Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger, Chair
Councillor R. Pasuta, Deputy Mayor (Vice-Chair)
Councillors B. Bratina, B. Clark, C. Collins, S. Duvall,
L. Ferguson, T. Jackson, B. McHattie, S. Merulla, B. Morelli,
D. Mitchell, M. Pearson, and R. Powers
Absent with regrets: Councillor M. McCarthy, other City business
Councillor T. Whitehead, Personal appointments
Also Present: C. Murray, City Manager
Dr. E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health
Dr. C. Mackie, Associate Medical Officer of Health
Dr. Ninh Tran, Associate Medical Officer of Health
D. Barr-Elliott, Director, Healthy Living Division
T. Bendo, Director, Planning and Continuous Improvement Division
R. Hall, Director, E. Mathews, M. Lawson, Health Protection Branch
I. Bedioui, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL:

1. Legionella: Cooling Tower Registry By-law- BOH09021(a) (City Wide)
   (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 7.1)
   
   (Clark/Bratina)
   (a) That Report BOH09021(a) respecting Legionella Cooling Tower Registry By-law, be received;

   Council – April 28, 2010
(b) That Public Health Services staff be directed to finalize a cooling tower registry By-law in consultation with stakeholders and the public and report back to the Board of Health for its consideration;

(c) That staff consider a prescribed risk management template to be included in the proposed by-law;

(d) That the by-law, once enacted, be reviewed for its efficacy every 36 months.

CARRIED

2. **Air Quality Health Index and Community Smog Plan – BOH10008 (Changed to Item 7.3))**

(Morelli/Pearson)

(a) That the proposed health promotion campaign related to health effects of air pollution and the use of the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) as a tool to communicate health messaging related to air pollution levels to the public, as outlined in Appendix “A” attached hereto, be endorsed;

(b) That the Medical Officer of Health send a letter (as attached hereto as Appendix “B”) to the Ontario Minister of the Environment requesting the reporting of the AQHI in Hamilton.

(c) That Council forward a letter through the Mayor’s office to the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of the Environment advocating that an air monitoring station be located in the east end of the City;

(d) That staff report back to the Board of Health on a pilot project for air monitoring in the east end of the City;

(e) That a comprehensive presentation respecting Regulation 419 regarding Air Quality issues be made to the Board of Health at the earliest possible opportunity.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Deputy Mayors for the Month of March 2010 (Item 2)

Mayor Eisenberger introduced and provided certificates to the Deputy Mayors for the Month of April 2010 - Shannon Rayner and Hailey Gillmor
(b) **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

The Clerk advised that Item 8.1 will have a presentation and will be changed to Item 7.3.

(Pasuta/Pearson)

That the agenda be approved as amended.  

CARRIED

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

There were no declarations of interest.

(d) **MINUTES (Item 3)**

(Clark/Bratina)

That the Minutes of the March 29, 2010 meeting be approved as presented.  

CARRIED

(e) **SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES**

(I) Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee Minutes of March 3, 2010 (Item 5.1)

(Pearson/Pasuta)

That the Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee Minutes of March 3, 2010 be received.  

CARRIED

(f) **PRESENTATIONS**

(i) **Legionella: Cooling Tower Registry By-law- BOH09021(a) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 7.1)**

Eric Mathews presented the following topics with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation:

- Outline
- Photos of industrial and residential cooling towers;
- Background – clusters of Legionella infections identified and investigated in 2006 and 2008 – it appeared that cooling towers may have been the source;
- What Public Health Services has done – inventoried cooling towers in Hamilton – 216 units on 154 properties;
- Consulted with industry stakeholders, Ministries and City Departments;
• Map – Reportable Disease Surveillance;
• Map of inventory of cooling towers throughout the City;
• Preliminary Stakeholder Consultation Highlights;
• Public Health Services – recommendations;
• Timeline – for 2011.

Hard copies of the presentation were distributed. It was noted that the dates on the last slide should be 2011 and not 2010.

A discussion followed which included but was not limited to the following points:
• Have other Cities enacted such a by-law or is Hamilton being cutting edge?
• Are we underestimating the total number of cooling towers within the City?
• Must consider balancing the needs of businesses in the area and public safety;
• What are the consequences if the cooling tower owners do not comply with the risk management component of the proposed by-law?
• The public should be made aware that there are other risks of contacting Legionella (i.e. hot tubs)
• How will the public be informed if there is an outbreak of Legionella disease?
• The by-law should include a prescribed risk management plan;
• The by-law should be reviewed to monitor its efficiency after it has been enacted:
• How will staff carry out inspections?
• The owners typically contracts a company to do the regular maintenance – are these service providers licensed by the City of Hamilton? – staff to verify before the next Council meeting

(Clark/Bratina)
That the staff recommendation be amended by adding subsections (c) and (d) as follows:

(c) That staff consider a prescribed risk management template to be included in the proposed by-law;

(d) That the by-law, once enacted, be reviewed for its efficacy every 36 months.

Amendment CARRIED

The main motion carried as amended (Clark/Bratina) as outlined in Item 1 of this Report.

Staff was requested to include all of the City’s Chambers of Commerce in
the consultation process.

The Board thanked staff for their work on this matter.

(ii) Provincial Performance Management and Organizational Standards (No copy) (Item 7.2)

Doctor Elizabeth Richardson presented the following topics with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation:

- Objectives of Public Health Performance Management Framework;
- CRC Performance Management Framework;
- Performance Management Working Group;
- Performance Management Framework Components (and current areas of focus);
- Rationale of Organizational Standards;
- Foundation for Development of Standards;
- Proposed Consultation & Communication Process on Organizational Standards;
- Organizational Standards: Scope;
- Implementing Organizational Standards;
- Developing Accountability Agreements;
- Accountability Agreements;
- Monitoring Strategy/Indicator Development;
- Public Reporting – Next Steps

Hard copies of the presentation were distributed.

The Board discussed the issues including the following:

- How will this affect the current reporting requirements?
- What role will the LHINS play?

Councillor Jackson will meet with Doctor Richardson to clarify what role Public Health Services has with respect to local neighbourhood issues and identify who should be contacted with respect to the various issues and report back to the Board of Health.

(Powers/Pasuta)
That the staff presentation be received. CARRIED
(iii) Air Quality Health Index and Community Smog Plan – BOH10008 (Changed to Item 7.3)

Matthew Lawson, Senior Project Manager, presented the following topics with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation:

- Background
- 2010 – Communication Campaign
- 2011 – Communication Campaign
- Protect your health – know your numbers (re: air quality health index)
- See air quality in a whole new light – samples of advertisements used by the City of Toronto

Hard copies of the presentation were distributed.

The Board discussed the following:

- Good communication campaign but how can we improve the air quality?
- Public Health Services staff (Matthew Lawson) is meeting with Planning and Economic Development Department air quality staff (Brian Montgomery) and are working with Clean Air Hamilton on structuring a general campaign on identifying and reducing sources of smog;
- Advise the media so they can report the daily air quality;
- Advise schools;
- The air quality varies in different parts of the City – the east end sometimes has a higher occurrence of poor air quality;
- The City currently has three monitoring stations – the one in the east end was closed when the Federal government cut the funding;
- There are issues of jurisdiction when dealing with air quality;
- How proactive is the City being in addressing the urban heat environment?

The Board thanked staff for this report and presentation.

(Collins/Duvall)
That the staff presentation be received. CARRIED

(Clark/Collins)
That the staff recommendation be amended by adding subsections (c) and (d) as follows:
(c) That Council forward a letter through the Mayor’s office to the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of the Environment advocating for an air monitoring station in the east end of the City:

(d) That staff investigate and report back to the Board of Health respecting a pilot project for air monitoring in the east end of the City.

Amendment CARRIED

(Merulla/McHattie) That the staff recommendation be further amended by adding a subsection (e) as follows:

(e) That a comprehensive presentation respecting Regulation 419 regarding Air Quality issues be made to the Board of Health at the earliest possible opportunity.

Amendment CARRIED

The main motion CARRIED as amended (Morelli/Pearson) as outlined in Item 2 of this Report.

(g) Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)

(Powers/Jackson) That the due dates of the following Outstanding Business List Items be amended as indicated:

(i) Item “A” – Public Health Services, Public Works and Community Services working group joint report to assess tobacco-free parks, playgrounds and beaches
    (Due: April 26, 2010)
    Proposed New Due Date: May 25, 2010

(ii) Item “D” – Written comments from the Hamilton Health Coalition respecting hospital underfunding – referred to staff for report back.
    (Due: April 26, 2010)
    Proposed New Due Date: June 21, 2010

CARRIED
(h) Adjournment

(Jackson/Pearson)

There being no further business, that the meeting be adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger, Chair
Board of Health

Ida Bediou
Legislative Assistant
Board of Health
April 26, 2010