THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL:

1. Child and Adolescent Budget 2008/2009 (BOH08026) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

   (Bratina/Whitehead)

   (a) That the 2008/2009 budget submission for Child and Adolescent Services, which is 100% funded by the Province and outlined in Appendix A

attached to Report BOH08026, be approved.

(b) That a temporary reduction of 0.6 FTE for the budget year 2008/2009 with a permanent decision being contingent on the 2009/2010 budget be approved.

(c) That the Mayor correspond with the Minister of Children and Youth Services requesting an increase in funding to the Child and Adolescent Program at levels that will, at a minimum, keep pace with annual increases to approved staffing complements and associated operational costs.

CARRIED

2. Public Health Report to the Community (BOH08025) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

(Jackson/Duvall)
That Report BOH08025 – Public Health Report to the Community, be received.

CARRIED

3. Research Funding: Immigrant Women’s Perception of their Lived Experience Accessing Breast Health and Screening through Hamilton Women’s Health Educator Program (BOH08022) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)

(Duvall/Whitehead)
That staff be directed to utilize available funding to increase staff by 0.5 FTE Public Health Nurse for a two year period in order to conduct the study: Immigrant Women’s Perception of their Lived Experience Accessing Breast Health and Screening through Hamilton Women’s Health Educator Program.

CARRIED

4. Heat Health Warning System Update & Review of 2007 Experience (BOH07024(b)) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

(Pearson/McHattie)
That Report BOH07024(b) - Heat Health Warning System Update & Review of 2007 Experience (BOH07024(b)) (City Wide), be received.

CARRIED

5. 2008 Heat Response Plan (ECS08027(a)) (Item 5.5)

(Pearson/Merulla)
That Report ECS08027(a) – 2008 Heat Response Plan, be received.

CARRIED
6. **Water Fluoridation (BOH08024) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

(Pearson/McHattie)
(a) That Report BOH08024 – Water Fluoridation, be received

(b) That the Mayor correspond with the Ministers of the Environment, Health and Long-Term Care, Health Promotion and the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario, requesting the support and establishment of an Ontario Fluoridation Office, to be fully funded by the Province.

(c) That staff be directed to prepare a detailed cost analysis, with a broad range of alternative methods of fluoride delivery approaches; including toothbrush programs on up, and report back to the Board of Health.

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

**MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED**

7. **Health Risks Associated with Cell Phone Towers (BOH08013) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)**

(Pearson/Jackson)
That Report BOH08013 – Health Risks Associated with Cell Phone Towers, be received.

**CARRIED**

8. **Communications (Item 11.1)**

(Pearson/McHattie)
That the dispositions for the following Items of communication be approved:

(a) Letter from Ken Arnold MB BCh, President, Ontario Medical Association, respecting nurse-only clinics.

Recommendation: Be received.

(b) Copy of letter from Pat M. Madill, AMCT, CMM 1, Regional Clerk, Durham Region to the Premier of Ontario respecting memorandum from Dr. Robert Kyle, Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health, dated April 24, 2008 regarding Grey Bruce Board of Health Resolution respecting rabies vaccines for farm animals.

Recommendation: Be endorsed.

(c) Letter from George Smitherman, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, respecting XVII International AIDS Conference being
FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised the Board of the following changes to the agenda:

(i) Added as Item 7.1(c)(c) – Written Submission regarding Water Fluoridation from Dr. Patricia Chow-Fraser, Professor and Chair, McMaster University, Department of Biology

(ii) Added as Item 7.1(d)(d) – Written Submission regarding Water Fluoridation from Robert Trow

(iii) Added as Item 7.1(e)(e) – Written Submission regarding Water Fluoridation from Karen and Erwin Buck

(iv) Added as Item 7.1(f)(f) – Written Submission regarding Water Fluoridation from Larry Farrauto

(v) Added as Item 7.1 (g)(g) – Written Submission regarding Water Fluoridation from Aliss Terpstra CNP, Research Coordinator, Second Look – Fluoride Toxicity Research Collaborative

(vi) Added as Item 7.1(h)(h) – Written Submission regarding Water Fluoridation from Jim Gilhuly

(vii) Added as Item 7.1(i)(i) – Written Submission regarding Water Fluoridation from Arlene Howchin

The Clerk also noted that Item 7.3 – Health Risks Associated with Cell Phone Towers (BOH08013) (City Wide), had been revised, as staff had inadvertently omitted the Planning and Economic Development Considerations, which now appear on pages 5 and 6 of revised Report BOH08013.

(Morelli/Pearson)
The July 9, 2008, agenda of the Board of Heath be approved, as amended.

CARRIED
Dr. Richardson introduced Dr. Christopher Mackie, the newly appointed Associate Medical Officer of Health.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were none declared.

(c) MINUTES

(Pearson/Bratina)
That the Minutes of the May 27, 2008 meeting of the Board of Health be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS

(Merulla/McHattie)
That the following delegation requests be approved to speak before the Board of Health at the July 9, 2008 meeting:

(i) Lynn Aquin, Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits, wishing to address the Board today respecting trigger points for a heat alert. (See Item 5.4) (Item 4.1)

(ii) Cindy Mayor, regarding potential health effects of water fluoridation. (See Item 7.1) (Item 4.2)

(iii) Diane Sprules, BSc, MSc (Biology), People for Safe Drinking Water, wishing to make a presentation respecting tooth decay and fluorosis rates from fluoridated and unfluoridated communities. (See Item 7.1) (Item 4.3)

(iv) Russell Simon, wishing to present a short video respecting the issue of removing fluoride from the municipal water supply. (See Item 7.1) (Item 4.4)

(v) Peter Van Caulart, Environmental Training Institute, regarding contaminants within the fluoridation compound hydrofluosilicic acid used for Hamilton’s drinking water fluoridation program. (See Item 7.1) (Item 4.5)

(vi) Liz Hughes, to present information on water fluoridation from Dr. James Beck. (See Item 7.1) (Item 4.6)

CARRIED
(e) Public Health Report to the Community (BOH08025) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

At the request of the Board, Eric Mathews, Manager, Environmental Health Section, provided a verbal overview of Report BOH08025.

(f) Heat Health Warning System Update & Review of 2007 Experience (BOH07024(b)) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

Rob Hall, Director, Health Protection Branch, provided an overview of Report BOH07024(b) – Heat Health Warning System Update and Review of 2007 Experience.

Councillor T. Jackson wished to be recorded as OPPOSED to the receipt of Report BOH07024.

(g) 2008 Heat Response Plan (ECS08027(a)) (Item 5.5)

Staff (Community Services) was directed to include recommendations respecting items 1, 2 and 3, listed under the Options for Expanding Hamilton’s Heat Response, as shown in Report ECS08027(a) (below), when reporting to the 2009 budget deliberations:

1. **Open City’s Cooling Centres:** Cooling Centre operation costs are estimated at $2,942 per day includes staff costs, bus tickets as well as recovery charges from Good Shepherd (refreshments) and the Canadian Red Cross (cleaning and transportation of cots and blankets, repairs as necessary).

   **Note:** Other operational costs have not been fully assessed; these will include service impacts in Ontario Works and Recreation resulting from staff reassignments.

   Total cost for opening the Cooling Centres at the second stage of the heat trigger system, the Heat Warning stage, will depend on the number of times this weather occurs. There were two days in 2007 when this occurred – and one such day, so far, in 2008.

2. **Extending Outdoor Pool Hours (evenings):** Total cost for extending outdoor pool hours are estimated at $2,000/day (includes staff and utility costs).

3. **Providing Free Admission to Outdoor Pools:** The City’s outdoor pools provide an opportunity for many residents to cool off during periods of
extreme hot weather. If directed, fees could be waived at any stage of the heat trigger system; the revenue impact of waiving fees on any single day (normal operating hours) will be on average $580 per day. (Please note that outdoor pools operate primarily in July and August with limited other usage. Staffing outdoor pools outside of this period would have significant operational issues).

(h) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

6.1 Carole Clinch, May 14, 2008, wishing to address the Board respecting water fluoridation (See Item 7.1)

Ms. Clinch provided a Powerpoint presentation, which supported her opposition to water fluoridation. A copy of the presentation is available on line or though the Office of the City Clerk.

(Whitehead/Pearson)
That the presentation, made by Carole Clinch, respecting water fluoridation, be received.

CARRIED

6.2 Lynn Aquin, Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits, wishing to address the Board respecting Trigger Points for a Heat Alert (See Item 5.4)

Ms. Aquin spoke before the Board with respect to suggested to the trigger points for a Heat Alert. A copy of Ms. Aquin’s handout is available on line or though the Office of the City Clerk.

(Jackson/Pearson)
That the presentation, made by Lynn Aquin, on behalf of the Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits, respecting trigger points for a heat alert, be received.

CARRIED

6.3 Cindy Mayor, regarding potential health effects of water fluoridation. (See Item 7.1)

Ms. Mayor provided a Powerpoint presentation, which supported her opposition to water fluoridation. A copy of the presentation is available on line or though the Office of the City Clerk.

(Whitehead/Pearson)
That the presentation, made by Cindy Mayor, respecting the potential health affects of water fluoridation, be received.

CARRIED
6.4 Diane Sprules, BSc, MSc (Biology), People for Safe Drinking Water, wishing to make a presentation respecting tooth decay and fluorosis rates from fluoridated and unfluoridated communities. (See Item 7.1)

Ms. Sprules provided a Powerpoint presentation, which supported her opposition to water fluoridation. A copy of the presentation is available online or through the Office of the City Clerk.

Whitehead/Pearson
That the presentation, made by Diane Sprules, BSc, MSc (Biology), People for Safe Drinking Water, respecting tooth decay and fluorosis rates from fluoridated and unfluoridated communities, be received.

CARRIED

6.5 Russell Simon respecting the Issue of Removing Fluoride from the Municipal Water Supply (See Item 7.1)

Russell Simon withdrew his request to speak in order to permit other speakers to utilize his time.

6.6 Peter Van Caulart, Environmental Training Institute, regarding Contaminants within the Fluoridation Compound Hydrofluosilicic Acid used for Hamilton's Drinking Water Fluoridation Program (See Item 7.1)

Mr. Van Caulart provided a Powerpoint presentation, which supported his opposition to water fluoridation. A copy of the presentation is available online or though the Office of the City Clerk.

Whitehead/Pearson
That the presentation, made by Peter Van Caulart, Environmental Training Institute, regarding contaminants within the fluoridation compound hydrofluosilicic acid used for Hamilton's drinking water fluoridation program, be received.

CARRIED

6.7 Liz Hughes, to present information on water fluoridation from Dr. James Beck. (See Item 7.1)

Liz Hughes read out a letter, on behalf of Dr. James S. Beck, M.D., PhD, Professor Emeritus of Medical Biophysics, University of Calgary. A copy of Dr. Beck's letter is available online or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(Whitehead/Pearson)
That the presentation, made by Liz Hughes on behalf of Dr. James Beck, respecting water fluoridation, be received.

CARRIED

(i) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

7.1 Water Fluoridation (BOH08024) (City Wide)

Dr. Peter Wiebe, Program Manager, Dental Program Section, provided an overview of Report BOH08024 – Water Fluoridation.

Dr. Dick Ito, President of the Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry, also provided a Powerpoint presentation respecting water fluoridation.

Amanda Gillis, Senior Policy Advisor – Officer of the Chief Dental Officer, Health Canada, and Valerie Malazdrewicz, Senior Policy Advisory – Office of the Chief Dental Officer, Health Canada provided a joint presentation respecting Health Canada’s position and current activity, which supports the continuance of water fluoridation.

The Powerpoint presentations, made by Dr. Dick Ito, Amanda Gillis and Valerie Malazdrewicz are available on line or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(Whitehead/Pearson)
That the following written submissions, respecting Report BOH08024 – Water Fluoridation, be received:

(a) Brian W. Baetz, PhD, P. Eng. FCSCE, Professor and Director, Engineering & Society Programme, McMaster University, June 5, 2008.

(b) Robert Korol, P. Eng. and Prof emeritus, Civil Engineering at McMaster University, June 9, 2008.

(c) Chris Horlacher, Hamilton resident, June 10, 2008.

(d) Norah Kraft and Jeffrey Doyle, Carlisle residents, June 11, 2008

(e) Christopher Maingot, St. Catharines resident, June 12, 2008

(f) Joan Goliboski, Hamilton resident, June 13, 2008

(g) Rashne Baetz, M.A. Sc., Environmental Engineer, Dundas resident, June 13, 2008

(h) Mark Ysseldyk, Waterdown resident, June 12, 2008

(i) Bruce Spittle, New Zealand, June 11, 2008 – due to bulk only a portion of the attachment to his submission is included in the agenda. The balance can be viewed on line on the links provided in Mr. Spittle’s e-mail.


(k) Tim Fraser, London, Ontario, June 17, 2008

(l) Dr. Joelle Zagury, Hamilton, June 17, 2008

(m) Patricia Wheeldon, President, Citizens Against Fluoridation, Australia, June 17, 2008

(n) David Hill, Professor Emeritus at the University of Calgary, June 23, 2008

(o) Tracie Daigle, Hamilton, June 12, 2008

(p) Bobby McClintock, Honolulu, Hawaii, June 20, 2008

(q) Teri Jaklin ND, Waterdown Clinic of Naturopathic Medicine, June 26, 2008

(r) Danielle Nagy, Waterdown, June 23, 2008

(s) Laura Cruden, Hamilton, June 26, 2008

(t) Julie Schaafsma, Hamilton, June 26, 2008

(u) Dr. Marnie Richmond, Waterdown Optometric Clinic, June 25, 2008

(v) Charles and Betty Hughes, Campbellville, June 23, 2008

(w) Mr. Philip Robertson, BHSc, ND, Geelong, June 23, 2008

(x) Tracy Leary, Stoney Creek, June 24, 2008

(y) Tracy Labrecque, Waterdown, June 8, 2008

(z) Leah Myrden, Waterdown, June 23, 2008

CARRIED

(j) Oversight of Small Drinking Water Systems (BOH08014) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

(Merulla/Morelli)
That Item 7.2 - Oversight of Small Drinking Water Systems (BOH08014) (City Wide), be tabled to the August meeting of the Board of Health.

CARRIED

(k) Health Risks Associated with Cell Phone Towers (BOH08013) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

Rob Hall, Director, Health Protection Branch, provided a presentation respecting Report BOH08013 – Health Risks Associated with Cell Phone Towers. Ron Wheeler, Manager, Investigations and Compliance, Central and Western Ontario District, Industry Canada, was available to answer questions, as was Tim McCabe, General Manager, Planning and Economic Development Department and Ray Lee, Senior Project Manager, Legislative Approvals.
(l) Outstanding Business List (Item 11.2)

(Merulla/Collins)
That Item “C” – Fluoride in Drinking Water, be considered complete and removed from the Board of Health’s Outstanding Business List.

CARRIED

(m) ADJOURMENT (Item 13)

(Merulla/Collins)
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor L. Ferguson, Deputy Mayor
Board of Health

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
July 9, 2008