



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

9:30 a.m.

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

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

That Report BOH23037 respecting *Personal Health Information Protection Act* Training for Councillors, be received.
2. **Strengthening Public Health (BOH23038) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

That Report BOH23037 respecting Strengthening Public Health, be received.
3. **Vaccine Ambassador Pilot Program – Evaluation Report (BOH23036) (City Wide) (Item 9.1)**

That Report BOH23036 respecting Vaccine Ambassador Pilot Program, be received.
4. **Blue Flag Beach Program (PW23068/BOH22004(b)) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)**

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

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

- (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.

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- 6.1 Sarah Warry, Yous Matter Inc., respecting addiction and the underhoused (for today's meeting) – WITHDRAWN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)

The agenda for the November 13, 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) October 2, 2023 (Item 4.1)

The Minutes of the October 2, 2023 meeting of the Public Health Committee were approved, as presented.

(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)

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, was received.

(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)**

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), was approved, for today's meeting.

- (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)**

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

(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.

The speaking time for Dr. Sonia Anand with McMaster University, was extended by five (5) minutes.

(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).

The speaking time for Liz Roediger with Stand for Stoney Creek, was extended by five (5) minutes.

(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).

The Delegations for today's meeting, were received.

(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.

The Presentation respecting *Personal Health Information Protection Act* Training for Councillors, was received.

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.

The Presentation respecting Strengthening Public Health, was received

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)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Maureen Wilson
Vice Chair, Public Health
Committee

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Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk