



BOARD OF HEALTH

REPORT 11-001

9:30 a.m.

January 24, 2011

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

Present: Mayor B. Bratina, Chair
Councillor C. Collins, Deputy Mayor (Vice-Chair)
Councillors, B. Clark, S. Duvall, L. Ferguson, T. Jackson,
B. Johnson, B. McHattie, S. Merulla, B. Morelli, J. Partridge,
R. Pasuta, M. Pearson, R. Powers, and T. Whitehead

Also Present: Dr. E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health
Dr. C. Mackie, Associate Medical Officer of Health
Dr. N Tran, Associate Medical Officer of Health
D. Barr-Elliott, Director, V. Edwards, Healthy Living Division
T. Bendo, Director, Planning and Continuous Improvement
Division
R. Hall, Director, E. Mathews, Health Protection Branch
G. McArthur, Director, S. Boyd Clinical and Preventative
Services Division
D. Sheehan, Director, Family Health Division
I. Bedioui, C. Newman, Legislative Assistants, City Clerk's

THE BOARD OF HEALTH PRESENTS REPORT 11-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Community Garden Coordinator Position (BOH11001) (City Wide) (Item5.1)

That report BOH11001 respecting Community Garden Coordinator Position, be received.

2. Performance Management System for Local Public Health Agencies - BOH11003 -(City Wide) (Item 5.2)

That the report BOH11003 respecting Performance Management System for Local Public Health Agencies, be received .

3. Assignment of the Alcohol, Drug & Gambling (ADGS) Methadone Case Manager to the Hamilton Family Health Team (HFHT) (BOH11002) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

- (a) That the City deliver substance use services addressing the issue of opiate misuse on-site at the Family Health Team of Hamilton Inc., one day per week for a one-year term, with a renewal option for an additional one year;
- (b) That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized to execute an agreement between the City and the Family Health Team of Hamilton Inc., in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, to implement the above recommendation;
- (c) That a temporary increase in complement by 0.2 FTE for Alcohol, Drug & Gambling Services (ADGS), funded by the Family Health Team of Hamilton Inc., to deliver the above program be approved.

4. Nurse-Family Partnership Update (BOH07035 (c)) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

- (a) That Public Health Services continue to provide the Nurse-Family Partnership program within current resources;
- (b) That the Mayor send a letter to the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport advocating for full funding of the Nurse-Family Partnership from the Provincial government.

5. Correspondence (Item 11.1)

That the disposition for the following Items of communications be approved, as amended;

- (a) Letter sent to Dr. Helena Jaczek in support of the establishment of a Select Committee to Study the Use of Non-Automobile Modes of Transportation on Highways and Private Properties in Ontario.

Recommendation: Be received.

- (b) Letter from the Board of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit respecting 2010 Ontario Curriculum Grades 1-8 Health and Physical Education: Human Development and Sexual Health.

Recommendation: Be received.

- (c) Letter from the Board of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, respecting Tobacco Strategy Advisory Group Report “Building on Our Gains, taking Action Now: Ontario’s tobacco Control Strategy for 2011-2016”.

Recommendation: Be received.

- (d) Electronic mail from the Sudbury & District Board of Health to the Federal Minister of Health, respecting Childhood Immunization.

Recommendation: Be endorsed.

- (e) Letter from the Board of Health for the Grey Bruce Health Unit, Support for Bill 100 Paved Highway Shoulders.

Recommendation: Be endorsed.

- (f) Letter sent to the CMOH under the signature of the alpha President.

Recommendation: Be received.

- (g) Letter received from the Ministry of Health respecting additional one-time funding of \$8,100 in fiscal 2010/11 for City of Hamilton to strengthen the community-based response to HIV/AIDS in Ontario.

Recommendation: That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized to enter into an agreement to receive, utilize and report on the use of these funds for HIV prevention.

- (h) Letter received from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services regarding Healthy Babies Healthy Children (HBHC) Program Screening Tool.

Recommendation: That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Ministry of Children and Youth Services, to receive and utilize funds and participate in the project as outlined.

- (i) Draft Minutes of Sept. 28,2010 Meeting of Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aLPHa) Board of Health Section.

Recommendation: Be received.

- (j) Electronic mail from the Performance Management Working Group, respecting an Update on Performance Management Initiatives.

Recommendation: Be received.

- (k) Letter from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care respecting approval of one-time funding of up to \$41,700 at 100% for the period up to March 31, 2011 in supporting City of Hamilton Public Health Services Needle Exchange Program (NEP).

Recommendation: That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement to receive, utilize and report on the use of funds for the purchase and disposal of needles and syringes within the Needle Exchange Program .

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

Mayor Bratina welcomed Christopher Newman who will be the Legislative Assistant to the Board of Health.

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised there were no changes to the agenda.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) MINUTES (Item 3)

None

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

- (i) Sarah Wakefield, Community Food Security Stakeholders Committee; Provide update on the activities of the Community Food Security Stakeholders Committee, and request approval of revised Terms of Reference. (Item 7.1)

On a motion (Pearson/Johnson) the delegation request from Sarah Wakefield of the Community Food Security Committee was approved.

(e) SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

On a motion (Pearson/Powers) the following Advisory Committee Minutes were received:

- (i) Minutes Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee - May 5, 2010 (Item 5.3 (a)).
- (ii) Minutes Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee – June 2, 2010.
- (iii) Meeting Notes Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee – September 1, 2010.
- (iv) Minutes Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee – October 6, 2010.
- (v) Minutes Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee – November 3, 2010.
- (vi) Minutes Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee – December 1, 2010.

(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

None

(g) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

- (i) Legionella: Cooling Tower Registry By-law (City Wide) (BOH0921(b)) (Item 7.1)

Eric Mathews had a presentation for the Board regarding item 7.1. His presentation consisted of a PowerPoint presentation and hand-outs were distributed. His comments included but were not limited to the following;

- Outline
- What is Legionellosis
- Background
- How Cooling Towers emit Legionella bacteria
- What Public Health Services (PHS) has done
- What PHS is recommending

Mayor Bratina relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Collins and left the meeting.

During the Board's discussion respecting the issue, Mayor Bratina

returned to the meeting and assumed the Chair.

Board members had the following questions;

- How many cases of Legionella were documented before the large outbreak in the 1970's case where the disease acquired its name?
- What are the risks associated with Legionella? And what are the chances of outbreaks occurring?
- Why is the word "may" used in Sections 16, 17, 18 and 20 of the by-law instead of the word "shall"?
- Why is cost recovery for failed inspections not addressed?
- Is there value in having the water within the cooling tower inspected/tested to aid in the prevention process?
- What is the total number of Cooling towers in Hamilton?
- Are Cooling towers an antiquated form of technology?
- What actions have been taken by other jurisdictions regarding Cooling towers locally? (No other City in Canada has a by-law respecting cooling towers to the presenters knowledge)
- Will the monitoring include elementary schools and hospitals?
- Does the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) have records of the number of Cooling towers in Hamilton?
- Does staff have a break down of the types of industry that use cooling towers within the City?
- Will the by-law bring the occurrences of Legionella in the City to zero?
- Is this an issue that the Provincial government may take on over time?

The Board acknowledge staff's work with respect to this issue.

A motion was put by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Pearson that Section 18 of the By-law be amended by removing the word "may" after the word "she" and inserting the word "shall" and that a subsection (d) be added to the recommendations requiring staff to report back in 12 months regarding the by-law.

Councillor Clark's motion was not voted on.

On a motion (Powers/Clark) the report was TABLED until next month's meeting, in order to allow legal staff to provide input on the wording of the proposed by-law.

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(h) Nurse-Family Partnership Update (BOH07035 (c)) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

On a motion (Clark/Johnson) subsection (b) was amended by inserting the words “to the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and Ministry of Health and Promotion and Sport” after the word “letter” as outlined in Item 5 of the report.

(i) General Information/Other Business (Item 11)

- (i) The Board requested an update from staff regarding the use of fluoride in Hamilton’s water supply.
- (ii) Letter received from Sudbury & District Health Unit, regarding Commitment to Teaching Healthy Unit Principles.

Recommendation: Refer to staff and report back to Committee.

(j) Adjournment (Item 13)

There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor B. Bratina, Chair
Board of Health

Christopher Newman
Legislative Assistant
Board of Health
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