Mandatory Regulations to Stop COVID-19 Spread in Multiple Residential Apartment Buildings, was received.

(f) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

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

- (i) Delegation Request from Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton, respecting the Board of Health Governance Overview (BOH21006) (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.1)

- (ii) Delegation Request from Kojo Dampthey, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion, respecting the Board of Health Governance Review (BOH21006) (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.2)
- (iii) Delegation Request from Kathy Johnson, ACORN, respecting Mandatory Regulations to Stop COVID-19 Spread in Multiple Residential Apartment Buildings (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.3)
- (iv) Delegation Request from Claudette Gadoury, ACORN, respecting Mandatory Regulations to Stop COVID-19 Spread in Multiple Residential Apartment Buildings (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.4)
- (v) Delegation Request from Rebecca Guzzo, ACORN, respecting Mandatory Regulations to Stop COVID-19 Spread in Multiple Residential Apartment Buildings (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.5)

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item (i)(iii) and (i)(iv).

(g) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7)

- (i) Clerk's Report - Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee - May 25, 2021 (Added Item 7.1)**

The Clerk's Report - Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee - May 25, 2021, was received.

(h) 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.

(i) PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 9)

- (i) The following Delegations addressed the Board respecting Report BOH21006 Board of Health Governance Overview (City Wide) (Item 10.1):

- (a) Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton (Added Item 9.1)
- (b) Kojo Dampsey, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion (Added Item 9.2)

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 1.

- (ii) The following Delegations addressed the Board respecting Mandatory Regulations to Stop COVID-19 Spread in Multiple Residential Apartment Buildings:

- (a) Kathy Johnson, ACORN (Added Item 9.3)
- (b) Claudette Gadoury, ACORN (Added Item 9.4)
- (c) Rebecca Guzzo, ACORN (Added Item 9.5)

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item (i)(iii) and (i)(iv).

The above Delegations, listed as Items 9.1 to 9.5, were received:

- (iii) Staff were directed to report back to the Board of Health on the implementation of the following COVID-10 related requirements regarding Multiple Residential Apartment Buildings – Highrise 1 and 2 Buildings:
 - (a) Proper PPE give to building staff while working in the building
 - (b) Signage in common areas encouraging social distancing and handwashing
 - (c) Placement of hand sanitizer in common areas
 - (d) Disinfection of High Contact Surfaces twice a day
 - (e) Posting a cleaning schedule
 - (f) Regular Updates to Tenants on COVID-19 measures; and
 - (g) Provide free PPE in common areas
- (iv) Staff were directed to prepare a letter on behalf of the Board of Health and the City of Hamilton reiterating the importance of a local Board of Health, especially when dealing with local outbreaks such as COVID-19.

(j) DISCUSSION ITEM (Item 10)

- (i) **Board of Health Governance Overview (BOH21006) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)**
 - (a) That the Chair & Vice Chair of the Board of Health continue to engage in discussions regarding public health modernization with the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, Province of Ontario and Association of Municipalities Ontario, and bring forward the importance of equity, diversity, and inclusion to those tables;

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- (c) That Public Health staff be directed to engage with the newly established Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Sub-committee to ensure appropriate internal and external consultations and standards of practice through implementation of public health modernization.

Sub-section (b) of Report BOH21006 respecting the Board of Health Governance overview, was deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

- (b) ***That the Medical Officer of Health, or designate, engage an external vendor to plan and deliver an education session on the topic of governance and structural options for the Board of Health to consider and to ensure members have up to date information as the Province moves ahead with discussions and decisions related to public health modernization;***

For further disposition, refer to Item 1.

(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

There being no further business, the Board of Health adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger
Chair, Board of Health

Loren Kolar
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk