BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES 14-005
1:30 p.m.
Monday, June 16, 2014
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall


Absent with regrets: Councillor J. Partridge – City Business
Councillor S. Duvall - Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Healthy Birth Weights Project Update - BOH14002(a) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

(Clark/Johnson)
That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to extend the temporary Healthy Birth Weight Project Manager position through December 2015.
CARRIED

2. Provincial Dental Program Integration - BOH14020 (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

(Clark/Powers)
That Report BOH14020 respecting Provincial Dental Program Integration be received.
CARRIED

(Farr/McHattie)
(a) That the City of Hamilton continue its partnership with the Hamilton Family Health Team, the McQuesten Community Planning Team and the Hamilton Community Foundation, to extend the Community Nurse Networker pilot that works with residents in the McQuesten community and a neighbourhood family practice to improve the health and social outcomes of individuals and families;

(b) That subject to the continued financial support by the Hamilton Family Health Team and the Hamilton Community Foundation for the Community Nurse Networker until September 2015, that the General Manager of Community and Emergency Services be authorized to fund $25,750 from the Neighbourhood Strategy Fund (Project ID 2051255204) to the Hamilton Family Health Team to assist in the delivery of this initiative for an additional 12 months from September 2014 to September 2015 inclusive;

(c) That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized to extend the existing agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Family Health Team in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor that supports a secondment of a Public Health Nurse to the Hamilton Family Health Team as a Community Networker; and

(d) That the Medical Officer of Health be directed and authorized to continue with the approved increased complement in the Healthy Living Division program by 0.8 FTE Public Health Nurse.

CARRIED

4. Appointment of Temporary Associate Medical Officer of Health – BOH14026 (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

(Clark/Johnson)
(a) That Dr. Matthew Hodge be appointed as Associate Medical Officer of Health, and the necessary documentation be forwarded to the Minister of Health & Long-Term Care for approval;

(b) That Dr. Matthew Hodge be appointed as an Acting Medical Officer of Health until such time as the Minister of Health & Long-Term Care approves his appointment as Associate Medical Officer of Health.

CARRIED

5. Improving Health by Design in the Greater Toronto-Hamilton Area - BOH14017 (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Farr/McHattie)
(a) That Report BOH14017 respecting Improving Health by Design in the
Greater Toronto-Hamilton Area be endorsed and the funding and sustainable implementation of the Big Move, strengthening provincial policies and integrating health into municipal planning be supported in principle;

(b) That Public Health Services work with the City Manager’s Office, Public Works, and Planning and Economic Development to report back on the specific recommendations contained in the Improving Health by Design in the Greater Toronto-Hamilton Area report and what local actions could be implemented;

(c) That Public Health Services continue to work with the City Manager’s Office, Public Works, and Planning and Economic Development regarding transportation planning and land-use planning to maximize health benefits.

CARRIED

6. Comments Respecting Land Use Reform and Development Charges Act/Discussions Respecting Transportation Needs (Item 7.1)

(Clark/Pearson)
That staff be directed to review the comments that the City has previously submitted to the Province respecting the Land Use Reform and Development Charges Act and provide any recommendations with respect to maximising health benefits to Planning staff for inclusion with the City’s previous submissions;

CARRIED

(Clark/Powers)
That Chris Murray, City Manager, and his staff be encouraged to work with the Western Golden Horseshoe municipalities and the Province to set a deadline for their discussions respecting transportation and transit needs and report back to the General Issues Committee.

CARRIED

7. Citizens’ Panel on Fluoridation - BOH14015 (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Powers/Pearson)
That Report BOH14015 respecting Citizens’ Panel on Fluoridation be received.

CARRIED

8. National Strategy for Dementia (Item 10.1)

(McHattie/Farr)
Whereas, there is a growing crisis looming in the number of people afflicted with dementia illness; and
Whereas, according to a new study commissioned by the Alzheimer Society of Canada, the number of Canadians living with Alzheimer disease and other dementias now stands at 747,000 and will double to 1.4M by 2031; and

Whereas, the combined direct (medical) and indirect (lost earnings) costs of dementia total $33 billion per year; and

Whereas, pressures on family caregivers are mounting; and

Whereas, the Hamilton, Burlington, and Oakville Chapter of the Congress of Union Retirees of Canada (CURC) has taken the lead locally to promote the issue.

Therefore be it resolved:

That Hamilton City Council endorse NDP MP – Nickel Belt Claude Gravelle’s Private Member’s Bill C-356 An Act Respecting a National Strategy for Dementia.

CARRIED

9. Correspondence from the Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry respecting the Low Income Dental Integration Program (Item 11.1)

Recommendation: (Clark/Johnson) Be received.

CARRIED

10. Correspondence from Matt Goodman, Vice President of Grants and Community Initiatives, Hamilton Community Foundation, respecting a Grant Award – 1 FTE for the Nurse Family Partnership Program (Powers/Pasuta)

Recommendation: (a) That the Medical Officer of Health be directed to receive and utilize the funds from Hamilton Community Foundation for the Nurse Family Partnership Program accordingly;

(b) That a letter of thanks be forwarded to the Hamilton Community Foundation.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes:
ADDED NOTICE OF MOTION:

10.1 Request for Ongoing Funding for the Expanded Community Health Education.Navigator Approach to Health Care

ADDED GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS:

11.3 Correspondence from Matt Goodman, Vice President of Grants and Community Initiatives, Hamilton Community Foundation, respecting a Grant Award ~ 1 FTE for the Nurse Family Partnership Program

Recommendation: That the Medical Officer of Health be directed to receive and utilize these funds accordingly.

(Johnson/Powers)
That the agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

Councillor Johnson declared an interest respecting a National Strategy for Dementia, Item 10.1, as she has family members who have been diagnosed.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(i) May 22, 2014 (Item 3.1)

(Johnson/Powers)
That the Minutes from the May 22, 2014 meeting of the Board of Health be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS (Item 6)

(i) Danxia Wang, Hi Temp Heaters Hamilton, respecting a response to the Bed Bug Strategy (Item 6.1)

As the presentation by Ms. Wang appeared to be for the purpose of presenting unsolicited proposals by a Vendor to Committee and as proposals are subject to a competitive process as required by the City’s Purchasing Policy, the Board of Health declined to hear the delegate’s presentation and suggested she keep apprised of any Requests for Proposals the City may issue via the City’s Website.
(e) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Improving Health by Design in the Greater Toronto-Hamilton Area - BOH14017 (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Dr. Tran presented Improving Health by Design in the Greater Toronto-Hamilton Area with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included in the public record.

Chris Murray, City Manager and Joanne Hickey-Evans, Manager of Planning Policy and Zoning By-law Reform, assisted with the presentation.

The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

**Improving Health by Design**

- Why Transportation Matters
  - Air Quality
  - Injuries/Safety
  - Physical Activity
  - Mental Health
  - Equity
- Active Transportation Priorities
- GTHA MOH Collaboration
- Report Findings
- Recommendations

**(Powers/Clark)**

That the presentation respecting Improving Health by Design in the Greater Toronto-Hamilton Area be received.

CARRIED

As a result of the discussion respecting the presentation, the Board provided staff with direction.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 5 & 6.

(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

(i) Citizens’ Panel on Fluoridation - BOH14015 (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

The Motion CARRIED on the following vote:

Yeas: Collins, Merulla, Morrow, Farr, McHattie, Clark, Pearson, Johnson, Powers, Pasuta, Bratina
Total: 11
Nays: Jackson
Total: 1
Absent: Duvall, Partridge, Whitehead, Ferguson
Total: 4

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 7.

(g) MOTIONS (Item 9)

(i) Gasification Process Operation in Hamilton (Item 9.1) (Deferred on May 22, 2014)

That the City of Hamilton formally oppose the gasification process operation planned for the Sherman Avenue and Burlington Street area.

Councillor Morrow requested that the motion be deferred to the July 10, 2014 meeting when the proponents will be in attendance.

(ii) National Strategy for Dementia (Item 9.2)

The Motion CARRIED on the following vote:

Yeas: McHattie, Farr, Jackson, Collins, Morrow, Pearson, Merulla
Total: 7
Nays: Clark, Powers, Pasuta, Bratina
Total: 4
Abstain: Johnson
Total: 1
Absent: Duvall, Partridge, Whitehead, Ferguson
Total: 4

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 8.

(h) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)

(i) National Strategy for Dementia (Item 10.1)

Councillor McHattie introduced the following Notice of Motion:
Whereas, there is a growing crisis looming in the number of people afflicted with dementia illness; and

Whereas, according to a new study commissioned by the Alzheimer
Society of Canada, the number of Canadians living with Alzheimer disease and other dementias now stands at 747,000 and will double to 1.4M by 2031; and

Whereas, the combined direct (medical) and indirect (lost earnings) costs of dementia total $33 billion per year; and

Whereas, pressures on family caregivers are mounting; and

Whereas, the Hamilton, Burlington, and Oakville Chapter of the Congress of Union Retirees of Canada (CURC) has taken the lead locally to promote the issue.

Therefore be it resolved:

That Hamilton City Council endorse NDP MP – Nickel Belt Claude Gravelle’s Private Member’s Bill C-356 An Act Respecting a National Strategy for Dementia.

(McHattie/Farr)

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for an introduction of a Motion respecting a National Strategy for Dementia.

The Motion CARRIED on the following vote:

Yeas: Collins, McHattie, Pearson, Merulla, Farr, Bratina, Jackson, Morrow
Total: 8
Nays: Clark, Powers, Pasuta
Total: 3
Absent: Whitehead, Partridge, Duvall, Ferguson
Total: 4
Abstain: Johnson
Total: 1

(ii) Request for Ongoing Funding for the Expanded Community Health Education/Navigator Approach to Health Care (Item 10.2)

Councillor McHattie introduced the following Notice of Motion:

WHEREAS, two in five Canadians will develop cancer in their lifetime and one in four will die of the disease;

AND WHEREAS, Public Health Services (PHS) is mandated to address lung, breast, cervix, colorectal and skin cancers through promotion of healthy
eating, physical activity, and tobacco free living, protection against ultraviolet radiation exposure and other protective behaviours;

AND WHEREAS, having regular cancer screening tests for breast, cervix and colorectal cancer saves lives;

AND WHEREAS, some populations in the City of Hamilton (COH) face barriers to accessing cancer screening, including language, disability, low income, resulting in later stage diagnosis, limited treatment options and poor prognosis;

AND WHEREAS, the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network (HNHB LHIN) has identified assistance with health system navigation as a priority, especially for people facing such barriers;

AND WHEREAS, the HNHB LHIN has shown its commitment to collaborate with the COH by funding a Community of Practice for Navigation in 2014;

AND WHEREAS, PHS has developed a successful Community Health Educator/Navigator (CHEN) approach to help address barriers and empower people to obtain health services such as cancer screening tests;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That staff from Public Health Services be directed to develop a business case to present the benefits, operational logistics, financial implications, staffing requirements, and return on investment of implementing an expanded Community Health Educator/Navigator approach within the City of Hamilton; and,

(b) That the Mayor, on behalf of the Board of Health and Council, request ongoing funding for the expanded Community Health Educator/Navigator approach from the Honourable Rona Ambrose, Minister of Health, the Minister of Health and Long Term Care and the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network.

(McHattie/Farr)
That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting a Request for Ongoing Funding for the Expanded Community Health Educator/Navigator Approach to Health Care.

The Motion was DEFEATED on the following vote:

Yeas: McHattie, Farr, Johnson, Collins, Merulla
Total: 5
Nays: Clark, Powers, Pasuta, Bratina, Pearson
Total: 5
Absent: Duvall, Partridge, Whitehead, Ferguson, Morrow, Jackson
Total: 6

(i) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)

(i) Revised Due Date on the Outstanding Business List (Item 11.2)

(Johnson/Pearson)
That the due date for the following item on the Outstanding Business List be amended accordingly, as follows:

Item B: Good to Go Food Box Program  
Due Date: June 16, 2014  
Revised Due Date: August 14, 2014

CARRIED

(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Johnson/Pearson)
That there being no further business, the Board of Health be adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor R. Bratina
Chair, Board of Health

Jasmine Branton
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk