

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE (Formerly the Board of Health) **MINUTES 23-007**

9:30 a.m.

Monday, June 12, 2023

Council Chambers, City Hall, 2nd Floor 71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

Present: Mayor A. Horwath (Chair)

Councillor M. Wilson (Vice-Chair)

Councillors C. Cassar, B. Clark, J.P. Danko, M. Francis, T. Hwang, T. Jackson, C. Kroetsch, T. McMeekin, N. Nann, E. Pauls, M.

Spadafora, M. Tadeson, A. Wilson

Absent with

Regrets: Councillor J. Beattie - Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR **CONSIDERATION:**

1. Collective Impact: Healthy and Safe Communities and the Greater Hamilton Health Network 2023 Update (BOH23020) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Hwang/A. Wilson)

That Report BOH23020, respecting Collective Impact: Healthy and Safe Communities and the Greater Hamilton Health Network 2023 Update, be received

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:

Yes Mayor Andrea Horwath

 Ward 10 Absent Councillor Jeff Beattie - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar Yes Yes - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

Yes - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko

Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang Yes - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

Councillor Cameron Kroetsch Yes - Ward 2 Yes Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

- Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann Yes

Absent	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 1	Councillor Maureen Wilson

2. Hamilton Opioid Action Plan (BOH23021) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(Nann/A. Wilson)

- (a) That the Hamilton Opioid Action Plan, attached as Appendix "A" to Report BOH23021, be approved;
- (b) That the Public Health Services budgeted complement be increased by 1.0 FTE Health Strategy Specialist, with funding for the 2023 costs of \$39,048 to come first from any Public Health Services levy funded surplus, then from the Public Health Services Reserve (112219), and that the 2024 operating cost of \$116,760 be included in the 2024 Tax Operating Budget;
- (c) That a one-year drug checking and surveillance system pilot be implemented *in a manner satisfactory to the City Solicitor and that staff report back to the Public Health Committee in Q3 2024*, at a cost of \$118,000 to be funded in 2023, first from any Public Health Services levy funded surplus, then from Public Health Services Reserve (112219), and that the 2024 operating costs of \$60,000 be included in the 2024 Tax Operating Budget;
- (d) That an 18 month pilot be implemented to provide a supervised consumption site in a men's shelter by Housing Services through a Call for Applicants, for a total cost of \$667,000 and that the cost of \$120,000 for 2023 be funded from first from any Healthy and Safe Communities departmental levy funded surplus, then from Public Health Services Reserve (112219), and that the costs of \$547,000 be included in the 2024 and 2025 Tax Operating Budget;
- (e) That Public Health Services conduct an evaluation of the pilot men's shelter supervised consumption site and report back in Q4 2024; and
- (f) That the General Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities Department or delegate be authorized and directed, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, to enter into, execute and administer all agreements and documents necessary to implement the Call for Applicants for a shelter based supervised consumption space, including but not limited to spending caps, benefit frequency limits, or other controls necessary to ensure costs are contained within the approved budget.

Result: MAIN Motion, As Amended, CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

Yes Mayor Andrea Horwath Absent - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar Yes Yes Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark Yes - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang Yes - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch Yes Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann Yes Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls Absent Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora Absent Yes - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson Yes Yes Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

3. Cold Alert Threshold Review (BOH23005(a)) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)

(Tadeson/McMeekin)

- (a) That thresholds for Cold Alerts issued by the Medical Officer of Health remain at -15°C or -20 windchill; and
- (b) That the City's annual Winter Response Strategy, which is being developed to support individuals experiencing homelessness during winter months be provided independent of Cold Alerts issued by the Medical Officer of Health.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

Mayor Andrea Horwath Absent - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie Absent Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar Yes - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark Yes - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko Yes - Ward 5 **Councillor Matt Francis** Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson Yes Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch Councillor Ted McMeekin Yes - Ward 15 - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann Absent Ward 7 Absent Councillor Esther Pauls Absent - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson Yes Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson Yes Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CEREMONIAL ACTIVITES (Item 1)

(i) Public Health Services 150th Anniversary (Item 1.1)

Dr. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health, addressed the Committee to provide remarks celebrating Public Health Services 150th Anniversary.

(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

The Committee Clerk advised the Committee that there were no changes to the agenda.

(A. Wilson/Tadeson)

That the agenda for the June 12, 2023 Public Health Committee be approved, as presented.

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

Yes	-	Mayor And	Irea Horwath
Absent	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor John-Paul Danko
Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 4	Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 2	Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin
Absent	-	Ward 3	Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 1	Councillor Maureen Wilson

(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(Nann/Spadafora)

That the following Minutes of the Public Health Committee be approved, as presented:

- (i) May 1, 2023 (Item 4.1)
- (ii) May 15, 2023 Special PHC (Item 4.2)

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath	
Absent	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor John-Paul Danko
Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 4	Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
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Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
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Yes	-	Ward 1	Councillor Maureen Wilson

(e) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) (Pauls/Hwang)

That the following Communication items be approved, as presented:

(a) Correspondence from Middlesex-London Health Unit, respecting Monitoring Food Affordability and Implications for Public Policy and Action (Item 5.1)

Recommendation: Be Received.

(b) Correspondence from Huron Perth Public Health, respecting a Request for Immediate Funding for Student Nutrition Programs and to Increase Funding for Future School Years (Item 5.2)

Recommendation: Be Endorsed.

(c) Correspondence from Huron Perth Public Health, respecting Federal School Food Policy (Item 5.3)

Recommendation: Be Endorsed.

(d) Correspondence from Public Health Sudbury and Districts respecting Bill 93, Joshua's Law (Lifejackets for Life), 2023 (Item 5.4)

Recommendation: Be Endorsed.

(e) Correspondence from Timiskaming Health Unit respecting Addressing Household Food Insecurity in Ontario (Item 5.5)

Recommendation: Be Endorsed.

(f) Correspondence from Chatham-Kent Public Health respecting Universal, No-cost Coverage for all Prescription Contraceptive Options to all People Living in Ontario (Item 5.6)

Recommendation: Be Endorsed.

(g) Correspondence from Peterborough Public Health respecting Public Health 2024 Budget (Item 5.7)

Recommendation: Be Received.

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

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Absent	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor John-Paul Danko
Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 4	Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
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(f) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Collective Impact: Healthy and Safe Communities and the Greater Hamilton Health Network 2023 Update (BOH23020) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

Dr. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health, and Melissa McCallum, Executive Director, Greater Hamilton Health Network, addressed the Committee respecting Collective Impact: Healthy and Safe Communities and the Greater Hamilton Health Network 2023 Update, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

(Tadeson/Horwath)

That the presentation respecting Report BOH23020, Collective Impact: Healthy and Safe Communities and the Greater Hamilton Health Network 2023 Update, be received

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor And	lrea Horwath
Absent	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
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For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 1.

(ii) Hamilton Opioid Action Plan (BOH23021) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

Dr. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health, introduced Melissa Biksa, Manager, Mental Health and Harm Reduction and Dr. Mark Cachia, Public Health & Preventive Medicine Resident, who addressed the Committee respecting the Hamilton Opioid Action Plan, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

(Hwang/McMeekin)

That the presentation respecting Report BOH23021, Hamilton Opioid Action Plan, be received.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath	
Absent	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
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(Nann/A. Wilson)

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and 2025 Tax Operating Budget;

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(Clark/Danko)

That sub-section (c) to Report BOH23021, respecting Hamilton Opioid Action Plan, **be amended**, by adding the words "**in a manner satisfactory to the City Solicitor"**, as follows:

(c) That a one-year drug checking and surveillance system pilot be implemented *in a manner satisfactory to the City Solicitor* at a cost of \$118,000 to be funded in 2023, first from any Public Health Services levy funded surplus, then from Public Health Services Reserve (112219), and that the 2024 operating costs of \$60,000 be included in the 2024 Tax Operating Budget;

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

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Absent	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
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Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 1	Councillor Maureen Wilson

(Clark/Danko)

That sub-section (c) to Report BOH23021, respecting Hamilton Opioid Action Plan, *be further amended*, by adding the words "*and that staff report back to the Public Health Committee in Q3 2024"*, as follows:

(c) That a one-year drug checking and surveillance system pilot be implemented in *a manner satisfactory to the City Solicitor and that staff report back to the Public Health Committee in Q3 2024,* at a cost of \$118,000 to be funded in 2023, first from any Public Health Services levy funded surplus, then from Public Health Services Reserve (112219), and that the 2024 operating costs of \$60,000 be included in the 2024 Tax Operating Budget;

Result: AMENDMENT, CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 1, as follows:

-	Mayor And	rea Horwath
-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
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For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 2.

(g) MOTIONS (Item 11)

(i) Air Pollution & Mental Health Impacts (Item 11.1)

In Councillor Nann's absence the Committee was advised that the following motion will be considered at the July 12th Public Health Committee meeting:

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.

(h) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 13.1):

(Clark/McMeekin)

That the amendments to the Outstanding Business List, be approved, as follows:

(a) Items Considered Complete and Needing to be Removed (Item 13.1(a)):

(i) Clean Air Hamilton Annual Progress Report 2021 (BOH230010) (Item 13.1(a)(a))

OBL Item: 2023-D

Date Added: March 20, 2023 (BOH Report 23-003 - Item 1) Date Completed: May 1, 2023 (PHC Report 23-005 - Item 1) (ii) Modelling Morbidity and Mortality using the Hamilton Airshed Modelling System (BOH18016(a)) (Item 13.1(a)(b))

OBL Item: 2023-E

Date Added: March 20, 2023 (BOH Report 23-003 - Item 2) Date Completed: May 1, 2023 (PHC Report 23-005 - Item 2)

(b) Items Requiring a New Due Date (Item 13.1(b)):

(i) Municipal Actions to Reduce Harms Associated with Alcohol Use (BOH19032) (Item 13.1(b)(a))

OBL Item: 2019-V

Current Due Date: July 2023

Proposed Due Date: September 2023

(ii) Child & Adolescent Services 2021-2022 Budget and Base Funding Increase of Five Percent (BOH 21010) (City Wide) (Item 13.1(b)(b))

OBL Item: 2021-G

Current Due Date: April 2023

Proposed Due Date: September 2023

(c) Item to be Referred to the Public Works Committee (Item 13.1(c)):

(i) Correspondence from Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of health and Chief Executive Officer, Public Health Sudbury & Districts, respecting Physical Literacy for Healthy Active Children (Daily School Route) (Item 13.1(c)(a))

OBL Item: 2023-B

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath		
Absent	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie	
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar	
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark	
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor John-Paul Danko	
Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Matt Francis	
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Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora	
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson	

Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Jackson/Tadeson)

That, there being no further business, the Public Health Committee be adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

Absent	-	Mayor And	lrea Horwath
Absent	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
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Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Maureen Wilson Chair, Public Health Committee

Matt Gauthier Legislative Coordinator Office of the City Clerk