



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

Present: Councillor B. 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 BOARD OF HEALTH PRESENTS REPORT 12-002 AND RESPECTFULLY
RECOMMENDS:**

1. Alcohol/Substance Misuse in Hamilton (BOH12003) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

That the Current Physician Statistics Summary, be received.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL:**(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

The agenda was approved, as amended.

(b) MINUTES (Item 3)**(i) February 6, 2012 (Item 3.1)**

The minutes from the February 6, 2012 Board of Health Meeting, were approved.

(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 useage.

(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.

Public Health Staff were directed to develop a communication campaign for well water testing 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.

(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.

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

(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 and Norovirus outbreaks in the City. Staff outlined the measures taken by Public Health and their ongoing efforts.

The update respecting the recent outbreaks, was received.

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

The Board of Health was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor B. Clark, Deputy Mayor
Board of Health

Christopher Newman
Legislative Coordinator
March 5, 2012