



**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
(Formerly the Board of Health)
MINUTES 24-003**

9:30 a.m.

Tuesday April 2, 2024

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

Present: Mayor A. Horwath (Chair)
Councillor M. Wilson (Vice-Chair)
Councillors J. Beattie, C. Cassar, B. Clark, J.P. Danko, M. Francis,
T. Hwang, T. Jackson, C. Kroetsch, T. McMeekin, E. Pauls, M.
Tadeson and A. Wilson

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillors N. Nann and M. Spadafora - Personal

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

**1. City of Hamilton Support for SCORE! Program (BOH24007) (City Wide)
(Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 9.1)**

(Francis/Kroetsch)

That Report BOH24007, respecting City of Hamilton Support for SCORE!
Program, be received.

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

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

Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

2. Monitoring Heat-Related Deaths and Illnesses in Hamilton (BOH24005) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 9.2)

(Kroetsch/Hwang)

That Report BOH24005, respecting Monitoring Heat-Related Deaths and Illnesses in Hamilton, be received.

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

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

3. Suspect Drug-Related Deaths and Opioid-Related Paramedic Calls (September-December 2023) (BOH24006) (City Wide) (Item 9.3)

(Tadeson/A. Wilson)

That Report BOH24006, respecting Suspect Drug-Related Deaths and Opioid-Related Paramedic Calls (September-December 2023), be received.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis

Yes	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor John-Paul Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

4. Selection Criteria and Policy and By-Law Changes to Implement the Public Health Sub-Committee (BOH24003) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 10.1)

(Kroetsch/Tadeson)

- (a) That the Criteria for the Selection of Community and Education Representatives on the Public Health Sub-Committee, as outlined in Appendix "A" **as amended, by including among the list of applicant preferences, an Ontario Regulated Health Professional in good standing** to Report BOH24003, be approved;
- (b) That the Terms of Reference for the Public Health Sub-Committee, as outlined in Appendix "B" to Report BOH24003, be approved;
- (c) That the Amendments to the Corporate Policy – Appointment of Citizens to the City's Local Boards, as outlined in Appendix "C" **as amended, by including among the list of applicant preferences, an Ontario Regulated Health Professional in good standing** to Report BOH24003, be approved by Council;
- (d) That Council direct staff to initiate the process for recruiting community and education representatives for the Public Health Sub-Committee once the Amendments to the Corporate Policy – Appointment of Citizens to the City's Local Boards are approved;
- (e) That Appendix "D" attached to Report BOH24003, respecting the Amendments to By-law 21-021, A By-Law to Govern the Proceedings of Council and Committees of Council, be enacted by Council once the existing Public Health Committee has been dissolved by the Mayor pursuant to section 284.8(1) of the *Municipal Act*; and,
- (f) That Item 2024-A(b), respecting the interim solution to establish a Public Health Sub-Committee, be removed from the Public Health Committee Outstanding Business List.

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

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

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

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

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.1 Correspondence from Joy Lachica, Board of Health Chair, Peterborough Public Health, respecting Legislated improvements to indoor air quality (IAQ) in indoor public settings are required to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and other airborne pathogens - REVISED

Recommendation: Be received ***and referred to the Medical Officer of Health for analysis and a report back to the Public Health Committee.***

- 5.2 Correspondence from Wess Garrod, Board of Health Chair, Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Public Health, respecting Public Health Ontario Laboratories – REVISED

Recommendation: Be endorsed.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

12.1 Resolution to declare the City of Hamilton a “No Paid Plasma Zone”

(Tadeson/Hwang)

That the agenda for the April 2, 2024, Public Health Committee be approved, as amended.

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

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

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) February 5, 2024 (Item 4.1)

(Hwang/Cassar)

That the Minutes of the February 5, 2024, meeting of the Public Health Committee be approved, as presented.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch

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

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) (A. Wilson/Tadeson)

That the following Communication items be approved, as presented:

- (a) Correspondence from Joy Lachica, Board of Health Chair, Peterborough Public Health, respecting Legislated improvements to indoor air quality (IAQ) in indoor public settings are required to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and other airborne pathogens - REVISED (Item 5.1)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the Medical Officer of Health for analysis and a report back to the Public Health Committee.

- (b) Correspondence from Wess Garrod, Board of Health Chair, Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Public Health, respecting Public Health Ontario Laboratories – REVISED (Item 5.2)

Recommendation: Be endorsed.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor John-Paul Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

(i) Kathleen Zavarise, Trillium Gift of Life, respecting Spreading Awareness about Organ and Tissue Donation (for a future meeting) (Item 8.1)

(A. Wilson/Kroetsch)

That the delegation request from Kathleen Zavarise, Trillium Gift of Life, respecting Spreading Awareness about Organ and Tissue Donation, be approved for a future meeting.

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

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

(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

Mayor Horwath relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair M. Wilson for the remainder of the meeting.

- (i) **Selection Criteria and Policy and By-Law Changes to Implement the Public Health Sub-Committee (BOH24003) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 10.1)**
- (1) **(Kroetsch/Tadeson)**
- (a) That the Criteria for the Selection of Community and Education Representatives on the Public Health Sub-Committee, as outlined in Appendix “A” to Report BOH24003, be approved;
 - (b) That the Terms of Reference for the Public Health Sub-Committee, as outlined in Appendix “B” to Report BOH24003, be approved;
 - (c) That the Amendments to the Corporate Policy – Appointment of Citizens to the City’s Local Boards, as outlined in Appendix “C” to Report BOH24003, be approved by Council;
 - (d) That Council direct staff to initiate the process for recruiting community and education representatives for the Public Health Sub-Committee once the Amendments to the Corporate Policy – Appointment of Citizens to the City’s Local Boards are approved;
 - (e) That Appendix “D” attached to Report BOH24003, respecting the Amendments to By-law 21-021, A By-Law to Govern the Proceedings of Council and Committees of Council, be enacted by Council once the existing Public Health Committee has been dissolved by the Mayor pursuant to section 284.8(1) of the *Municipal Act*; and,
 - (f) That Item 2024-A(b), respecting the interim solution to establish a Public Health Sub-Committee, be removed from the Public Health Committee Outstanding Business List.
- (2) **(Danko/Pauls)**
- (a) That Appendix “A” to Report BOH24003 to Report BOH24003, Selection Criteria and Policy and By-Law Changes to Implement the Public Health Sub-Committee, ***be amended, to include among the list of applicant preferences, an Ontario Regulated Health Professional in good standing***, as follows:

Preference will be given to applicants who meet the following criteria:

- a resident of, or owner of a property or business in, the City;
- at least 18 years of age;
- ***an Ontario Regulated Health Professional in good standing;***
- interest or skills in planning and policy development leading to a comprehensive municipal public health agenda that meets local community needs;*
- have an understanding of principles including health equity, inclusion, diversity, equity, accessibility, anti-racism, anti-Indigenous racism, and anti-oppression;
- experience in organizational activities, such as committees, non-profit groups, voluntary societies, occupational associations;*
- skills in leadership and management and/or experience in administration and budget development;*
- demonstrated skills in conflict management, collaboration, negotiation, and mediation;* and,
- able to devote up to 10 to 15 hours per month (for members) or 20 to 25 hours per month (for Chair or Vice Chair) to Public Health matters, including availability during normal business hours.

- (b) That Appendix “C” to Report BOH24003 Appendix “C” to Report BOH24003, Selection Criteria and Policy and By-Law Changes to Implement the Public Health Sub-Committee, ***be amended, to include among the list of applicant preferences, an Ontario Regulated Health Professional in good standing,*** as follows:

Selection Process for the Appointment of six community representatives to the Public Health Sub-Committee:

- (iv) Interview applicants who have met the criteria (below), ensuring that they are not eligible (below);

Preference will be given to applicants who meet the following criteria:

- a resident of, or owner of a property or business in, the City;
- at least 18 years of age;
- ***an Ontario Regulated Health Professional in good standing;***
- interest or skills in planning and policy development leading to a comprehensive municipal public health

- agenda that meets local community needs;*
- have an understanding of principles including health equity, inclusion, diversity, equity, accessibility, anti-racism, anti-Indigenous racism, and anti-oppression;
- experience in organizational activities, such as committees, non-profit groups, voluntary societies, occupational associations;*
- skills in leadership and management and/or experience in administration and budget development;*
- demonstrated skills in conflict management, collaboration, negotiation, and mediation;* and,
- able to devote up to 10 to 15 hours per month (for members) or 20 to 25 hours per month (for Chair or Vice Chair) to Public Health matters, including availability during normal business hours.

Result: Amendment CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 2, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
No	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
No	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 4.

(g) NOTICE OF MOTION (Item 12)

Vice-Chair M. Wilson relinquished the Chair to Councillor Kroetsch, in order to introduce the following Notice of Motion on behalf of Mayor Horwath.

(i) **Resolution to declare the City of Hamilton a “No Paid Plasma Zone”
(Added Item 12.1)**

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton supports voluntary blood and plasma donation and aims to protect our public collection system, recognizing the importance of blood donation as a public good;

WHEREAS, Canada’s tainted blood crisis resulted in the loss of approximately 8,000 lives and the subsequent Royal Krever Commission recommended Canada operate a fully voluntary, non-remunerated blood and plasma donation system;

WHEREAS, within Ontario’s healthcare system blood donations are viewed as a public resource;

WHEREAS, the integrity of the of the public, voluntary donor system must be protected;

WHEREAS, in Ontario, the Voluntary Blood Donations Act, stipulates that it is against the law for private companies to pay donors and for donors to receive payment for their blood or plasma;

WHEREAS, paid plasma collection schemes are known to target and exploit the most vulnerable members of among communities; and

WHEREAS, this resolution reaffirms the principles of voluntary, non-remunerated blood and plasma donation and aims to protect the integrity of Canada’s public blood system and the integrity of blood donors.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton designates itself a “Paid-Plasma Free Zone” and declares that private for-profit blood collection companies are not permitted to operate in the City;
- (b) That the City of Hamilton resolves to protect marginalized and vulnerable populations from exploitation resulting from for-profit plasma collection by advertising financial payment for the sale of their blood-plasma; and
- (c) That a copy of this resolution be sent to Canadian Blood Services, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Health, Grifols pharmaceuticals, and all Ontario Municipalities requesting that they respect the City of Hamilton as a “Paid-Plasma Free Zone” and support only voluntary Blood and plasma collection.

Vice-Chair M. Wilson assumed the Chair.

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

(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List

(Jackson/Hwang)

That the following amendments to the Public Health Committee's Outstanding Business List, be approved:

- (1) Items Considered Complete and to be Removed (Item 13.1(a)):
 - (i) Feasibility of Tracking Heat-Related Deaths and Illnesses
Added: May 15, 2023 (Special PHC Report 23-006, Item 1)
(Item 13.1(a)(a))
Addressed as Item 9.2 on today's agenda.
 - (ii) Consultation with SCORE! (Strengthening Community Roots: Anchoring Newcomers in Wellness and Sustainability) on the Riverdale Neighborhood Project (Ward 5) (Item 13.1(a)(b))
Added: December 4, 2023 (PHC Report 23-012, Item 5)
Addressed as 9.1 on today's agenda.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
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Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

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

(Cassar/A. Wilson)

That, there being no further business, the Public Health Committee be adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin Ted McMeekin

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Andrea Horwath
Chair, Public Health Committee

Councillor Maureen Wilson
Vice-Chair, Public Health Committee

Matt Gauthier
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk