THE BOARD OF HEALTH PRESENTS REPORT 10-003 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. **Communicable Disease and Health Hazard Investigations Quarterly Report (Q4 (October 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009) BOH08020(c) - (City Wide) (Item 5.2)**

   That Report BOH08020(c) respecting Communicable Disease and Health Hazard Investigations Quarterly Report (Q4) (October 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009) be received.
2. Mental Health/Outreach Team - Funding Reduction BOH10005 (City Wide) (Item 5.3)

That Report BOH10005 respecting Mental Health/Outreach Team - Funding Reduction be received.

3. Alcohol Drug & Gambling Services Situational Assessment BOH10006 (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

That Report BOH10006 respecting Alcohol Drug & Gambling Services Situational Assessment be received.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) ANNOUNCEMENTS

(i) Correspondence from Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care in recognition of public health’s response to the Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Influenza. (Item 1)

Presentation of Plaque

Mayor Eisenberger presented a plaque from Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to Doctor Elizabeth Richardson in recognition of her and her department’s response to the Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Influenza.

Councillor Merulla requested that ceremonial presentations be made at Council rather than at the Standing Committees and Mayor Eisenberger directed that Clerk’s staff follow-up with this issue.

(ii) Deputy Mayors for the Month of March 2010 (Item 2)

Mayor Eisenberger introduced and provided certificates to the Deputy Mayors for the Month of March 2010 - Lisa Gondo and Ashley Trott

(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised of the following change:

(i) Added delegation request Item 4.2 from Duane Dahl, Assistant Director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Hamilton respecting smoke-free environments for children in outdoor municipal spaces. (Copies were distributed.)

The agenda was approved as amended.

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(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(d) MINUTES (Item 3)

The Minutes of the February 22, 2010 meeting were approved as presented.

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

The following delegation requests were approved:

(i) Ryan David Kennedy, University of Waterloo, respecting a study of the City of Woodstock’s comprehensive outdoor smoking by-law. (Item 4.1)

(ii) Duane Dahl, Assistant Director, Boys and Girls Clubs of Hamilton, respecting smoke-free environments for children in outdoor municipal spaces. (Added Item 4.2)

(f) SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee Minutes of February 3, 2010 were received. (Item 5.1)

(g) PUBLIC HEARINGS DELEGATIONS


Doctor Sheldon Salaba introduced himself and indicated that he is the President of the Ontario Association of Optometrists and the Chair of the Children’s Vision Committee. Brochures of the program were distributed and Doctor Salaba made a PowerPoint presentation which included the following:

- Who are we (the Ontario Association of Optometrists) – a volunteer professional organization;
- Vision facts – 86% of children are entering grade 1 without getting a comprehensive eye exam;
- Recommended frequency of eye examinations – first examination should take place starting at age six months;
- Amblyopia – 4th leading cause of disability in children – 7,500 children in Ontario develop it – curable if detected early;
What is Eye see Eye learn (ESEL) program – was modified from an Alberta program;
ESEL Hamilton Pilot;
ESEL Hamilton Partners – optometrists, teachers and parents;
ESEL Pilot to expand and continue;
Requested that the Board of Health members help spread the word – to encourage better participation;
Program contact information

Doctor Salaba responded to questions from the Board. Councillor Bratina suggested that the Ward Councillors send out news letter or e-blasts to their constituents regarding this initiative and Dr. Salaba agreed to provide them with information to include in their communication.

Mayor Eisenberger also suggested that information regarding this initiative could be included on the City’s web site.

On a motion (Pearson/Powers) the Board received the presentation.

(h) PRESENTATIONS

(i) Pandemic H1N1 Response (no copy) (Item 7.1)

Rob Hall presented the following topics with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation:

- PHS Response – 2 waves
- Operations – Outbreak and Case Management
- Operations – Vaccine Delivery Agent
- Operations – Hotline
- Coordinating Health Sector Response
- Opening of Assessment Centres
- Financial Impact – managed assessment centres, disease control response and health sector report within budget and with Provincial funding
- Financial Impact – Vaccination Clinics
- Thanked a number of individuals and groups within the community that assisted with the response.

Hard copies of the presentation were distributed.

Staff responded to questions from the Board respecting the budget, the percentage of the population which received the vaccine, the delay at the Federal level to approve the vaccine and the debriefing, if any, by the Provincial and the Federal Governments.
The Mayor suggested that a letter be forwarded to the Federal and Provincial Governments recommending that they be quicker to respond when the next flu season arrives.

The Board of Health thanked Public Health Services staff for their excellent response to the pandemic.

On a motion (Duvall/Pearson) the staff presentation was received.

(i) **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger, Chair
Board of Health

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Board of Health
March 29, 2010