Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger, Chair
Deputy-Mayor T. Jackson, Vice Chair
Councillors C. Collins, S. Duvall, L. Ferguson, B. McHattie,
S. Merulla, D. Mitchell, B. Morelli, R. Pasuta, M. Pearson,
R. Powers, and T. Whitehead

Absent with regrets: Councillor, B. Clark, illness
Councillors B. Bratina and M. McCarthy, other City business

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, Healthy Living Division
T. Bendo, Director, Planning and Continuous Improvement
Division
R. Hall, Director, M. Lawson, Health Protection Branch
D. Sheehan, Director, Family Health Division
H. Tomasik, Executive Director, D. Godwaldt, Human
Resources
J. Walker, Physician Recruitment Specialist
I. Bedioui, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL:

1. Public Health 2010 Accreditation Process Report BOH08027(a) (City Wide)
   (City Wide) (Item 5.3)
   (Pearson/Jackson)
   That Report BOH08027(a) respecting Public Health 2010 Accreditation Process
   be received for information.

CARRIED

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2. Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee Report 09-001 (Item 8.1)
   (Ferguson/McHattie)
   (a) Key Performance Indicators (Item 5.3)
       That the Key Performance Indicators, attached as Appendix A to Report 09-001, be received.
   (b) Underserviced Designation (Item 7.1)
       (i) That, based on the identified critical need for additional physicians within the City of Hamilton, the Mayor send a subsequent letter (original letter attached hereto as Appendix A) to the Honourable Ted McMeekin, Minister of Government and Consumer Services, respecting the proposed legislation changes and what the Province is proposing as a solution, regarding Underserviced Designations for Ontario municipalities;
       (ii) That the Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long Term Care, be requested to advise the City of Hamilton when the International Medical Graduates (IMGs), with Return of Service agreements and who are completing their residency training at an Ontario medical school, will be able to practice in Hamilton;
       (iii) That all local MPPs, MP’s, the Academy of Medicine, The Ontario Medical Association, the Chamber of Commerce, Hamilton Health Sciences, St. Joseph’s Healthcare, the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-committee, Hamilton Community Foundation, the Hamilton Roundtable on Poverty, the Hamilton Spectator and other local media be copied on the letter to the Minister of Government and Consumer Services respecting Hamilton’s Underserviced Designation status (for physicians).
       CARRIED

3. Medical Officer of Health (MOH) and Assistant Medical Officer of Health (AMOH) Compensation (HUR09019) – (City Wide) (Item 8.2)
   (Whitehead/Powers)
   (a) That the annual salaries and additional stipends for the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) and the Associate Medical Officers of Health (AMOHs) granted by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care with additional 100% funding, effective April 1, 2009 through to March 31, 2012, as outlined in Appendix B attached hereto be approved.
   (b) That the Mayor correspond with the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) to request that the MOH/AMOH compensation initiative in accordance with the 2008 Physician Services Agreement, be permanently funded 100% by the MOHLTC beyond the March 31, 2012 term, and that copies of the correspondence be forwarded to the
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Ontario Boards of Health.

CARRIED

4. Correspondence (Item 11.1)

(Pasuta/Morelli)
That the disposition for the following item of communication be approved:

(a) E-mail from Allison J. Stuart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Health Division, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care respecting Good Government Bill Introduced.

Recommendation: Be received.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Eisenberger introduced and provided certificates to the Deputy Mayors for the Month of November, 2009 - Sabrin Noureddin and Daria Bajus

(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised of the following changes:

(i) Additional attachments for the Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee Report 09-001 which is Item 8.1 on today’s agenda have been circulated this morning. The letter to the Honourable Ted McMeekin will replace Appendix B to the report and the Current Statistics Summary is additional information outlining the physicians average age.

(Ferguson/Pearson)
The agenda was approved as amended.

CARRIED

(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None declared.
(d) MINUTES (Item 3)
(Pearson/Duvall)
That the Minutes of the September 28, 2009 meeting be approved as presented.
CARRIED

(e) Sub-Committee Minutes
(Pearson/Jackson)
That the following Sub-committee Minutes be received:

(i) Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee Minutes dated September 2, 2009. (Item 5.1)

(ii) Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee Minutes dated October 7, 2009. (Item 5.2)
CARRIED

(f) Presentations

(i) Verbal update respecting the Novel H1N1 Influenza A Virus (Item 7.1)
Doctor Elizabeth Richardson made a PowerPoint presentation which provided an overview of the implications to date since her last presentation to the Board of Health. Hard copies were distributed. Her presentation included the following topics:

- Implication to date of pH1N1 for Fall 2009/Winter 2010
- Influenza A surveillance in Hamilton
  - Laboratory confirmed cases
  - Outbreaks
  - Hospitalizations
  - Deaths
- Weekly cases of lab-confirmed influenza A by hospitalization status
- Declared outbreaks by institution type
- Laboratory tests for influenza A
- Rate of hospitalized cases and deaths by age group
- Number of pH1N1 vaccinations and doses distributed
- Daily pH1N1 vaccine allocation
- pH1N1 Vaccine Roll-out in Hamilton
- pH1N1 Hotline Calls and Emails (by week, and total)
- Daily visits to assessment centres and emergency departments
- Financial Impact
- Financial Impact – Vaccination Clinics
- Service Impact
- Next steps
The Board recognized staff’s excellent response to this issue.

Doctor Richardson and Public Health Services staff responded to questions.

(Pearson/Ferguson)
That Doctor Elizabeth Richardson’s presentation be received.  
CARRIED

(g) Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee Report 09-001 (Item 8.1)

Councillor Ferguson presented the Committee Report and the Appendices and advised that Jane Walker, the Physician Recruitment Specialist is in attendance to assist the Board. He noted that the hand-out illustrates the shortage of physicians will increase in the future as the City’s doctors are aging.

He requested that Appendix B to recommendation 2(a) which is a letter addressed to Minister Smitherman be replaced with the letter to Minister McMeekin, copies of which were distributed.

(Ferguson/Morelli)
(i) That the letter in Appendix B to Subsection 2(a) of the Committee report be replaced with the letter to Minister McMeekin;

(ii) That subsection 2 (c) be amended by adding that the Ontario Medical Association and all MP’s be copied on the correspondence.

CARRIED

(Ferguson/McHattie)
That the Committee Report be approved as amended.

CARRIED

(h) Medical Officer of Health (MOH) and Assistant Medical Officer of Health (AMOH) Compensation (HUR09019) – (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(Jackson/Ferguson)
That this Item be deferred to the Private and Confidential Section of the agenda in order to discuss the report and identifiable individuals and employee negotiations.

CARRIED

Mayor Eisenberger vacated the Chair and left the meeting and Deputy Mayor Jackson assumed the Chair.

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(i) Notice of Motion

Councillor McHattie presented the following Notice of Motion:

Re: Community Garden Policy

Whereas, there are only three community gardens in Hamilton on City property, and;

Whereas, the ability of a community to grow their own local, nutritious food continues to gain momentum as a strong interest in the public, and;

Whereas, from time to time Councillors receive requests for the establishment of community gardens on City property, and do not have a mechanism to usefully respond to those requests.

Therefore be it resolved,

That the Public Health department work with other departments as necessary to come forward with a Community Garden Policy, including but not limited to: criteria for establishing new community gardens, garden plot allocation policies, and a budget for establishing new community gardens, and bring forward the policy in time for deliberation during the 2010 budget process.

(j) Outstanding Business List (Item 11.2)

(Pearson/Ferguson)
That the due dates of the following Outstanding Business List Items be amended as indicated:

(i) Item “A” – Public Health Services, Public Works and Community Services working group joint report to assess tobacco-free parks, playgrounds and beaches
Current Due Date: October 26, 2009
Proposed New Due Date: April 26, 2010

(ii) Item “B” - Report respecting the accreditation application process, timelines and the Board’s participation.
Current Due Date: Fall 2009 - Note: Item 5.3 on today’s agenda provides an interim update.
Proposed New Due Date: February 22, 2010

CARRIED
(k) Private and Confidential

(a) Medical Officer of Health (MOH) and Assistant Medical Officer of Health (AMOH) Compensation (HUR09019) – (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(Pearson/Ferguson)
That the Board move into closed session pursuant to subsections (b) and (d) of Item 8.1 of the City’s Procedural By-law and Section 239 of the Ontario Municipal Act to discuss a matter respecting identifiable individuals and employee negotiations.

CARRIED

(Powers/Ferguson)
That the Board reconvene in open session.

CARRIED

The Board approved the staff recommendation, as amended, in Open Session as outlined in Item 3 of this report.

(l) Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger, Chair
Board of Health

Ida Bedioui
Legislative Assistant
Board of Health
November 23, 2009