Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger, Chair  
Deputy Mayor R. Powers (Vice-Chair)  
Councillors B. Bratina, B. Clark, C. Collins, S. Duvall,  
L. Ferguson, S. Merulla, D. Mitchell, B. Morelli, R. Pasuta,  
and M. Pearson  
Absent with regrets: Councillor T. Jackson, vacation  
Councillor M. McCarthy, City business  
Councillor B. McHattie, arrival after adjournment  
Councillor T. Whitehead, arrival after adjournment  
Also Present: Dr. E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health  
T. Bendo, Director, Planning and Continuous Improvement Division  
D. Sheehan, Director, Family Health Division  
R. Hall, Director, Health Protection Division  
D. Barr-Elliott, Director, Healthy Living Division  
J. Walker, Physician Recruitment Specialist  
I. Bediou, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s

THE FOLLOWING WAS REPORTED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL:

1. Emergency Planning Update – BOH08037 (City Wide) (Item 5.2)  
(Collins/Morelli)  
That Report BOH08037 respecting Emergency Planning Update be received.  
CARRIED
2. Universal Influenza Immunization Program - BOH08038 (City Wide) (Item 5.3)
   (Collins/Morelli)
   That Report BOH08038 respecting Universal Influenza Immunization Program be received.
   CARRIED

3. Child and Adolescent Budget 2008 - 2009 BOH08026a (City Wide) (Item 5.4)
   (Collins/Morelli)
   That a staffing reduction of 1.0 FTE be approved to offset a projected deficit for the budget year 2008 - 2009.
   CARRIED

4. Smoke-Free Ontario Tobacco Control 2008 Budget BOH08034 (City Wide) (Item 5.5)
   (Collins/Morelli)
   That the 2008 Smoke-Free Ontario Tobacco Control Program budget, which is 100% funded by the Province of Ontario, be approved.
   CARRIED

5. Mental Health/Outreach Team Budget 2008-2009 - BOH08039 (City Wide) (Item 5.6)
   (Collins/Morelli)
   That the 2008-2009 Mental Health/Outreach Program budget, which is 100% funded by the Province of Ontario, be approved.
   CARRIED

6. Nutritious Food Basket - BOH08029 (City Wide) (Item 5.7)
   (Collins/Morelli)
   (a) That Report BOH08029 regarding the cost of a Nutritious Food Basket be received;
   (b) That the Mayor write to the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Community and Social Services to request that the Province act on the following components of the Poverty Reduction Strategy as soon as possible:
       (i) Establish an independent committee including low-income people, policy experts and advocates to develop rational and just criteria for determining Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) rates;
(ii) Implement OW and ODSP rates that reflect the real cost of living and are indexed annually to reflect inflation, including the findings of yearly Nutritious Food Basket surveys conducted by local Boards of Health based on protocols established by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care; and

(iii) Set the shelter component maximum for OW clients at 85 percent of the median market rent for each local housing market, based on annual surveys conducted by the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation;

(c) That Council request that all levels of government make significant investments in affordable housing.

CARRIED

7. **Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee Report 08-002** (Item 8.1)

(Ferguson/Powers)

(a) **Key Performance Indicators**

That the Key Performance Indicators, as of September 15, 2008, be received.

(b) **Current Physician Statistics, as of September 15, 2008**

That the Current Physician Statistics, as of September 15, 2008, be received.

(c) **Physician Recruitment and Retention Budget – December 1, 2007 to November 30, 2008**

That the Physician Recruitment and Retention Budget – December 1, 2007 to November 30, 2008, be received.

(d) **Resubmission of Underserviced Application (Physicians)**

(i) That the Mayor be authorized and directed to forward the letter, attached as Appendix A to Report 08-002, to the Honourable Ted McMeekin, Minister of Government and Consumer Services respecting the City of Hamilton’s application for Underserviced Designation regarding family physicians.

(ii) That the Physician Recruitment Specialist be authorized and directed to resubmit, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, an Application for Underserviced Designation to the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care.
(e) Unpaid Summer Leave of Absence
That the unpaid summer leave of absence, requested by the Physician Recruiter, from June 22, 2009 through September 7, 2009, be approved.

CARRIED

8. Incentives for Physicians to remain in Hamilton (New Item)
(Bratina/Ferguson)
(a) That appropriate staff, including the City Manager, the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development and the Director of Economic Development and Real Estate, be directed to prepare a report to be presented to the Economic Development and Planning Committee with recommendations on incentive programs to retain physicians within the City;

(b) That the issue of Hamilton’s physician shortage be referred to the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee for consideration and for inclusion on the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee’s web site.

CARRIED

9. Communications (Item 11.1)
(Pearson/Collins)
That the disposition of the following communication Item be approved:

(a) Copy of a letter from J. Paul Whelan, M.D., F.R.C.S.(C), Braley Gordon Chair of Urology, McMaster University, addressed to Pat Mandy, CEO of the LHIN respecting the application by St. Joseph’s Healthcare for funding of an extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy program.

Recommendation: Be received.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)
The Clerk advised of the following change to the agenda:

Added delegation request (Item 4.5) from Doctor Larry Levin, President of the Ontario Dental Association representing the Ontario Dental Association and the
Hamilton Academy of Dentistry wishing to address the Board at the November 24, 2008 meeting with respect to water fluoridation.

(Pearson/Pasuta)
That the agenda be approved as amended.  
CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)
None declared.

(c) MINUTES (Item 3)

(Duvall/Bratina)
The Minutes of the September 22, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.  
CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS

(Powers/Pearson)
That the following delegations requests be approved to address the Board at the November 24, 2008 meeting:

(i) Cindy Mayor wishing to address the Board to present new information respecting water fluoridation. (Item 4.1)

(ii) Carole Clinch wishing to request that the City discontinue the fluoridation of municipal drinking water and to present the reasons why. (Item 4.2)

(iii) Peter Van Caulart wishing to present recent information disclosed at the International Society of Fluoride Research conference in August 2008 and to rebut Health Canada’s presentation material from the July Board of Health meeting. (Item 4.3)

(iv) Diane Sprules, wishing to address the Board regarding water fluoridation and new developments. She attended the International Society of Fluoride Research conference in August at the University of Toronto and heard international scientists speak on this issue. (Item 4.4)

(v) Doctor Larry Levin, President of the Ontario Dental Association representing the Ontario Dental Association and the Hamilton Academy of Dentistry wishing to address the Board with respect to water fluoridation. (Added Item 4.5)

CARRIED
(e) ADVISORY/SUB-COMMITTEE/VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE MINUTES

(Collins/Morelli)
That the following Volunteer Committee Minutes be received for information:

(i) Minutes of the Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting of June 4, 2008.

(ii) Minutes of the Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting of September 3, 2008.

CARRIED

(f) PHYSICIAN RECRUITEMENT AND RETENTION STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT 08-002

Councillor Ferguson presented the Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee Report and provided an overview of the physician shortage currently being experienced in the City.

The Board acknowledged the extraordinary work of Jane Walker, the Physician Recruitment Specialist and the advances made by the Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee.

The Board approved the Steering Committee Report.

(Ferguson/Powers)
That the Minutes of the Management Sub-Committee to the Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee, dated March 31, 2008, be received.

CARRIED

A discussion followed regarding other possible strategies in addition to those recommended in the Report, such as asking the Province to re-examine its criteria.

On a motion, the Board directed appropriate staff to prepare a report outlining incentives to retain physicians and also referred this issue to the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee.
(g) Outstanding Business List (Item 11.2)

(Collins/Duvall)
That the due dates of the following Items of the Outstanding Business List be amended as follows:

(i) **Item “A”** – Residential Care Facilities By-law, (Due: October 27/08)  
    *Proposed New Due Date: November 24, 2008*

(ii) **Item “B”** – Report outlining the pros and cons of a 3 colour inspection certificate system and associated costs and demonstration of web software (Due: October 27/08)  
    *Proposed New Due Date: December 8, 2008*

    **CARRIED**

(h) Adjournment

(Pearson/Powers)
There being no further business, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger, Chair  
Board of Health

Ida Bedioui  
Legislative Assistant  
Board of Health  
October 27, 2008