



## **BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT 21-007**

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 7, 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.

**Absent with  
Regrets:** Councillors T. Whitehead – Leave of Absence; Councillor J. Partridge - Personal

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### **THE BOARD OF HEALTH PRESENTS REPORT 21-007 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

#### **1. Communications (Items 5.2 and 5.3)**

That the following Correspondence items be endorsed:

- (a) Correspondence from Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit respecting Mitigation Funding 2022 (Item 5.2)
- (b) Correspondence from Peterborough Public Health Unit respecting Mitigation Funding 2022 (Item 5.3)

#### **2. Infection Prevention and Control Measures for High-Rise Apartment Buildings and High-Rise Condominiums with 12 or More Storeys (BOH21007) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Added Item 10.1)**

That the Board of Health endorse the Medical Officer of Health issuing a Letter of Instructions under the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020, S.O. 2020, c. 17 ("the Reopening Ontario Act") to all persons responsible for High-rise Apartment Buildings and High-rise Condominium Buildings, as defined in the letter, requiring them to take infection prevention & control measures to protect residents, employees, and visitors of these residential buildings from contracting and/or spreading COVID-19.

**3. Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee Report 21-001- June 29, 2021(Added Item 10.3)**

That the following items be approved as presented:

(a) Appointment of Vice-Chair (Item 1)

That Keanin Loomis be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee for the balance of the 2018-2022 term of Council.

(b) Appointment of a new physician practicing in Hamilton within five years of their graduation from residency (Item 7.2)

That Dr. Brendan Singh be appointed to the Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee as the new physician practicing in Hamilton within five years of their graduation from residency.

(c) Key Performance Indicators and Physicians by Community Report (Item 10.1)

That the Key Performance Indicators and Physicians by Community Report, be received.

(d) Budget and Cash Flow Reports (Item 10.2)

(i) That the Year 17 (2020) Budget for December 1, 2019 to November 30, 2020, be received; and,

(ii) That the Cash Flow Statement for December 1, 2019 to November 30, 2020, be received;

(e) Revisions to the Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee Terms of Reference (Item 10.3)

That the revisions to the Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee Terms of Reference, attached as Appendix A, be approved.

(f) Working Group of the Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee - Appointment (Item 10.3)

That Councillor Arlene VanderBeek be appointed to the Working Group of the Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee for the balance of the 2018-2022 term.

(g) Physician Recruitment and Retention Program Review (Item 10.4)

- (i) That a full review of the Physician Recruitment and Retention Program be carried out by the Working Group of the Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee; and
  - (ii) That the Working Group of the Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee report back to the Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee on the results of the Program Review.
- (h) Proposed Contract Revisions – Physician Recruitment Coordinator and Practice Advisor (Item 14.2)
  - (i) That the Terms and Conditions of Employment for the Physician Recruitment Coordinator and Practice Advisor, be approved, subject to review by the City of Hamilton Human Resources staff; and
  - (ii) That the Terms and Conditions of Employment for the Physician Recruitment Coordinator and Practice Advisor contract remain confidential.

**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:

**10. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 10.1. Infection Prevention and Control Measures for High-Rise Apartment Buildings and High-Rise Condominiums with 12 or More Storeys (BOH21007) (City Wide)
- 10.2. Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee Report 21-001- June 29, 2021

**13. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS**

- 13.1. Amendments to the Outstanding Business List

The agenda for the July 7, 2021 Board of Health was approved, as amended.

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

None

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

**(i) June 14, 2021 (Item 4.1)**

- (a) The Minutes of the June 14, 2021 meeting of the Board of Health were approved.
- (b) WHEREAS, Councillor VanderBeek has advised that she voted in error on Item (i)(iii), at the June 14, 2021 Board of Health meeting; and

WHEREAS, Councillor VanderBeek declared a conflict earlier in the meeting on June 14, 2021 on Item 9, Delegations respecting Mandatory Regulations to Stop COVID-19 Spread in Multiple Residential Apartment Buildings.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The June 14, 2021 Board of Health minutes (Item (9 on the Agenda), were amended to reflect Councillor VanderBeek's conflict within the vote on Item (i)(iii).

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

**(i) Correspondence from the Hon. Christine Elliot, Minister of Health, respecting Amended Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services and Accountability (Item 5.1)**

The Correspondence from the Hon. Christine Elliot, Minister of Health, respecting Amended Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services and Accountability, was received.

**(f) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 9)**

**(i) Overview of COVID-19 Activity in the City of Hamilton 11 Mar 2020 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 2020 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 2020 to present, was received.

**(g) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)**

**(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Added Item 13.1)**

The following Amendments to the Outstanding Business List were approved as presented:

**(a) Revised Due Dates (Item 13.1(a)):**

2015-A: Review of the City of Hamilton's Pest Control By-law (November 16, 2015, (Item 9.1))

Due Date: April 2021

Revised Due Date: Work Suspended due to COVID 19

2019-H: Hamilton Millennial Survey Study – Employment Precarity (April 15, 2019 19-004 (Item 8.1))

Due Date: March 2021

Revised Due Date: November 2021

2020-G: Implementation of a By-Law to Regulate the Smoking of Non-Tobacco Combustible Substances in Public Places and Work Places (February 21, 2020 BOH 20-002 (Added Item 11.1))

Due Date: May 2021

Revised Due Date: Work Suspended due to COVID 19

2020-I: Consumption and Treatment Services and Wesley Day Centre (Referred to the Board of Health from the Emergency and Community Services Committee on June 19, 2020)

Due Date: Feb 2021

Revised Due Date: Work Suspended due to COVID 19

2020-J: 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 (Board of Health, Sept 21, 2020)

Due Date: May 2021

Revised Due Date: October 2021

(b) Item to be Removed (Item 13.1(b)):

2020-H: Hamilton Drug Strategy Year End Report (BOH20006) (City Wide) (February 21, 2020, BOH 20-002 (Item 7.1))  
Completed with Report BOH210002, February 2021.

**(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

There being no further business, the Board of Health was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger  
Chair, Board of Health

Loren Kolar  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk