

CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

City Council: June 21, 2023

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR N. NANN.....

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Air Pollution & Mental Health Impacts

WHEREAS, emerging data points to a connection between air pollution and mental and neurological health impacts;

WHEREAS, Hamilton Public Health does not currently collected data on air pollution and it’s links to mental and neurological health outcomes;

WHEREAS, Hamilton Public Health does not currently have the resources to collect, analyze, and report to Public Health Committee on this data; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton Public Health regularly benefits from partnership with academics and other health research institutions where there are intersecting areas of interest.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Public Health Staff be directed to identify the resources required to develop, in partnership with the Centre for Addictions and Mental Health (CAMH), McMaster University and other local stakeholders, a suite of evidence informed indicators that can be used locally to monitor the impact of air pollution on mental and neurological health outcomes for future Health Check reports;
- (b) That staff report back to Public Health Committee on the identified resources needed by the start of Q4 2023, so that any staffing and/or financial needs can be identified for inclusion in the 2024 Budget; and
- (c) That staff include this information in future Health Check reports to Public Health Committee by the beginning of 2025 and annually thereafter.