



**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
(Formerly the Board of Health)
REPORT 24-007**

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, August 12, 2024

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

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

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

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

- 1. Correspondence from Middlesex-London Health Unit respecting Support for Bills S-233 and C-223 "An Act to Develop a National Framework for a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income" (Item 5.1)**

That the correspondence from Middlesex-London Health Unit respecting Support for Bills S-233 and C-223 "An Act to Develop a National Framework for a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income" (Item 5.1), be endorsed.

- 2. Third-Party Air Monitoring at Green for Life Stoney Creek Regional Facility (BOH24008(a)) (Ward 9) (Outstanding Business List) (Item 9.1)**

That Report BOH24008(a) respecting Third-Party Air Monitoring at Green for Life Stoney Creek Regional Facility, be received.

- 3. American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers Standard 241 and Indoor Air Quality (BOH24022) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List) (Item 10.1)**

That the City of Hamilton Board of Health write a letter to the provincial Minister of Health and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and federal Minister of Health and Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, to advocate that

they consider relevant engineering standards concerning indoor air quality and control of infectious diseases including American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers Standard 241, Control of Infectious Aerosols, for any future revisions of Ontario Building Code and National Building Code of Canada.

4. Staffing Fall 2024 Immunization Programming (BOH24021) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)

- (a) That Public Health Services be authorized to recruit 10.0 FTE permanent over complement positions to support the recruitment and retention of key staff to continue delivery of the COVID-19 vaccination program as well as the respiratory syncytial virus vaccination program;
- (b) That the Medical Officer of Health apply to the Ministry of Health under any provincial funding framework for funds to support these staff and associated vaccination delivery costs; and,
- (c) That, in the event the Ministry of Health does not provide Public Health Services with sufficient funding to cover the costs related to these vaccination programs, then funding to allow the continuation of the program while these positions are reduced through workforce attrition, be provided first from any Vaccine Program surplus, then from any Public Health Services surplus, then from any Healthy and Safe Communities Departmental Surplus and lastly from any Corporate surplus or any source deemed appropriate by the General Manager of Corporate Services.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

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

The agenda for the August 14, 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) July 10, 2024 (Item 4.1)

The Minutes of the July 10, 2024, meeting of the Public Health Committee were approved, as presented.

(d) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)

Chair M. Wilson relinquished the Chair to Councillor Jackson to introduce the following Notice of Motion:

(i) Historical Overview of Relevant Mental Health Policy and its Implications for the City of Hamilton

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be requested to report back to the Public Health Committee by Q4 2024 with an overview of relevant mental health institutions, policy and implications for the City in its efforts to address the declared homelessness, mental health and substance use crises; specifically:

- (a) An account of those mental health institutions in Hamilton working with the city and in what capacity in responding to the intersection of homelessness and mental health;
- (b) A historic overview of the deinstitutionalization process in Ontario and any specific impacts on Hamilton;
- (c) The Mental Health Act of Ontario; and
- (d) The roles responsibilities and purview of authorities as set out in the Mental Health Act of Ontario.

Councillor M. Wilson assumed the Chair.

Councillor Nann introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(ii) Analysis of Hamilton Schools with Adequate HVAC Systems

WHEREAS, Hamilton experienced an extended heat warning that lasted six days (June 17-22) during the school year of 2023-2024;

WHEREAS, to date Hamilton has experienced three heat warning and/or extended heat warning events totaling 8 days (post June 22, 2024) during the 2024 secondary school summer session;

WHEREAS, anecdotally, several classrooms across the City of Hamilton failed to have adequate heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems during the heat waves; and

WHEREAS, anecdotally, many children suffered heat exhaustion and other heat related illnesses that also prevented their attendance at school.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Public Health staff be directed to work with the local school boards to determine their capacity to provide Hamilton schools with adequate heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems to address air quality and room temperature concerns.

(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

There being no further business, the Public Health Committee was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Maureen Wilson
Vice-Chair, Public Health
Committee

Matt Gauthier
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk