



**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
(Formerly the Board of Health)
MINUTES 23-011**

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday November 13, 2023
Council Chambers, City Hall, 2nd Floor
71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

Present: Councillor M. Wilson (Chair)
Councillors J. Beattie, 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 and A. Wilson

**Absent with
Regrets:** Mayor A. Horwath – City Business

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

**1. *Personal Health Information Protection Act* Training for Councillors (BOH23037)
(City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

(McMeekin/Cassar)

That Report BOH23037 respecting *Personal Health Information Protection Act*
Training for Councillors, be received.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	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
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
Yes	-	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

2. Strengthening Public Health (BOH23038) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(Tadeson/Cassar)

That Report BOH23037 respecting Strengthening Public Health, be received.

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

- Absent - Mayor Andrea Horwath
- Yes - 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
- Absent - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- Absent - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
- Yes - 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

3. Vaccine Ambassador Pilot Program – Evaluation Report (BOH23036) (City Wide) (Item 9.1)

(A. Wilson/Kroetsch)

That Report BOH23036 respecting Vaccine Ambassador Pilot Program, be received.

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

- Absent - Mayor Andrea Horwath
- Yes - 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
- Absent - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- Absent - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch

Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin
Yes	-	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

4. Blue Flag Beach Program (PW23068/BOH22004(b)) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)

(Nann/Francis)

That Report PW23068/BOH22004(b) respecting Blue Flag Beach Program, be received.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	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
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
Yes	-	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

5. Monitoring Local Impacts of Air Pollution on Mental and Neurological Health Outcomes (BOH23041) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 10.2)

(Nann/Hwang)

(a) That the Public Health Services budgeted complement be increased by 1.0 FTE to hire an Epidemiologist to establish a set of evidence informed indicators to monitor the impact of air pollution on the mental and neurological health of Hamilton residents at an anticipated annualized cost of \$141,831 for salary and benefits, to be referred to the 2024 Tax Operating Budget for Council approval; and,

- (b) That Item #2023-H, respecting Monitoring Local Impacts of Air Pollution on Mental and Neurological Health Outcomes be removed from the Public Health Committee Outstanding Business List.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 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
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

The Committee Clerk advised the Committee of the following changes to the agenda:

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 6.1 Sarah Warry, Yous Matter Inc., respecting addiction and the underhoused (for today's meeting) – WITHDRAWN
- 6.2 Liz Roediger, Stand for Stoney Creek, respecting a community perspective related to agenda item 10.2 (Monitoring Local Impacts of Air Pollution on Mental and Neurological Health Outcomes) (for today's meeting)

(Francis/Clark)

That the agenda for the November 13, 2023 Public Health Committee be approved, as amended.

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
Absent	-	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
Yes	-	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

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) October 2, 2023 (Item 4.1)

(Hwang/Nann)

That the Minutes of the October 2, 2023 meeting of the Public Health Committee be approved, as presented.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 10 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
Absent	-	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
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
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

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

- (i) René Lapierre, Board of Health Chair, Public Health Sudbury and Districts, respecting Calls for Expansion of Outdoor Air Quality Monitoring Stations and the Air Quality Health Index Across Northern Ontario (Item 5.1)

(A. Wilson/Kroetsch)

That the Correspondence from René Lapierre, Board of Health Chair, Public Health Sudbury and Districts, respecting Calls for Expansion of Outdoor Air Quality Monitoring Stations and the Air Quality Health Index Across Northern Ontario, be received.

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
Absent	-	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
Yes	-	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

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

- (i) **Liz Roediger, Stand for Stoney Creek, respecting a community perspective related Monitoring Local Impacts of Air Pollution on Mental and Neurological Health Outcomes (BOH23041) (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.2)**

(Francis/Clark)

That the Delegation Request from Liz Roediger, Stand for Stoney Creek, respecting a community perspective on Monitoring Local Impacts of Air Pollution on Mental and Neurological Health Outcomes (BOH23041), be approved, for today's meeting.

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
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
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Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
Yes	-	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

(ii) Susan Chapman, respecting a community perspective related to Monitoring Local Impacts of Air Pollution on Mental and Neurological Health Outcomes (BOH23041) (Added Item 6.3)

(Pauls/Clark)

That the Delegation Request from Susan Chapman, respecting a community perspective on Monitoring Local Impacts of Air Pollution on Mental and Neurological Health Outcomes (BOH23041), be approved, for today's meeting.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Absent	-	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
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
Yes	-	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

(f) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)

- (i) Dr. Sonia Anand, McMaster University - SCORE!, respecting the results of the SCORE! (Strengthening Community Roots: Anchoring Newcomers in Wellness and Sustainability) project from the Riverdale neighborhood in Ward 5 (for today's meeting) (Item 7.1)**

Dr. Sonia Anand addressed the Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint Presentation, respecting the results of the SCORE! (Strengthening Community Roots: Anchoring Newcomers in Wellness and Sustainability) project from the Riverdale neighborhood in Ward 5.

(Francis/M. Wilson)

That the speaking time for Dr. Sonia Anand with McMaster University, be extended by five (5) minutes.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 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
Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
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Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
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Yes - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

- (ii) Liz Roediger, Stand for Stoney Creek, respecting a community perspective on Monitoring Local Impacts of Air Pollution on Mental and Neurological Health Outcomes (BOH23041) (Added Item 7.2)**

Liz Roediger, addressed the Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint Presentation, respecting a community perspective on Monitoring Local Impacts of Air Pollution on Mental and Neurological Health Outcomes (BOH23041).

(Clark/Pauls)

That the speaking time for Liz Roediger with Stand for Stoney Creek, be extended by five (5) minutes.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	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
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
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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

(iii) Susan Chapman, respecting a community perspective related to Monitoring Local Impacts of Air Pollution on Mental and Neurological Health Outcomes (BOH23041) (Added Item 7.3)

Susan Chapman, addressed the Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint Presentation, respecting a community perspective related to agenda item 10.2 (Monitoring Local Impacts of Air Pollution on Mental and Neurological Health Outcomes).

(Clark/Francis)

That the Delegations for today's meeting, be received.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie

Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
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Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 1	Councillor Maureen Wilson

(g) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) *Personal Health Information Protection Act* Training for Councillors (BOH23037) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

David Goodis, Partner with INQ. Law, addressed the Committee respecting *Personal Health Information Protection Act* Training for Councillors, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

(McMeekin/Cassar)

That the Presentation respecting *Personal Health Information Protection Act* Training for Councillors, be received.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
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Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Absent	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson

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

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

(ii) Strengthening Public Health (BOH23038) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Chief Medical Officer of Health, addressed the Committee respecting Strengthening Public Health, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

(Tadeson/Cassar)

That the Presentation respecting Strengthening Public Health, be received

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

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

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 2.

(h) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)

Councillor Francis introduced the following Notice of Motion:

- (i) Consultation with SCORE! (Strengthening Community Roots: Anchoring Newcomers in Wellness and Sustainability) on the Riverdale neighborhood project (Ward 5)**

That staff be directed to work with McMaster University's SCORE! (Strengthening Community Roots: Anchoring Newcomers in Wellness and Sustainability) program to explore their needs in greater detail with respect to the Riverdale neighborhood project and report back in Q1 2024 on the requests, options available and potential costs associated.

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

(Tadeson/Pauls)

That, there being no further business, the Public Health Committee be adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 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
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Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Maureen Wilson
Vice Chair, Public Health
Committee

Aleah Whalen
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk