



**BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES 12-002  
1:30 p.m.  
March 5, 2012  
Council Chambers  
Hamilton City Hall**

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

Absent: Mayor B. Bratina – City Business  
Councillor L. Ferguson – City Business

Also Present: 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  
D. Sheehan, Director; Family Health Division  
T. Bendo, Director; Planning and Business Improvement  
C. Newman, Legislative Coordinator

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**1. Alcohol/Substance Misuse in Hamilton (BOH12003) (City Wide)**

**(Pearson/Johnson)**

That Report BOH12003 respecting Alcohol/Substance Misuse in Hamilton, be received. **CARRIED**

**2. Rural Well Water Quality Report (BOH12002) (Wards 11, 12, 13, 14, 15)  
(Item 7.2)**

**(Johnson/Partridge)**

That Report BOH12002 respecting Rural Well Water Quality, be received.

**CARRIED**

3. **By-law 11-080 “Prohibiting Smoking within City Parks and Recreation Properties” Communications Plan and Citizen Feedback (BOH12004) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

**(Merulla/Collins)**

That Report BOH12004 respecting -law 11-080 “Prohibiting Smoking within City Parks and Recreation Properties” Communications Plan and Citizen Feedback, be received. **CARRIED**

4. **Physician Recruitment & Retention Steering Committee Report 12-001 (Added as Item 8.3)**

- a) **Current Physician Statistics Summary (Item 5.1)**

**(Whitehead/Farr)**

That the Current Physician Statistics Summary, be received. **CARRIED**

- b) **Key Performance Indicators for Family Physicians (Item 5.2)**

**(Whitehead/Farr)**

That the Key Performance Indicators for Family Physicians, be received.

**CARRIED**

- c) **Physician Recruitment & Retention Program Year 8 (2011) Cash flow Statement December 1, 2010 to November 30, 2011 (Item 5.3)**

**(Whitehead/Farr)**

That the Physician Recruitment & Retention Program Year 8 (2011) Cash flow Statement, December 1, 2010 to November 30, 2011, be received.

**CARRIED**

- d) **Physician Recruitment and Retention Program Year 9 (2012) Proposed Budget, December 1, 2011 to November 30, 2012 (Item 5.4)**

**(Whitehead/Farr)**

That the Physician Recruitment and Retention Program Year 9 (2012) Proposed Budget, December 1, 2011 to November 30, 2012, be received.

**CARRIED**

- e) **Physician Recruitment and Retention Program Budget Forecast, December 1, 2011 to November 30, 2012 (Item 5.5)**

**(Whitehead/Farr)**

That the Physician Recruitment and Retention Program Budget Forecast, December 1, 2011 to November 30, 2012, be approved. **CARRIED**

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD:**

- (a) **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

**ADDED DISCUSSION ITEMS**

8.3 Physician Recruitment & Retention Steering Committee Report  
12-001

**ADDED GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS**

11.1 Update Respecting Recent Outbreaks

**(Pearson/Johnson)**

That the agenda be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

- (b) **MINUTES (Item 3)**

- (i) **February 6, 2012 (Item 3.1)**

**(Johnson/Powers)**

That the minutes from the February 6, 2012 Board of Health Meeting, be approved. **CARRIED**

- (c) **PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)**

- (i) **Alcohol/Substance Misuse in Hamilton (BOH12003) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation Mike DeVillaer gave a presentation on Report BOH12003 respecting Alcohol and Substance Misuse in Hamilton. A copy of the presentation was retained for the record.

Mr. DeVillaer spoke to the harms of alcohol misuse in Ontario, and

indicated that the alcohol abuse is the most common type of drug abuse. The problem is widespread but is more prevalent in males than females, as well as those below the age of majority. Greater awareness is needed to ensure that people have adequate information respecting the ills of drinking.

The Board ask questions regarding the misuse of alcohol and what measure can be taken to encourage responsible usage.

**(ii) Rural Well Water Quality Report (BOH12002) (Wards 11, 12, 13, 14, 15) (Item 7.2)**

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation Eric Mathews gave a presentation to the Board on Report BOH12002 respecting Rural Well Water Quality. A copy of the presentation was retained for the record.

Mr. Mathews gave an overview of the report and research methods. The focus is on health related factors respecting rural well water, and specifically ensuring that water is safe for human consumption. The City facilitates bacteria testing, and provides test bottles at City facilities. Mr. Mathews indicated that the City has done testing on private wells for chemicals and unsafe drinking water.

The Board enquired about the process of having well water inspected, and how the City could better reach out to citizens to encourage having their wells tested. Questions also surrounded the effects how to extract chemicals from drinking water, and some misnomers associated with purifying water. The Board enquired as to how Public Health works with individuals that have problems with their wells.

**(Partridge/Powers)**

That Public Health Staff be directed to develop a communication campaign for testing well water awareness and work with rural schools in the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board and parent councils for distribution to parents.

**CARRIED**

**(d) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)**

**(i) By-law 11-080 “Prohibiting Smoking within City Parks and Recreation Properties” Communications Plan and Citizen Feedback (BOH12004) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

The Board discussed the report, and the steps taken by Public Health to engage the public.

**(ii) Prohibiting Smoking Within City Parks and Recreation Properties (BOH07034(f)) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

The Board discussed the proposed amendments to By-law 11-080 which outlines places where smoking is prohibited within the City. Discussion surrounded the enforcement of the By-law, and on the specified parks and recreation areas where smoking is prohibited as outlined in the appendices. The Board felt that more work and research was needed with respect to the specified parks and areas where smoking is prohibited.

**(Powers/Pearson)**

That Report BOH07034(f) Prohibiting Smoking Within City Parks and Recreation Properties, be referred back to staff for further revision and report back to the April 16, 2012 Board of Health meeting. **CARRIED**

**(e) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)**

**(i) Update respecting recent outbreaks (Added Item 11.1)**

Public Health Staff gave an update respecting the salmonella outbreak and the Norovirus outbreak. Staff outline the measures taken by Public Health with respect to the outbreaks and their ongoing efforts.

**(Pearson/Johnson)**

That the update respecting the recent outbreaks, be received. **CARRIED**

**(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)**

**(Farr/Pearson)**

That the Board of Health be adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

B. Clark, Deputy Mayor  
Board of Health

Christopher Newman  
Legislative Coordinator  
March 5, 2012