



**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
(Formerly the Board of Health)
REPORT 24-002**

9:30 a.m.

Monday, February 5, 2024

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

Present: Mayor A. Horwath (Chair)
Councillors C. Cassar, J.P. Danko, M. Francis, T. Hwang, T. Jackson,
C. Kroetsch, T. McMeekin, N. Nann, E. Pauls, J. Beattie, and A. Wilson
and M. Wilson

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillors B. Clark, M. Spadafora, M. Tadeson – City Business

**THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 24-002 AND RESPECTFULLY
RECOMMENDS:**

1. **2024 Annual Service Plan and Budget and Public Health Priorities (BOH24001)
(City Wide) (Item 8.1)**
 - (a) That the 2024 Annual Service Plan and Budget be approved and that the Medical Officer of Health be directed to submit it to the Ministry of Health, in keeping with the information that is outlined in Public Health Committee Report BOH24001;
 - (b) That the Board of Health call on the Ministry of Health to provide timely information and expectations for the unfolding Strengthening Public Health Strategy surrounding upcoming changes to the Ontario Public Health Standards, and provide permanent funding, including annual increases, to fully implement and sustain the revised requirements; and,
 - (c) That Confidential Appendix "A" to Report BOH24001 remain confidential until February 16, 2024.

2. *Immunization of Schools Pupils Act* Information Report (BOH24002) (City Wide) (Item 9.1)

That Report BOH24002, respecting *Immunization of Schools Pupils Act* Information Report (City Wide), be received.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

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

The agenda for the February 5, 2024, Public Health Committee was approved, as presented.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) January 15, 2024 (Item 4.1)

The Minutes of the January 15, 2024 meeting of the Public Health Committee were approved, as presented.

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) Bernie MacLellan, Chair, Board of Health, and Dr. Miriam Klassen, Medical Officer of Health, Huron Perth Public Health, respecting Call for federal government to take immediate action on nicotine pouches (Item 5.1)

That the Correspondence from Bernie MacLellan, Chair, Board of Health, and Dr. Miriam Klassen, Medical Officer of Health, Huron Perth Public Health, respecting Call for federal government to take immediate action on nicotine pouches, be endorsed.

(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) 2024 Annual Service Plan and Budget and Public Health Priorities (BOH24001) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Officer of Health, Jennifer Vickers-Manzin, Director, Healthy Families, Julie Prieto, Director, Epidemiology and Wellbeing, and Kevin McDonald, Director, Healthy Environments, addressed Committee respecting 2024 Annual Service Plan and Budget and Public Health Priorities, with the aid of a presentation.

The Presentation from Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Officer of Health, Jennifer Vickers-Manzin, Director, Healthy Families, Julie Prieto, Director, Epidemiology and Wellbeing, and Kevin McDonald, Director, Healthy Environments, respecting 2024 Annual Service Plan and Budget and Public Health Priorities, was received.

For disposition of this matter, refer to item 1.

(f) MOTIONS (Item 11)

(i) Pharmacare Update (Added Item 11.1)

Staff were directed to report back to the Public Health Committee with an information report on Pharmacare.

(g) GENERAL INFORMATION AND OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

(i) Amendment to the Outstanding Business List (Item 13.1)

The following Amendment to the Outstanding Business List, was approved:

- (1) Items Considered Complete and Needing to be Removed:
 - (a) Report on Recommendations for a Board of Health Advisory Committee
OBL Item 2023-C
Date added: February 8, 2023 (Council Minutes Item 7.7)
Date Completed: January 15, 2024 (PHC Report 24-001, Item 1)

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

There being no further business, the Public Health Committee was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Andrea Horwath
Chair, Public Health Committee

Tamara Bates
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk