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

Absent with regrets: Councillor R. Pasuta personal commitment 
Councillor M. Pearson, illness 
Councillors D. Mitchell and T. Whitehead, City business

Also Present: Dr. E. Richardson, MOH 
Dr. M. Hodge, AMOH 
Dr. J. Emili, AMOH 
R. Hall, Director, D. Christie, Public Health Services 
D. Sheehan, Director, Family Health 
T. Tollis, Director of Budgets and Finance 
I. Bedioui, Legislative Assistant, City Clerks

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL:

1. Communicable Disease and Health Hazard Investigations Quarterly Report (Q1) (January 1-March 31, 2007) -BOH07008(a) (City Wide) (Item 5.1) 

   (Jackson/Powers) 
   That Report BOH07008(a) respecting Communicable Disease and Health Hazard Investigations Quarterly Report (Q1) (January 1 - March 31, 2007) be received. 

   CARRIED
2. Request to increase FTE based on receipt of annualized funding from Ministry of Child & Youth Services (MCYS) and Children's Aid Society of Hamilton (CAS) BOH07026 (City Wide) (Item 5.2)  

(Jackson/Powers)  
(a) That the Board of Health approve a one year temporary increase in complement by 1.4 FTE for Alcohol, Drug & Gambling Services (ADGS) to provide onsite services to parents who are identified with substance use problems at the Children's Aid Societies.  

(b) That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized to sign the service contracts and agreements necessary to implement the program.  

CARRIED

3. Public Health Services Strategic Plan 2007-2010 – BOH07023 (City Wide) (Item 7.1)  

(Morelli/Powers)  
(a) That the Public Health Services (PHS) Vision, Mission and Strategic Plan 2007 to 2010 as outlined in Report BOH07023 be approved.  

(b) That staff be directed to report to the Board of Health regarding the implementation of the PHS Strategic Plan on an annual basis.  

CARRIED

4. Heat Alerts and Response BOH07024 (City Wide) (Item 7.2)  

(McHattie/Morelli)  
(a) That the heat advisory, warning, and alert system and relevant responses proposed in Report BOH07024, Heat Alerts and Response be adopted by the City of Hamilton effective immediately.  

(b) That the Medical Officer of Health report back to the Board of Health annually on the number of heat events and costs of the City response  

(c) That the Medical Officer of Health and the General Manager of Community Services meet with community agencies and report back at the next meeting of the Board of Health with recommendations and engage in ongoing consultation with the community on the subject of heat alerts.  

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(d) That Public Health staff develop an information brochure to be distributed to the public on how to respond to heat alerts.  

CARRIED

5. Alcohol, Drug & Gambling Services (ADGS) Program Overview BOH07029 (City Wide)) (Item 7.3)  

(Powers/Ferguson)  
(a) That Report BOH07029 respecting Alcohol, Drug & Gambling Services (ADGS) Program Overview be received.  

CARRIED

6. Pesticides Sub-Committee Report 07-002 (Item 8.1)  

(McHattie/Bratina)  
(a) Pesticide Education Campaign (BOH07005) (City Wide) (Item 4.1)  

That Report BOH07005 respecting Pesticide Education Campaign be received and that no action be taken.

(b) Pesticide Education Campaign (BOH07005(a)) (City Wide) (Item 4.2)  

That payment in the amount of $40,000 be provided to Green Venture for the Naturally Hamilton Pesticide Education Campaign as outlined in Appendix A attached hereto, to be funded from existing budget in Health Protection Division, Public Health Services.

(c) City of Hamilton Pesticide Use By-law (BOH07030) (City Wide) (Item 4.3)  

(i) That a special meeting of the Board of Health be convened by the end of June 2007 to receive delegations requesting to speak to the Draft Pesticides By-law with the flexibility of scheduling a second meeting in July 2007 depending on public input and that CABLE 14 be invited to broadcast the proceedings;  

(ii) That staff of the Economic Development and Planning Committee be directed to bring a report back to the Pesticides Sub-Committee outlining a proposed implementation plan and costs.  

CARRIED
7. **Additional Funding for the Physician Recruitment and Retention Program (Added Item 9.1)**

**(Ferguson/McCarthy)**

(a) That, for 2007, an additional $20,000 funded from the tax Stabilization reserve be added to the current levy allocation ($20,000) for a total of $40,000 as the City of Hamilton's contribution to the Physician Recruitment initiative.

(b) That, for 2008, the additional levy requirement of $20,000 for a total of $40,000 annually be referred to the 2008 budget process for consideration.

CARRIED

8. **Ontario's Physician Return of Service Program**

**(McHattie/Collins)**

That a letter be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario with a copy to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care requesting that the Province's Physician Return of Service Program be eliminated, except for communities in Northern Ontario, in order to create a level playing field for municipalities such as Hamilton and Burlington.

CARRIED

9. **Communications (Item 11.1)**

**(Bratina/Ferguson)**

That the depositions for the following Items of communication be approved:

(a) Board of Health Orientation Session Notes, February 1, 2007.

   Recommendation: Be received.

(b) Board of Health Section General Meeting Minutes, February 1, 2007, with attachments.

   Recommendation: Be received.

(c) Memo respecting aPHa Resolutions for Consideration at June 2007 Conference.

   Recommendation: Be received.

(d) Copy of Letter from the Sudbury & District Board of Health addressed to the Minister of Health requesting an
amendment to the Non-Smokers’ Health Act in order to eliminate designated smoking rooms (DSRs) in federally-regulated workplaces.

Recommendation: Be received.

(e) Correspondence from alPHa respecting the AlPHa Annual Winter meeting held February 1, 2007. (Added Item).

Recommendation: Be received.

(f) E-mail from Leslie Parnell, Acting Deputy Clerk for the Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield respecting a resolution requesting Provincial control on cosmetic use pesticides

Recommendation: Be referred to the Pesticides Sub-Committee.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

(i) Added delegation requests respecting Heat Alerts which is item 7.2 on today’s agenda:

1. Tom Cooper, Community Development Coordinator, McQuesten Legal & Community Services

2. Denise Brooks, Executive Director, Hamilton Urban Core Community Health Centre

If these delegations are approved the Heat Alerts report will be presented before Item 7.1.

(ii) Added motion (Item 9.1) from Councillor Lloyd Ferguson respecting funding for the Physician Recruitment Program.

(iii) Added correspondence from alPHa (Item 11.1 (e)) respecting the alPHa Annual Winter meeting held February 1, 2007.

Recommendation: Be received.
(iv) Added correspondence from Lesley Parnell, Deputy Clerk of the Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield (Item 11.1 (f)) respecting a resolution requesting Provincial control on cosmetic use pesticides.

Recommendation: Be referred to the Pesticides Sub-Committee.

(Duvall/McCarthy)
That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None declared.

(c) Minutes of the April 23, 2007 Board of Health Meeting (Item 3.1)
(Powers/McCarthy)
That the Minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(d) Delegation Requests
(McHattie/Clark)
That the following delegation requests be approved to appear before the Board of Health today:

(a) Thomas Cooper, Community Development Coordinator, McQuesten Legal and Community Services respecting the City’s Heat Alerts which is Item 7.2 on today’s agenda. (Added Item 4.1)

(b) Denise Brooks, Executive Director, Hamilton Urban Core Community Health Centre respecting the City’s Heat Alerts which is Item 7.2 on today’s agenda. (Added as Item 4.2)

CARRIED

(e) PRESENTATIONS

(i) Heat Alerts and Response BOH07024 (City Wide) Item 7.2
Doctor Matthew Hodge made a PowerPoint presentation and hard copies were distributed.

Doctor Hodge’s comments highlighted but were not limited to the following:
Overview
heat and human health – air temperature, relative humidity
effects of certain medications and alcohol – people at risk
(i.e. elderly)
direct effects and indirect effects
heat alert protocol- selecting trigger and response
role of cooling centres
elements of response
previous vs proposed approach
recommendations outlined in staff report

Doctor Hodge responded to questions posed by the Board members.

1. Thomas Cooper, Community Development Coordinator,
McQuesten Legal and Community Services (Added 4.1)

Thomas Cooper made a PowerPoint presentation and
provided copies of a City of Toronto staff report entitled *Hot
Weather Response Plan Update* for distribution.

Thomas Cooper indicated that he is disappointed in the lack
of community response included in the staff report on today’s
agenda. He advised that some residents are at risk, such as
seniors, persons with disabilities, (including the mentally ill)
young children, people who are homeless and people living
in low income housing.

He said the report includes limited consultation with the
community groups and provides far too little to address
health risks. He questioned whether Hamilton doesn’t
experience the same extreme heat as Toronto since it has
the 3rd highest humidex reading in Canada. He is requesting
a more proactive response such as other Cities are
developing. Toronto, for example, is more progress and is
expanding its cooling centres.

Tom Cooper presented the following recommendations for
the summer of 2007:

- The development of a pilot project cooling centre –
could use the Riverdale Community Centre

- Proactive outreach for vulnerable tenants living in

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rooming houses, residential care facilities, etc.

- The establishment of meaningful consultation with community agencies to determine appropriate measures for extreme heat response.

- Collect data from hospitals and medical centres to map neighbourhoods where heat induced illness is highest.

In moving forward he recommended the following:

- Community based cooling centres in partnership with community groups.

- Establish a new extreme heat protocol for buildings and common room cooling centres.

- Work with community agencies to establish a volunteer program.

- Provide an education program to rooming house tenants and landlords and residential care facilities tenants and landlords respecting the dangers of extreme heat.

(McHattie/McCarthy)
That the presentation by Tom Cooper, Community Development Coordinator, McQuesten Legal and Community Services, be received.

CARRIED

2. Denise Brooks, Executive Director, Hamilton Urban Core Community Health Centre (Added 4.2)

Denise Brooks made a verbal presentation and she provided a hard copy which was distributed.

She too expressed concerns with the limited community consultation and the vulnerability of some of the residents and the need for an appropriate response strategy when a heat alert is issued.
(McHattie/McCarthy)
That the presentation by Denise Brooks, Executive Director, Hamilton Urban Core Community Health Centre, be received.
CARRIED

A discussion followed on developing an adequate response strategy and the Board amended the staff recommendation as follows:

On a motion (McHattie/Morelli), the staff recommendation was amended by adding subsection (c).

On a motion (Bratina/Clark), the staff recommendation was further amended by adding subsection (d).

At 10:30 a.m. the Mayor vacated the Chair and left the meeting and Deputy Mayor Jackson assumed the Chair.

(ii) Public Health Services Strategic Plan 2007-2010 – BOH07023 (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Doctor Richardson made a PowerPoint presentation and distributed copies. She introduced Teresa Bendo and Joanne Kohut who worked on the strategic plan.

Doctor Richardson’s comments highlighted but were not limited to the following:

- Context for Strategic Planning
- What is Strategic Planning?
- Phase 1 Timelines
- Process Guidelines
- Stakeholder Input
- Strategic Plan Elements
- Draft Vision, Mission, Goals
- Assessment of the Current Situation
- Strategic Goals & Strategic Directions Development

The Board approved the staff report.

(iii) Alcohol, Drug & Gambling Services (ADGS) Program Overview BOH07029 (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

Debbie Christie made a PowerPoint presentation and distributed copies. Her comments highlighted but were not limited to the
following:

- Mandate
- Harm Reduction Philosophy
- Governance
- Program Activities at ADGS
- Specialized Programs at ADGS
- Budget and Staffing
- Statistics 2006 -2007
- Trends –high risk drinkers; adolescent gambling and substance use
- Emerging Issues – Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)
  Governance and ADGS Community Partnerships

The Board discussed the issue of funding.

On a motion (Clark/Powers) staff were directed to report back on the 2005 student drug use statistics.

The Board received the report and the presentation.

(f) **Pesticides Sub-Committee Report 07-002**

Subsection (b) CARRIED on the following votes:

Yeas: Bratina, Clark, Collins, Jackson, McCarthy, McHattie, Morelli, and Powers
Total: 8
Nays: Duvall, Ferguson
Total: 2

The Committee amended subsection (c) providing further direction with respect to the public meeting(s). Subsection (c), as amended, carried on the following votes:

Yeas: Bratina, Clark, Collins, Duvall, Jackson, McCarthy, McHattie, Morelli, and Powers
Total: 9
Nays: Ferguson
Total: 1
(g) Additional Funding for the Physician Recruitment and Retention Program

This Item CARRIED on the following votes:

Yeas: Bratina, Clark, Duvall, Ferguson, Jackson, McCarthy, McHattie, and Morelli,
Total: 8
Nays: Collins
Total: 1

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger, Chair
Board of Health

Ida Bediou
Legislative Assistant
Board of Health
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