

**BOARD OF HEALTH
FOR THE CITY OF HAMILTON PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT
MINUTES BOH 26-002**

9:30 a.m.

Monday, February 23, 2026

Council Chambers (Hybrid)

71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

Present: Councillors C. Kroetsch (Chair), C. Cassar, T. Hwang (Virtual),
M. Tadeson and A. Wilson

A. Joseph (Vice-Chair), A. Cheung (Virtual), D. Danko (Virtual),
R. Janssen, C. Kirkby and R. Safi (Virtual)

Absent

With Regrets: Councillor N. Nann – Personal
S. Adjekum

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(Kirkby/Cassar)

That the agenda for the February 23, 2026, Board of Health, be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

4. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

There were no Ceremonial Activities.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 January 26, 2026

(Cassar/Safi)

That the minutes of the January 26, 2026, meeting of the Board of Health, be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS

There were no Delegations.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 BOH26009

Orientation to Public Health Emergency Management (City Wide)

(Janssen/Kirkby)

That Report BOH26009, dated February 23, 2026, respecting the Orientation to Public Health Emergency Management (City Wide), be received.

CARRIED

8. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

8.1 BOH26005

Board of Health Adoption of Code of Conduct (City Wide)

(Safi/Cassar)

(a) That Report BOH26005, dated January 26, 2026, respecting the Board of Health Adoption of Code of Conduct (City Wide), be received and the following recommendation, be approved:

(i) That the Board of Health ADOPT the City of Hamilton's Code of Conduct for Local Boards as its own Code of Conduct and that David Boghosian, the City's current Integrity Commissioner HAVE ALL THE POWERS AND DUTIES in respect of the Board of Health and its Code of Conduct as are provided for in the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

(b) That the Correspondence from David Boghosian, Integrity Commissioner, City of Hamilton, respecting the Code of Conduct for the Board of Health, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

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| ABSENT | - Adjekum, Sarah | Citizen Member |
| YES | - Cassar, Craig | Ward 12 Councillor |
| YES | - Cheung, Andrew | Citizen Member |
| YES | - Danko, Dawn | Educational Representative |
| YES | - Hwang, Tammy | Ward 4 Councillor |
| YES | - Janssen, Ryan | Citizen Member |
| YES | - Joseph, Ameil | Citizen Member |
| YES | - Kirkby, Chelsea | Citizen Member |
| YES | - Kroetsch, Cameron | Ward 2 Councillor |
| ABSENT | - Nann, Nrinder | Ward 3 Councillor |

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| YES | - Safi, Rami | Citizen Member |
| YES | - Tadeson, Mark | Ward 11 Councillor |
| YES | - Wilson, Alex | Ward 13 Councillor |

**8.2 BOH26010
2026 Annual Service Plan (City Wide)**

Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Officer of Health, Julie Prieto, Director of Health Families & Chief Nursing Officer, Kevin McDonald, Director of Healthy Environments, and Melissa Biksa, Director of Epidemiology & Wellbeing, addressed the Board respecting Report BOH26010, 2026 Annual Service Plan (City Wide), with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

(Cassar/Janssen)

That Report BOH26010, dated February 23, 2026, respecting 2026 Annual Service Plan (City Wide) and the accompanying presentation, be received and the following recommendation, be approved:

- (a) That the Chair of the Board of Health and the Medical Officer of Health BE AUTHORIZED and BE DIRECTED to submit the 2026 Annual Service Plan to the Ministry of Health, in keeping with the information outlined in Report BOH26010.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

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| ABSENT | - Adjekum, Sarah | Citizen Member |
| YES | - Cassar, Craig | Ward 12 Councillor |
| YES | - Cheung, Andrew | Citizen Member |
| YES | - Danko, Dawn | Educational Representative |
| YES | - Hwang, Tammy | Ward 4 Councillor |
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9. MOTIONS

There were no Motions.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motions.

11. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

There were no Private & Confidential Items.

12. BY-LAWS

(Hwang/Danko)

That Bills No. 26-003 and No. 26-004 be passed and the By-law, be numbered, be signed by the Chair and Secretary to read as follows:

- 003 A By-law to Establish Certain 2026 User Fees and Charges for Services, Activities or the Use of Property provided by Board of Health
- 004 To Confirm Proceedings of the Board of Health for the City of Hamilton Public Health Unit

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

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13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board of Health was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Gauthier
Acting Secretary
Office of the City Clerk

Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Chair
Board of Health