



**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE  
(Formerly the Board of Health)  
REPORT 24-008**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Monday, September 30, 2024**

Council Chambers, City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

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

**THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 24-008 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

**1. Collective Impact: Healthy and Safe Communities and the Greater Hamilton Health Network – 2024 Update (BOH24023/HSC24044) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

That Report BOH24023/HSC24044 respecting Collective Impact: Healthy and Safe Communities and the Greater Hamilton Health Network – 2024 Update, be received.

**2. Historical Overview of Relevant Mental Health Policy and its Implications for the City of Hamilton (Item 11.1)**

- (a) That staff be requested to report back to the Public Health Committee by Q2 2025 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:
- (i) an account of those mental health, addiction, and rehabilitation institutions in Hamilton working with the city and in what capacity in responding to the intersection of homelessness and mental health;

- (ii) A historic overview of the deinstitutionalization process in Ontario and any specific impacts on Hamilton;
- (iii) the *Mental Health Act of Ontario*; and
- (iv) the roles responsibilities and purview of authorities as set out in the *Mental Health Act of Ontario*.

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)**

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

The agenda for the September 30, 2024, Public Health Committee was approved, as presented.

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)**

Councillor Danko declared a non-disqualifying interest to Item 11.2 – Analysis of Hamilton Schools with Adequate HVAC Systems, as his wife is a Ward Trustee of the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board.

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

**(i) August 14, 2024 (Item 4.1)**

- (a)** The Minutes of the August 14, 2024, meeting was placed on the floor as follows:

The Minutes of the August 14, 2024, meeting of the Public Health Committee be approved, as presented.

- (b)** The following amendment was placed on the floor as follows:

WHEREAS, the “General Information / Other Business” Items considered at the August 14, 2024, meeting of the Public Health Committee were inadvertently omitted in the Minutes of the August 14, 2024, meeting of the Public Health Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the August 14, 2024, meeting of the Public Health Committee, be **amended, to add section (e) to the Information Section**, as follows:

**(e) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)**

**(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 13.1):**

**(Kroetsch/Clark)**

**That the Amendments to the Outstanding Business List, be approved, as follows:**

**(a) Items Considered Complete and to be Removed (Item 13.1(a)):**

**Third-Party Air Monitoring for Green for Life  
Stoney Creek Landfill**

**Added: April 2, 2024 (PHC Report 24-004,  
Item 2(b))**

**Addressed as Item 9.1 on today's agenda**

**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**

**Added: April 29, 2024 (PHC Report 24-003,  
Item (d)(i)(a))**

**Addressed as Item 10.1 on today's agenda**

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:**

<b>Absent</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Mayor Andrea Horwath</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie</b>

**Yes** - **Ward 11** **Councillor Mark Tadeson**  
**Yes** - **Ward 12** **Councillor Craig Cassar**  
**Yes** - **Ward 13** **Councillor Alex Wilson**  
**Yes** - **Ward 14** **Councillor Mike Spadafora**  
**Yes** - **Ward 15** **Councillor Ted McMeekin**

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

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	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
Absent	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(c) The Minutes of the August 14, 2024, meeting of the Public Health Committee was approved, as **amended**.

**(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)**

(i) The following Communication item was approved, as presented:

(a) Greater Hamilton Health Network respecting the Physician Recruitment Program 2023/2024 Annual Report (Item 5.1)

Recommendation: Be received.

**(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)**

(i) The following Delegation Request, was approved, for today's meeting:

(a) Inna Berditchevskaia, respecting the Closure of the Supervised Consumption Site (Item 6.1)

**(f) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)**

**(i) Inna Berditchevskaia, respecting the Closure of the Supervised Consumption Site (Added Item 7.1)**

Inna Berditchevskaia addressed the Committee respecting the Closure of the Supervised Consumption Site.

The delegation from Inna Berditchevskaia respecting the Closure of the Supervised Consumption Site, was received.

**(g) STAFF PRESENTATION (Item 8)**

**(i) Collective Impact: Healthy and Safe Communities and the Greater Hamilton Health Network – 2024 Update (BOH24023/HSC24044) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

Dr. Brendan Lew, Associate Medical Officer of Health and Melissa McCallum, Executive Director, Greater Hamilton Health Network, addressed the Committee respecting Report BOH24023/HSC24044, Collective Impact: Healthy and Safe Communities and the Greater Hamilton Health Network – 2024 Update, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

The presentation from Dr. Brendan Lew, Associate Medical Officer of Health and Melissa McCallum, Executive Director, Greater Hamilton Health Network, respecting Report BOH24023/HSC24044, Collective Impact: Healthy and Safe Communities and the Greater Hamilton Health Network – 2024 Update, was received.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

**(h) MOTIONS (Item 11)**

Chair M. Wilson relinquished the Chair to Councillor Tadeson in order to introduce the following Motion:

**(i) Historical Overview of Relevant Mental Health Policy and its Implications for the City of Hamilton (Item 11.1)**

**(1)** The following Motion was put on the floor as follows:

**(a)** 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:

- (i) 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;
- (ii) A historic overview of the deinstitutionalization process in Ontario and any specific impacts on Hamilton;
- (iii) the *Mental Health Act of Ontario*; and
- (iv) the roles responsibilities and purview of authorities as set out in the *Mental Health Act of Ontario*.

(2) The following Amendment was put on the floor as follows:

That subsection (a)(i), be **amended** to read as follows:

- (i) an account of those mental health, **addiction, and rehabilitation** institutions in Hamilton working with the city and in what capacity in responding to the intersection of homelessness and mental health;

The following **friendly amendment**, was accepted by Committee:

(3) That recommendation (a) be **amended** to read as follows:

- (a) That staff be requested to report back to the Public Health Committee by ~~Q4 2024~~ **Q2 2025** 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:

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

Councillor M. Wilson assumed the Chair.

(ii) **Analysis of Hamilton Schools with Adequate HVAC Systems (Item 11.2)**

(1) The Following Motion was put on the floor as follows:

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.

- (2) Item 11.2 - Analysis of Hamilton Schools with Adequate HVAC Systems, was REFERRED to the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board Liaison Committee, Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board Liaison Committee, and other local school boards for comment back to the Public Health Committee.

(i) **NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)**

Councillor Danko introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(i) **“Health Box” Pilot Project in the City of Hamilton**

- (a) That the City of Hamilton write to the Minister of Health to request that the Ministry does not fund the unsupervised distribution of drug paraphernalia including needles and crack pipes as part of “health boxes”;
- (b) That the City of Hamilton does not support the unsupervised distribution of drug paraphernalia without the oversight of a qualified healthcare professional with a focus on addiction treatment;
- (c) That the unsupervised distribution of drug paraphernalia not be permitted at any City of Hamilton facilities; and
- (d) That City of Hamilton taxpayer funding to any community organizations engaged in the unsupervised distribution of drug paraphernalia be referred to the 2025 budget for consideration.

**(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

There being no further business, the Public Health Committee was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Maureen Wilson  
Chair, Public Health Committee

Matt Gauthier  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk