Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger, Chair
Deputy Mayor R. Pasuta, (Vice-Chair)

Councillors B. Bratina, B. Clark, C. Collins, S. Duvall, 
L. Ferguson, T. Jackson, M. McCarthy, S. Merulla, 
B. Morelli, D. Mitchell, M. Pearson, R. Powers and 
T. Whitehead

Absent with regrets: Councillor B. McHattie, illness

Also Present: C. Murray, City Manager
Dr. C. Mackie, Associate Medical Officer of Health
D. Barr-Elliott, Director, Healthy Living
T. Bendo, Planning and Continuous Improvement Division
R. Hall, Director, Health Protection Division
D. Sheehan, Director, Family Health
I. Bedioui, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s

THE BOARD OF HEALTH PRESENTS REPORT 09-004 AND RESPECTFULLY 
RECOMMENDS:

1. Communicable Disease and Health Hazard Investigations Quarterly Report (Q4) (October 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008) - BOH08020(c) (City Wide). (Item 5.1)

That Report BOH08020(c) respecting Communicable Disease and Health Hazard Investigations Quarterly Report (Q4) (October 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008) be received for information.
2. Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee Minutes of the January 7, 2009 Meeting (Item 5.2)

That the Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee Minutes of the January 7, 2009 Meeting be received for information.

3. Ainslie Wood Westdale Walkability Assessment Report prepared by the Ainslie Wood Westdale Walkability Committee (Item 6.1)

(a) That the Ainslie Wood Westdale Walkability Assessment Report be received and referred to:

(i) the Ainslie Wood Traffic Master Plan;

(ii) Public Health Services and other appropriate staff for review and assistance in developing a tool kit for use by other communities within the City and to make the findings available to residents by posting the information in a prominent position on the City’s website.

4. Community Food Security Stakeholder Committee BOH07031(b) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(a) That the amended 2009 Terms of Reference for the Community Food Security Stakeholder Committee attached hereto as Appendix A be approved.

(b) That the Community Food Security Stakeholder Committee 2009 Workplan contained in Appendix B to Report BOH07031(b) be received for information.

5. Children in Need of Treatment (CINOT) Update BOH09005 (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(a) That the Board of Health approve the expansion of the CINOT (Children in Need of Treatment) Program effective January 1, 2009, as announced by the Ministry of Health Promotion and providing coverage as follows:

(i) Covering children and teens aged 14-17 years funded 100% by the Province of Ontario up to December 31, 2009 and cost shared between the City of Hamilton and the Province on Ontario (25%/75%) effective January 1, 2010;

(ii) Covering general anaesthesia for children aged 5-13 years, cost
shared between the City of Hamilton and the Province on Ontario (25%/75%) effective January 1, 2009

(b) That Council petition the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Health Promotion for continued 100% provincial funding of the expanded CINOT program and the extended general anaesthesia coverage;

(c) That Report BOH09005 be referred to the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee;

(d) That Public Health Services staff report to the Board of Health respecting all the mandated services that are not 100% funded by the Province.

6. Correspondence (Item 11.1)

That the dispositions for the following items of communication be approved:

(a) Correspondence from Blair Labelle, Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk of the Town of Ajax with attached copy of letter from the Friends of Ajax Pickering Hospital respecting the Clinical Services Plan currently being developed by the Central East LHIN.

Recommendation: Be received.

(b) Copy of a letter from Anne O. Carter, MD, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer, of the Leeds, Grenville, and Lanark District Health Unit dated December 17, 2008, addressed to the Minister of Health respecting attached resolutions regarding Alcohol misuse.

Recommendation: Be endorsed.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

The Board of Health was called to order at 2:25 p.m.

The Board of Health recessed at 2:26 p.m. to allow the Committee of the Whole meeting to continue

The Board of Health reconvened at 3:00 p.m.
(a) **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

The Clerk advised there were no changes to the agenda.

The agenda was approved as presented.

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

None declared.

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

(i) The Minutes of the January 26, 2009 meeting were approved as presented.

(ii) The Minutes of the February 4, 2009 special meeting were approved as presented.

(d) **Delegations**

(i) **Kristen West and Kelly McCormick from the Ainslie Wood Westdale Walkability Committee respecting the work of the Committee and to seek alignment opportunities to improve walkability in the community. (Item 6.1)**

Kristen West introduced herself indicating that she is an employee of the City but was attending today as a volunteer member of the Ainslie Wood Westdale Walkability Committee. She recognized Suzanne Brown and Sharon MacKinnon in the gallery who are also members of the Walkability Committee. She thanked Councillor McHattie for his support noting he was not in attendance due to illness.

Kristen West’s PowerPoint presentation outlined the Ainslie Wood Westdale Walkability Assessment Report which was included in the agenda. She explained that this was a volunteer led initiative with two purposes; to celebrate and to improve the walkability of the Ainslie Wood Westdale community. She outlined the recommendations contained in the report.

A discussion followed and members of the Board expressed their appreciation for the presentation and the report and noted that it would be beneficial to share this document with other communities within the City and with other staff. Direction was given as outlined in Item 3 of this Report.
(ii) Sarah Wakefield, Co-chair of the Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee, to provide an update respecting the progress made to date by the Advisory Committee and to highlight its 2009 workplan. (Item 6.2)

Sarah Wakefield, Co-chair of the Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee made a PowerPoint presentation outlining the progress of the Community Food Security Stakeholders Committee and copies were distributed. She indicated that she is a professor at the University of Toronto and through her work is aware that there is a real problem with food issues today. She noted that the staff report in Item 8.1 included recommendations with respect to the Advisory Committee.

Her presentation included the following:

- Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
- Why care about food? – problems with food availability, affordability and quality
- Community Food Security can help
- Sub-Committee structure
- Potential outcomes – coordination and networking, education and outreach, food
- Please support our work – approved increased membership, attend public launch of committee (April 30), support the 2009 work plan

The Mayor thanked Sarah Wakefield for her presentation.

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

(e) Children in Need of Treatment (CINOT) Update BOH09005 (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

The Board expressed concerns with the issue of the Province not providing 100% funding for mandated services. A discussion followed and the Board amended the recommendations by adding subsections (c) and (d).

The recommendations CARRIED, as amended, on the following votes:

Yeas: Eisenberger, Bratina, Collins, Duvall, Jackson, McCarthy, Mitchell, Pasuta, Pearson, Powers, and Whitehead
Total: 11
Nays: Ferguson
Total: 1
Absent: Clark, McHattie, Merulla, and Morelli

(f) **Cost of Providing Non-fluoridated City Water as an Option (Item 9.1)**

Councillor Whitehead requested that his motion be deferred until the next meeting of the Board of Health as he is waiting for additional information.

(g) **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger, Chair
Board of Health

Ida Bedioui
Legislative Assistant
Board of Health
February 23, 2009
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Terms of Reference for the Community Food Security Stakeholder Committee

Mandate:

To develop a food continuum policy and strategic action plan that will move Hamilton towards being a place where all community residents obtain a safe, culturally acceptable, nutritionally adequate diet through a sustainable food system that maximizes self-reliance and social justice.

Objectives:

• Develop a comprehensive community and city-wide policy that leads to community food security

• Create multi-sector partnerships and networks, including councillors, public health, city departments, non profit organizations, farmers and the volunteer sector to develop the infrastructure needed to achieve sustainable food systems

• Recommend strategic actions and specific policy/by-law changes to support and enhance community food security

• Raise awareness about food system issues among Hamiltonians

• Ensure that a municipal economic development plan supports
  - land use policies that facilitate urban agriculture
  - local food businesses in low income neighbourhoods
  - increased community capacity for self-reliance for nutritious food

• Support local farmers with Eat Local initiatives

• Support Food Disclosure Systems in the food service industry

• Keep apprised of relevant monitoring and research initiatives and identify potential gaps

• Encourage innovation and community development by providing technical support to local organizations (e.g. research, grant writing)

• Advocate for an approach to physical planning that provides for sustainable agriculture

• Ensure that the perspectives of persons and communities who are experiencing food insecurity are taken into consideration

• Develop and maintain an annual work plan

Membership:

Stakeholders (10-12) representing, but not limited to:

• the agricultural community, preferably a member of the City of Hamilton Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee

• local environmental groups including Eat Local Committee

• emergency food service providers
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- social service advocates and/or providers
- Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction (corresponding member)
- researchers
- relevant labour organizations
- food industry (production, retail and/or food services)
- those directly experiencing food insecurity

City Councillors:
- Councillor Bratina
- Councillor McHattie
- Councillor Pasuta

City of Hamilton staff (6 – 8) non-voting members/technical support representing:
- Public Health Services (3-4 with expertise in nutrition, policy and health protection)
- Community Services (1-2)
- Planning Economic Development Department (1-2)
- Public Works Department (1)

Each stakeholder group will assign a member to sit on the committee. At maximum, membership term coincides with the term of City Council. A person’s membership ceases if three consecutive meetings are missed.

In the event that there are more than 12 interested representatives from the stakeholders group, members will be selected through an application and interview process and approved by the Board of Health and Council.

Alternates may attend when necessary, with voting privileges.

Quorum will be reached when 10 members are present, five of whom are community stakeholder representatives (exclusive of the co-chairs.)

Sub-Committees and/or Work Groups will be struck and appointed by the Stakeholder Sub-Committee as per need to address specific topics, issues or questions (i.e., Eat local policy committee for the city, good food box work group.)

Chair:
The Committee will have two Co-Chairs, one a community representative and one a Councillor.

Minutes:
Minutes will follow the City of Hamilton template. Clerical support from Public Health Services will compile and circulate minutes to members within seven days of the meeting. Minutes will be included on the Board of Health agenda for information and any recommendations needing approval would be included in a report from the committee Chairs. Minutes will be circulated to interested corresponding members.

Reports to:
Board of Health

Frequency of Meetings:
Monthly, or at minimum quarterly and also at the call of the Chair.
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No meetings to be held during the months of July, August and December unless called by the Chairs.

Work Group or Sub-committee meetings will be scheduled as required.

**Review of Terms of Reference:**
To be reviewed on an annual basis, at a minimum.

**Approved on: November 26, 2007**
Amended on February 23, 2009