



**BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES 13-005  
1:30 p.m.  
Monday June 17, 2013  
Council Chambers  
Hamilton City Hall**

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Present: Mayor R. Bratina, Chair  
Councillors B. McHattie, J. Farr, S. Merulla, C. Collins, T. Jackson,  
S. Duvall, T. Whitehead, M. Pearson, L. Ferguson, R. Pasuta

Absent with  
regrets: Councillor B. Morelli – Sick Leave  
Councillor J. Partridge – City Business  
Councillor R. Powers – City Business  
Councillor B. Clark – Personal Business  
Councillor B. Johnson – City Business

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

**1. Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care 2013 Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy Funding Agreement (BOH12020) (Item 5.1)**

**(Duvall/Farr)**

That the 2013 Smoke-Free Ontario budget which is 100% funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, for the 2013 fiscal year in the amount of \$1,087,500 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**2. Choices and Changes and Other Funding Grants Budget - 2013-2014 (BOH13027) (Item 5.2)**

**(Duvall/Farr)**

(a) That the 2013-2014 Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Services Choices and Changes Program budget as outlined in this report, funded by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services be approved by the Board of Health;

(b) That the 2013-2014 Community Funding/Grants, Back on Track, Remedial Measures cost recovery budget as outlined in this report be approved by

the Board;

- (c) That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to sign the Service Agreement for the Choices and Changes Program between the City and the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, and the Children's Aid Societies in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (d) That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to submit reports as required by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, and the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health to meet accountability agreements.

**CARRIED**

**3. Extension of the Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Methadone Case Manager to the Hamilton Family Health Team (BOH11002a) (Item 5.3)**

**(Duvall/Farr)**

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

**CARRIED**

**4. Renee Wetselaar and Kerry Cranston representing the City of Hamilton Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer Advisory Committee (LGBTQ), respecting the need for a suicide prevention strategy (Item 6.1)**

**(Farr/McHattie)**

- (a) That the Public Health Services Department give consideration to the feedback provided to the Suicide Prevention Council in their work in the mental health and suicide prevention fields;
- (b) That the City of Hamilton LGBTQ Advisory Committee request that the public health nurses and public health staff working with community members take positive space training.

**CARRIED**

**5. School Program Services (BOH13021) (Item 7.1)**

**(Collins/Whitehead)**

That Board of Health Report BOH13021, respecting School Program Services, be received.

**CARRIED**

**6. 2012 Annual Report to the Community and 2012 Research & Evaluation Report (BOH13025) (Item 8.1)**

**(Jackson/Collins)**

That Board of Health Report BOH13025, respecting the 2012 Annual Report to the Community and 2012 Research & Evaluation Report, be received.

**CARRIED**

**7. Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Sub-Committee Report – 13-001 (Item 8.2)**

**(a) Key Performance Indicators (Item 5.1)**

**(Jackson/Duvall)**

That the Key Performance Indicators, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(b) Current Statistics Summary (Item 5.2)**

**(Jackson/Duvall)**

That the Current Statistics Summary, be received.

**CARRIED**

**8. Universal Dental Plans (Item 9.1)**

**(Merulla/Collins)**

WHEREAS oral diseases, including dental caries and periodontal disease are the among the most prevalent chronic diseases in humans;

AND WHEREAS oral diseases can lead to infection, pain, abscesses, chewing problems, poor nutritional status and gastrointestinal disorders; can affect individuals' sense of self-esteem, ability to learn, and potential to thrive; and are linked to serious health conditions including respiratory infections, cardiovascular disease (heart disease and stroke), diabetes, low birth weight babies, and bone-

related and inflammatory conditions in seniors including osteoporosis and rheumatoid arthritis;

AND WHEREAS in Canada, approximately 60 percent of the dental services are paid through employment insurance plans, 5 percent are publicly funded through government programs like Children in Need of Treatment (CINOT), Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO), and Ontario Works Children; leaving 35 percent of dental services being paid out-of-pocket, which can result in inequitable access to oral health services, as well as oral health outcomes; and, a lower percentage of city of Hamilton residents than Canadians have dental insurance, putting our population at higher risk of unchecked dental decay;

AND WHEREAS better access to oral health services could result in savings to the health care system;

AND WHEREAS the basic minimum standard of care must include examinations, x-rays, preventive services (topical fluoride, sealants and scaling), restorations, extractions and root canal on anterior teeth;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the findings of Oral Health - More Than Just Cavities, a report by Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, 2012 (attached hereto), be supported;
- (b) That the Province of Ontario be requested to adopt the four recommendations for action; supporting improved and equitable access to oral care services in Ontario, contained in the More Than Just Cavities, a report by Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, 2012 (attached hereto);
- (c) That the Province of Ontario be requested to unify all of the provincially funded dental programs for children (Children in Need of Treatment, Healthy Smiles Ontario, Ontario Works for Children, and Ontario Disability Services Plan) under one Provincial plan that would include the same eligibility criteria, fee guides and administration; focusing on those that are marginalized, self-employed and/or under-employed and offering the basic minimum standard of care;
- (d) That the Province of Ontario be requested to implement a universal dental plan for seniors, under one Provincial plan that would include the same eligibility criteria, fee guides and administration; focusing on those that are marginalized, self-employed and/or under-employed and offering the basic minimum standard of care;
- (e) That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of

Health and Long-Term Care; the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion; the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA); the Ontario Public Health Association; Local Members of Parliament and Provincial Parliament; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and, all Boards of Health in Ontario.

**CARRIED**

**9. Correspondence (Item 11.1):**

**(a) Transportation Priorities and Investment for a Healthy Toronto – Item No. HL20.2**

**(Jackson/Farr)**

Recommendation: That Public Works, Planning and Economic Development and Public Health staff review the City of Toronto's Board of Health and Equity criteria for consideration in Hamilton's Master Transportation Plan and report back to the General Issues Committee

**CARRIED**

**(b) Transportation Priorities and Investment for a Healthy Toronto – Item No. HL21.8**

**(Jackson/Duvall)**

Recommendation: Be Received

**CARRIED**

**(c) Menu Labelling – Making Key Nutrition Information Readily Available in Restaurants – Item No. HL21.2**

**(Jackson/Pearson)**

Recommendation: (a) That the recommendation for the Provincial Government to develop Provincial menu labelling legislation as outlined in the correspondence be endorsed;

(b) That correspondence be sent to the Right Honourable Premier Kathleen Wynne; the Honourable Debra Matthews, Minister of Health and Long Term Care; and local Members of Provincial Parliament to support the development of a provincial menu labeling legislation.

**CARRIED**

- (d) **Middlesex-London Health Unit: Artificial Tanning Legislation Update – Government Bill 30 Introduced to Ban Youth Under 18 from Access to Tanning Beds**

**(Jackson/McHattie)**

Recommendation: Be Received

**CARRIED**

- (e) **Call for Provincial Action on Youth Access to Tanning Beds – Niagara Region Board of Health**

**(Duvall/Jackson)**

Recommendation: (a) That Bill 30 Act to Regulate the Selling and Marketing of Tanning Services and Ultraviolet Light Treatments, be endorsed;

(b) That correspondence be sent to the Right Honourable Premier Kathleen Wynne; the Honourable Debra Matthews, Minister of Health and Long Term Care; and local Members of Provincial Parliament, to commend the Ontario Government for Introducing Bill 30.

**CARRIED**

**10. Request for a Presentation from the Children’s Aid Society (Item 11.2)**

**(McHattie/Whitehead)**

That the Children’s Aid Society be requested to make a presentation to the Board of Health on how the funding cuts have affected children within Hamilton.

**CARRIED**

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD:**

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

**1. ADDED DELEGATION REQUESTS**

- (i) Bob Drew representing the SMILE Wellness Program respecting Provincial funding cuts to Physiotherapy based programs for Seniors and the impact it will have on City Housing Hamilton residents (added item 4.1)

**(Merulla/Collins)**

That the agenda be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

None

**(c) MINUTES (Item 3)**

**(i) May 16, 2013 (Item 3.1)**

**(Pearson/Ferguson)**

That the minutes from the May 16, 2013 Board of Health meeting, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)**

**(i) Bob Drew representing the SMILE Wellness Program respecting Provincial funding cuts to Physiotherapy based programs for Seniors and the impact it will have on City Housing Hamilton residents (added item 4.1)**

**(Pearson/Ferguson)**

That the delegation by Bob Drew representing the SMILE Wellness Program respecting Provincial funding cuts to Physiotherapy based programs for Seniors and the impact it will have on City Housing Hamilton residents, be approved to speak at the July 11, 2013 meeting of the Board of Health.

**CARRIED**

**(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 6)**

**(i) Renee Wetselaar and Kerry Cranston representing the City of Hamilton Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer Advisory Committee (LGBTQ), respecting the need for a suicide prevention strategy (Item 6.1)**

Committee members Renee Westlarr and Kerry Cranston presented to the Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of the presentation was retained for the record.

The presentation discussed the needs of the LGBTQ community, and proposed ways in which public health could support those needs. The presenters thanked members of Council for their continued support.

Please refer to item 4 for disposition.

- (ii) **Christopher Savard representing the Academy of Nurse Practitioners Association, respecting the use of Nurse Practitioner led clinics to alleviate the primary care crisis (item 6.2)**

**(Whithead/Duvall)**

That the delegation by Christopher Savard representing the Academy of Nurse Practitioners Association, respecting the use of Nurse Practitioner led clinics to alleviate the primary care crisis, be received.

**CARRIED**

- (f) **PRESENTATION (Item 7)**

- (i) **School Program Services (BOH13021) (Item 7.1)**

Dr. Richardson and School Program Public Health Nurse, Ann Tyrrell introduced the program, and students involved with the program. Those in attendance were:

- Students and staff from St. Michael Catholic Elementary School Health Action Team
- Students and staff from Cathedral Catholic Secondary School Health Action Team
- Students and staff from Saltfleet District High School Health Action Team

Please refer to item 4 for disposition.

- (ii) **Community Food Security Stakeholder Sub-Committee respecting an update on the Committee's work (no copy) (Item 7.2)**

Committee member David Carson presented to the Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of the presentation was retained for the record.

Committee member David Carson, gave an overview of the Committee's activities, achievements, and outlined their work moving forward.

**(Pastua/Pearson)**

That the presentation by the Community Food Security Stakeholder Sub-Committee respecting an update on the Committee's work, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)**

**(Collins/Duvall)**

That the Board of Health be adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor R. Bratina  
Chair, Board of Health

Christopher Newman  
Legislative Coordinator