



**BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES 11-007
9:30 a.m.
June 27, 2011
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall**

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

Absent: Councillor J. Farr – Personal

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, S. Brown, Healthy Living Division
R. Hall, Director, E. Mathews, Health Protection Branch
G. McArthur, Director, Clinical and Preventative Services
Division
D. Sheehan, Director, Family Health Division
T. Bendo, Director, Planning and Business Improvement
M. Lawson, Program Manager, Environmental Health
C. Newman, Legislative Assistant, Office of the City Clerk

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. On-line Prenatal Education Program (BOH11021) (City Wide (Item 5.1))

(Powers/Pasuta)

- (a) That Council endorse the provision of a new on-line prenatal education program which will be offered as an additional alternative to face-to-face classes;
- (b) That Council approve Public Health Services On-line Prenatal Program fee of \$25.00 per user, effective July 1, 2011;

- (c) That Council approve Public health Services On-line Prenatal program fee of \$25.00 per user to be added to the City of Hamilton User Fees and Charges By-Law. **CARRIED**

2. Canadian Prenatal Nutrition Project Budget Update (BOH11022) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

(Powers/Pasuta)

That Council approve an additional 0.1 FTE for the Canadian Prenatal Nutrition Project within the existing Family Health Division budget. **CARRIED**

3. PECS Software for Universal Flu Delivery (BOH11023) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)

(Powers/Pasuta)

That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to sign the Licence, Training and Service Agreement for use of the Protocol for Electronic Clinic Systems (PECS) Software for Influenza Delivery between the City of Hamilton and the Region of Niagara, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor. **CARRIED**

4. Memorandum of Understanding – Hamilton Health Sector Steering Committee (BOH11020) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Pearson/Clark)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton participate in a coordinated health sector emergency response through the Health Sector Steering Committee and Management Committee;
- (b) That Council authorize and direct the Medical Officer of Health to execute the Hamilton Health Sector Steering Committee Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that governs the coordination, interoperability, cooperation and communication between parties to plan, respond and recover from health emergencies. **CARRIED**

5. Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee Report 11-002 (Item 8.2)

(Ferguson/Merulla)

- (a) That the Physician Recruitment and Retention Program 2011 budget shortfall of \$25,000 be funded on a one time basis;
- Firstly from the overall 2011 Corporate Budget.
 - And secondly if no surplus exists, it be funded from the tax

stabilization reserve.

- (b) That the City of Hamilton increase the funding of the Physician Recruitment and Retention Program by \$25,000;
- (c) That recommendation b above be referred to the overall 2012 budget process.

Amendment CARRIED
Motion as amended CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE (Item 11)

- (i) Letter from Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health respecting Bill 31, an Act to prevent skin cancer (Item 11.1(a))

(Whitehead/Partridge)

Recommendation: Be received

CARRIED

- (ii) Letter from the Peterborough County-City Health Unit respecting Food Premises Menu Labelling, Bill 90, Healthy Decisions for Healthy Eating Act, 2010 (Item 11.1(b))

(Whitehead/Partridge)

Recommendation: Be received

CARRIED

- (iii) Letter from the Peterborough County-City Health Unit respecting infant formula advertisement that is in direct violation of the International Code of Marketing of Breast Milk Substitutes (Item 11.1(c))

(Whitehead/Partridge)

Recommendation: Be endorsed

CARRIED

- (iv) One time funding in the amount of \$12,000 for the purchase of NCAST Parent-Child Interaction Scales training materials to support Public Health Nurse Training for Healthy Babies Healthy Children program (Item 11.1(d))

(Whitehead/Partridge)

Recommendation: That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement to receive, utilize and report on funds to purchase NCAST Parent-Child

Interaction Scales training materials to support Public Health Nurse training for the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

(Pearson/Partridge)

That the agenda, be approved.

CARRIED

(b) MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) Board of Health minutes, dated May 24, 2011. (Item 3.1)

(Pearson/Johnson)

That the minutes from the May 24, 2011 Board of Health Meeting, be approved.

CARRIED

(c) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

(i) Minutes Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee – May 4, 2011 (Item 5.4)

(Powers/Pasuta)

That the minutes of the Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting dated May 4, 2011, be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Minutes Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee – February 15, 2011 (Item 5.5)

(Powers/Pasuta)

That the minutes of the Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee meeting dated February 15, 2011, be received.

CARRIED

(d) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

(i) Memorandum of Understanding – Hamilton Health Sector Steering Committee (BOH11020) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

Dr. Richardson gave a brief overview of the memorandum and organizational chart to the Board. The Health Sector Emergency Management Committee is a culmination of years of work and planning. The organizational chart displays the level of integration and work being done by each participant.

The Board asked if there was an update regarding positions that are unfilled at this time, primarily the Public Information Officer position. Dr. Richardson indicated that the position will be filled by McMaster University staff.

(ii) Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee Report 11-002 (Item 8.2)

Councillor Ferguson gave an overview of the Physician Recruitment position. Councillor Ferguson touched upon the success and problems associated with the recruitment and retention of physicians in Hamilton.

Both Hamilton Health Sciences and St. Josephs Healthcare were contributors to the position, but indicated that they had to cease funding because of financial limitations. In order to keep the Physician Recruitment position, the City was going to be required to contribute \$80,000.

Councillor Ferguson indicated that since the Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee on June 16th, both Hamilton Health Sciences and St. Josephs Healthcare have offered to contribute \$25,000 each towards the position for this year. This would cause an amendment to the resolution before us today. The City would only be required to put forth \$25,000 for this year and not the \$80,000 as indicated in the report.

The Board was in support of the amended resolution and the physician recruitment position, but asked the Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee to seek alternative funding sources for the position for 2012 and beyond. As a point of comparison, Councillor Ferguson noted that the Physician Recruitment position in a number of neighbouring municipalities is funded at the local level.

The Board thanked Ms. Walker and the Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee for all of their hard work.

(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Pearson/Ferguson)

That the Board of Health, be adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor B. Bratina, Chair
Board of Health

Christopher Newman
Legislative Assistant
Board of Health
June 27, 2011