



## PUBLIC HEALTH SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES PHSC 25-002

9:30 a.m.

**Monday, February 24, 2025**

Council Chambers (Hybrid)

71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

**Present:** Councillors C. Cassar, T. Hwang, C. Kroetsch (Chair), N. Nann (Virtually), M. Tadeson and A. Wilson  
S. Adjekum (Virtually), A. Cheung, K. Johnson (Vice-Chair),  
A. Joseph, C. Kirkby and R. Lennox

**Also Present:** Councillors B. Clark and M. Wilson

**Absent with  
Regrets:** D. Danko

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Kroetsch called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

### 2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

There were no Ceremonial Activities.

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**(Hwang/Kirkby)**

That the agenda for the February 24, 2025, Public Health Sub-Committee be approved, **as amended**, by reordering the agenda so that Item 7.3 is heard prior to Item 7.1.

**CARRIED**

### 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

C. Kirkby declared a non-disqualifying interest to Item 7.3 respecting an Overview of Mental Health Institutions, Policy, and Implications for Hamilton's Homelessness, Mental Health, and Substance Use Crises as she was consulted on the report through her position at the YWCA Hamilton.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**5.1 PHSC 25-001**

**Public Health Sub-Committee Minutes of the meeting held on January 13, 2025.**

**(Lennox/Hwang)**

That the Minutes of the January 13, 2025, meeting of the Public Health Sub-Committee be adopted, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. DELEGATIONS**

There were no Delegations.

**7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**7.3 BOH25004**

**Overview of Mental Health Institutions, Policy, and Implications for Hamilton's Homelessness, Mental Health, and Substance Use Crises (Outstanding Business List Item) (City Wide)**

Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Officer of Health introduced Erin Walters, Health Strategy Specialist, Epidemiology & Wellness Division; Sue Phipps, Chief of Psychiatry, St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton and Hamilton Health Science; Dr. Randi McCabe, Clinical Head of Psychiatry, St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton; and Dr. Maxine Lewis, City-Wide Chief of Psychiatry, St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton and Hamilton Health Science, who addressed Committee respecting Report BOH25004, Overview of Mental Health Institutions, Policy, and Implications for Hamilton's Homelessness, Mental Health, and Substance Use Crises, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

**(Hwang/Tadeson)**

That the procedural rules of order be suspended to allow for the presenters to be granted an additional 15 minutes to complete their presentation.

**CARRIED on a 2/3rds Majority**

**(Hwang/Lennox)**

That Report BOH25004, dated February 24, 2025, and the staff presentation respecting the Overview of Mental Health Institutions, Policy, and Implications for Hamilton's Homelessness, Mental Health, and Substance Use Crises, be received.

**CARRIED**

(Hwang/Lennox)

That the following Items for Information, be received:

**7.1 BOH25005**

**Recommended Reference: Hamilton Community Health Status Report 2024 (City Wide)**

**7.2 BOH25003**

**Public Health Services Opioid Update – February 2025 (City Wide)**

**CARRIED**

**8. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**8.1 BOH25002**

**2025 Annual Service Plan & Budget and Public Health Priorities (City Wide)**

Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Officer of Health; Julie Prieto, Director Epidemiology & Wellbeing; Bonnie King, Director, Healthy Families; and Kevin McDonald, Director, Healthy Environments addressed Committee respecting Report BOH25002, 2025 Annual Service Plan & Budget and Public Health Priorities, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

**(A. Wilson/Kirkby)**

That the procedural rules of order be suspended to allow for the presenters to be granted an additional 15 minutes to complete their presentation.

**CARRIED on a 2/3rds Majority**

**(Nann/ A. Wilson)**

That Report BOH25002, dated February 24, 2025, and the staff presentation respecting the 2025 Annual Service Plan & Budget and Public Health Priorities, be received and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That the Medical Officer of Health, or delegate, BE AUTHORIZED and BE DIRECTED to submit the 2025 Annual Service Plan & Budget to the Ministry of Health, in keeping with the information that is outlined in Report BOH25002.

**CARRIED**

## 8.2 Amendments to the Outstanding Business List

**(Nann/Tadeson)**

That the following amendment to the outstanding business list, be approved:

(a) Item Considered Complete and Needing to be Removed:

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

Added: September 30, 2024 (PHC Report 24-008, Item 2)

Completed: Item 7.3 on today's agenda

**CARRIED**

## 9. MOTIONS

There were no Motions.

## 10. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

There were no Notice of Motions.

## 11. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

There were no Private & Confidential Items.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Public Health Sub-Committee was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Gauthier  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk

Councillor Cameron Kroetsch  
Chair  
Public Health Sub-Committee