



**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
(Formerly the Board of Health)
REPORT 23-010**

9:30 a.m.

October 2, 2023

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

Present:	Mayor A. Horwath Councillor M. Wilson (Acting Chair) Councillors C. Cassar, J.P. Danko, M. Francis, T. Hwang, T. Jackson, C. Kroetsch, T. McMeekin, N. Nann, M. Spadafora, M. Tadeson and A. Wilson
Absent with Regrets:	Councillors J. Beattie, B. Clark and E. Pauls – Personal

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 23-010 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. **2023-2024 Respiratory Virus Season Update (BOH23032) (City Wide) (Item 9.1)**

That Report BOH23032 respecting the 2023-2024 Respiratory Virus Season Update, be received.
2. **Alcohol Drug and Gambling Services Program and Community Mental Health Promotion Program Budget 2023-2024 (BOH23033) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)**
 - (a) That the 2023-2024 Alcohol Drug & Gambling Services and Community Mental Health Promotion Program budgets, ***and the additional 3% recently added by the Ministry of Health***, funded by Ontario Health, be approved;
 - (b) That the 2023-2024 Alcohol Drug & Gambling Services' Choices and Changes program budget, funded by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, be approved;
 - (c) That the 2023-2024 Alcohol Drug & Gambling Services' Other Funding Grants budget, be approved; and,
 - (d) That the Medical Officer of Health, or delegate, be authorized and directed to execute all agreements, contracts, extensions, and documents, including submission of budgets and reports required to give effect to the Alcohol Drug &

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Gambling Services and Community Mental Health Promotion program budget, approved in Report BOH23033.

3. Alcohol Drug and Gambling Services Program and Peter Boris Centre for Addiction Research Knowledge Translation Projects Funding (BOH23034) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)

- (a) That the Public Health Committee authorize and direct the Medical Officer of Health to enter into a collaboration agreement respecting funding for two knowledge translation projects between the City of Hamilton Public Health Services' Alcohol Drug and Gambling Services Program and the Peter Boris Centre for Addiction Research, satisfactory in form to the City Solicitor, including:
- (i) The temporary increase of a 0.1 FTE Social Worker for one year, in the Alcohol Drug and Gambling Services Program, to provide clinical knowledge and direction to the knowledge mobilization project Brain Connections: Youth Gambling and Gaming Project. The 0.1 FTE will be fully funded through the Peter Boris Centre for Addiction Research;
 - (ii) The temporary increase of a 0.2 FTE Social Worker for up to two years, in the Alcohol Drug and Gambling Services Program, to provide clinical knowledge and direction to the development of knowledge translation products to the general public about cannabis. The 0.2 FTE will be fully funded through the Peter Boris Centre for Addiction Research; **and,**
 - (iii) That staff be directed to report back to the Public Health Committee on what was learned from the project, at its conclusion.**

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

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

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.5 Correspondence from Hon. Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, respecting 2023-24 Five per cent base funding increase to community-based mental health and addictions service providers funded by the Ministry of Health

Recommendation: Be received and ~~that the Medical Officer of Health, or designate, be authorized and directed to execute all agreements, contracts, extensions, and documents, including submission of budgets and reports, required to give effect to the 2023-2024 5% Base~~

Funding Increase to Community and Youth Mental Health and Addictions Service Providers referred to the consideration of Item 10.1, Alcohol Drug and Gambling Services Program and Community Mental Health Promotion Program Budget 2023-2024

That the agenda for the October 2, 2023 Public Health Committee was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) September 8, 2023 (Item 4.1)

That the Minutes of the September 8, 2023 meeting of the Public Health Committee were approved, as presented.

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) That the following Communication items be approved, as presented:

- (a)** Correspondence from Sally Hagman, Board of Health Chair, Algoma Public Health, respecting Income-based policy interventions to effectively reduce household food insecurity (Item 5.1)

Recommendation: Be endorsed.

- (b)** Correspondence from Bernie Maclellan, Board of Health Chair, Huron Perth Public Health, respecting Support for Healthy Public Policy Regarding Alcohol Marketplace and Product Sales (Item 5.2)

Recommendation: Be endorsed.

- (c)** Correspondence from Kathryn Wilson, Board of Health Chair, Peterborough Public Health, respecting Section 50 Agreements (Item 5.3)

Recommendation: Be received.

- (d)** Correspondence from Fabio Costante, Board of Health Chair, and Dr. Kenneth Blanchette, CEO, Windsor-Essex County Health Unit, respecting Investing in a Sustainable Federal School Food Policy (Item 5.4)

Recommendation: Be received.

- (e) Correspondence from Hon. Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, respecting 2023-24 Five per cent base funding increase to community-based mental health and addictions service providers funded by the Ministry of Health (Added Item 5.5)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 10.1, Alcohol Drug and Gambling Services Program and Community Mental Health Promotion Program Budget 2023-2024.

For disposition of Item 5.5, refer to Items 2 and (f)(i).

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

The following Delegation Request was approved, as presented:

- (i) Dr. Sonia Anand, McMaster University, respecting the results of the SCORE! (Strengthening Community Roots: Anchoring Newcomers in Wellness and Sustainability) project from the Riverdale neighborhood in Ward 5 (Item 6.1)

(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(i) Alcohol Drug and Gambling Services Program and Community Mental Health Promotion Program Budget 2023-2024 (BOH23033) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)

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- (c) That the 2023-2024 Alcohol Drug & Gambling Services' Other Funding Grants budget, be approved; and,
- (d) That the Medical Officer of Health, or delegate, be authorized and directed to execute all agreements, contracts, extensions, and documents, including submission of budgets and reports required to give effect to the Alcohol Drug & Gambling Services and Community Mental Health Promotion program budget, approved in Report BOH23033.

The following amendment was put on the floor:

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(a) That sub-section (a) to Report BOH23033, respecting Alcohol Drug and Gambling Services Program and Community Mental Health Promotion Program Budget 2023-2024, **be amended**, by adding the words “**and the additional 3% recently added by the Ministry of Health,**” as follows:

(a) That the 2023-2024 Alcohol Drug & Gambling Services and Community Mental Health Promotion Program budgets, **and the additional 3% recently added by the Ministry of Health**, funded by Ontario Health, be approved;

For disposition of this matter, refer to item 2.

(ii) Alcohol Drug and Gambling Services Program and Peter Boris Centre for Addiction Research Knowledge Translation Projects Funding (BOH23034) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)

(a) That the Public Health Committee authorize and direct the Medical Officer of Health to enter into a collaboration agreement respecting funding for two knowledge translation projects between the City of Hamilton Public Health Services' Alcohol Drug and Gambling Services Program and the Peter Boris Centre for Addiction Research, satisfactory in form to the City Solicitor, including:

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- (ii) The temporary increase of a 0.2 FTE Social Worker for up to two years, in the Alcohol Drug and Gambling Services Program, to provide clinical knowledge and direction to the development of knowledge translation products to the general public about cannabis. The 0.2 FTE will be fully funded through the Peter Boris Centre for Addiction Research.

The following amendment was put on the floor:

(a) That Report BOH23033, respecting Alcohol Drug and Gambling Services Program and Peter Boris Centre for Addiction Research Knowledge Translation Projects Funding, **be amended**, by adding sub-section “**(iii) That staff be directed to report back to the Public Health Committee at the conclusion of the project**” as follows:

(iii) That staff be directed to report back to the Public Health Committee at the conclusion of the project.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to item 3.

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

There being no further business, the Public Health Committee adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Maureen Wilson
Chair, Public Health Committee

Aleah Whalen
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk