Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger (Chair)
Councillor C. Duvall, (Acting Vice-Chair)
Councillors B. Bratina, B. Clark, C. Collins,
L. Ferguson, T. Jackson, M. McCarthy, B. McHattie,
S. Merulla, R. Pasuta, M. Pearson and R. Powers

Absent with regrets: Councillor B. Morelli, City business
Councillors D. Mitchell and T. Whitehead, personal
commitment

Also Present: G. Peace, City Manager
Dr. E. Richardson, MOH
Dr. M. Hodge, AMOH
R. Hall, D. Elliott, L. Blake-Evans, Public Health
Services
D. Fisher, B. MacNeil, Legal Services
M. Amorosi, Human Resources
I. Bedioui, Legislative Assistant, City Clerks

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO COUNCIL FOR
CONSIDERATION:

1. Eating Well With Canada’s Food Guide BOH07018 (City Wide) (Item
5.1)
   (Pearson/McCarthy)
   That Report BOH07018 respecting Eating Well with Canada’s Food Guide
be received for information.
   CARRIED
2. **Cancer Incidence in Hamilton - BOH07015 (City Wide) (Item 5.2)**
   (Pearson/McCarthy)
   That Report BOH07015 respecting Cancer Incidence in Hamilton be received for information.
   
   **CARRIED**

3. **Public Health Report to the Community - BOH07014 (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**
   (Powers/Pearson)
   That the “Public Health Services Annual Report to the Community” be distributed to stakeholders as outlined in this Report BOH07014.
   
   **CARRIED**

4. **Sexually Transmitted Disease Program Update BOH07016 (City Wide) (Item 7.2)**
   (McCarthy/Pearson)
   That Report BOH07016 respecting Sexually Transmitted Disease Program Update (City Wide) be received for information.
   
   **CARRIED**

5. **Van Needle Exchange and Street Health Program Update BOH07019 (City Wide) (Item 7.3)**
   (McCarthy/Pearson)
   That Report BOH07019 respecting Van Needle Exchange and Street Health Program Update be received for information.
   
   **CARRIED**

6. **List of Various Communications for Information (Item 11.1):**
   (Bratina/Ferguson)
   That the following communication items be received for information:
   
   (a) 2007 Orientation – Manual for Board of Health Members
   (b) Copy of letter from John Albanese, Chair of the Board of Health of the Northwestern Health Unit respecting their resolution on healthy eating.
   (c) Copy of letter from John Albanese, Chair of the Board of Health of Council – March 28, 2007
the Northwestern Health Unit respecting their resolution on the impact of poverty on children.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda and that Don Fisher was present to provide advice with respect to the Closed Session Minutes of February 26, 2007 and that the Board would be moving In Camera to receive that advice.

(Ferguson/Powers)
That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

(c) Minutes of the February 26, 2007 Board of Health Meeting (Item 3.1)

(McCarthy/Clark)
That the Minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(d) Eating Well With Canada’s Food Guide BOH07018 (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

A copy of the Canada Food Guide was distributed.

(e) Cancer Incidence in Hamilton - BOH07015 (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

The Board asked several questions with respect to the affects of the environment (i.e: air pollution and socio-economic factors) on cancer rates to which Doctor Hodge responded.

The Board requested that staff prepare a report to be presented at a future meeting comparing the cancer survival rates of 10 years ago with today’s survival rates and also to outline the affects of socio-economic factors and patients’ education levels on survival rates.
(f) PRESENTATIONS

(i) Public Health Report to the Community - BOH07014 (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Doctor Elizabeth Richardson made a PowerPoint presentation and distributed copies which highlighted the following:

- The reason for the annual report: It’s a communication tool and a requirement of the Ontario Council of Community Health Accreditation.
- Goal and Objectives of the Annual Report: To demonstrate fiscal responsibility and impact of the services provided.
- Overview of the Contents of the Report

Doctor Richardson also provided a copy of the Public Health Report and answered questions from the Board Members.

(Powers/Pearson)
That the staff report be approved and the presentation be received.  
CARRIED

(ii) Sexually Transmitted Disease Program Update BOH07016 (City Wide) (Item 7.2) and

(iii) Van Needle Exchange and Street Health Program Update BOH07019 (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

Linda Blake-Evans provided a PowerPoint presentation of the Sexually Transmitted Disease Program Update and Van Needle Exchange and Street Health Program Update and hard copies of the presentation were distributed.

The PowerPoint presentation highlighted the following:

- Mandate of both programs
- Activities of the Van Needle Exchange and Street Health Programs
- Trends – health issues of the clients of both programs
- Budget & staffing
- Emerging Issues & Opportunities – program review, new ad campaign and ongoing research

The Board discussed the issues arising from an HIV case that Toronto
Police had recently identified. Doctor Richardson indicated that as medical care professionals, they cannot disclose details of any case but can talk about the general provisions of the legislation. A discussion followed about the difficulty of dealing with such cases. Doctor Richardson explained that a Medical Officer of Health can issue an order in only a limited number of cases and in other cases, must obtain a judge’s order.

The Board discussed the effectiveness of the programs outlined in the presentation and because of the need for confidentiality, the existing challenge to determine the actual number of clients and noted that the number of recorded visits can be determined but not the number of clients without taking a census.

The Board also expressed concerns with the location of STD clinics and methadone clinics in the downtown area and indicated that some prior consultation is needed to minimize impact (i.e. not near places of business such as restaurants). Staff indicated that the location of methadone clinics is out of the jurisdiction of the Public Health Department and is a zoning issue.

(McHattie/Bratina)
That staff prepare an information report respecting the current situation of where methadone and STD clinics may be located to be included on a future Board of Health agenda.

CARRIED

(McCarthy/Pearson)
That the staff reports be approved and the presentation be received.

CARRIED

(g) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

12.1 Minutes of Closed Session Meeting held on February 26, 2007

(McCarthy/Pearson)
That the Board move in Closed Session to discuss the closed session Minutes from the February 26, 2007 Board of Health meeting respecting an identifiable individual and to receive advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege.

CARRIED

(McCarthy/Duvall)
That the Board reconvene in Open Session.

CARRIED
(McCarthy/Pearson)
(a) That the Closed Session Minutes of the February 26, 2007 Board of Health meeting be approved.

(b) That the Minutes remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure in accordance with exemptions provided in the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED

In camera direction was given to staff.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger, Chair
Board of Health

Ida Bedioui
Legislative Assistant
Board of Health
March 26, 2007