THE BOARD OF HEALTH PRESENTS REPORT 10-006 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Communicable Disease and Health Hazard Investigations Quarterly Report (Q1) (January 1, 2010 – March 31, 2010) / BOH10017- (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

That Report BOH10017 entitled Communicable Disease and Health Hazard Investigations Quarterly Report (Q1) (January 1, 2010 – March 31, 2010), be
received.

2. **Response to Hamilton Health Coalition BOH10015 (City Wide) (Item 5.2)**

   (a) That Report BOH10015 respecting Response to Hamilton Health Coalition be received;

   (b) That Item “D” of the Outstanding Business List respecting Response to Hamilton Health Coalition be deleted.

3. **Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO) Privatization BOH10020 (City Wide) (Item 5.3)**

   That the Board of Health advocate to the Ontario Ministry of Finance, that the current monopoly on retail alcohol through the LCBO (Liquor Control Board of Ontario) be maintained.

   The following Item was amended by deleting subsection (c):

4. **Healthy Babies, Healthy Children 2010 Budget BOH10018 (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

   (a) That the 2010 Healthy Babies, Healthy Children (HBHC) Program budget which is 100% funded by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) be approved, including a reduction of 0.5 FTE Public Health Nurse (PHN).

   (b) That a letter be written to the Minister of Children and Youth Services, to be sent along with the budget submission, outlining the inherent impact of zero base increases for 2009 and 2010, as well as the potential impact of subsequent budget reductions on the effective integration of HBHC services as part of the provincial Best Start Child and Family Service Model.

   (c) That staff be directed to investigate and report back on possible alternatives to ensuring that the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program remain at its current service levels.

5. **Correspondence (Item 11.1)**

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

   (a) Letter from Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care respecting funding for the (2009) H1N1 influenza (pH1N1).
Recommendation: Be received.

(b) Letter from A.P. Crawford, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie respecting wind generation facilities legislation.

Recommendation: Be received.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised that Item 10.1, Councillor McHattie’s Notice of Motion, has been amended. Copies of the amended Notice of Motion have been distributed.

The agenda was approved as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) MINUTES (Item 3)

The Minutes of the May 25, 2010 meeting were approved as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS

(i) Doctor Bryon DeFrance, McMaster University wishes to address the Board respecting Hamilton Health Sciences’ “Access to Best Care” Plan and the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology’s petition to the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN. (See Item 10.1) (Item 4.1)

The delegation request from Doctor DeFrance was approved.

(e) PRESENTATIONS

(i) Regulation 419 regarding Air Quality issues (No copy) (Item 7.1)

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

• General Summary of O.Reg. 419

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Major Changes with O. Reg.419
Air Quality Standards
New Air Models
How do Emissions Behave?
Emission Summary Dispersion Models (ESDM)
Notification of Exceedences
Alteration of Standards
Summary
Questions

Hard copies of the presentation were distributed.

A discussion followed which included but was not limited to the following points:

• How have the new regulations been improved?
• What has been the process over the last five years?
• The alterations of standard process;
• The particulate matter and black soot – are there weaknesses in the legislation allowing this to happen?
• Climate issues – how to address its effects on pollution;

The Board thanked staff for their work respecting this matter.

On a motion, the Board received the staff presentation and removed the item from the outstanding business list.

(f) Healthy Babies, Healthy Children 2010 Budget BOH10018 (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

The Board discussed the issue. Councillor McHattie expressed concerns that this important service would be reduced. Staff explained the budget implications.

On a motion (McHattie/Morelli), the Board amended the recommendation by adding a subsection (c) on the following standing recorded votes:

Yeas: McHattie, Bratina, Morelli, Merulla, Duvall, Eisenberger
Total: 6
Nays: Clark, Pearson, Mitchell, Powers, Pasuta
Total: 5
Absent: Collins, Jackson, Whitehead, Ferguson and McCarthy
Total: 5

The Main Motion as amended Carried.
Councillor McHattie presented the following Notice of Motion:

Re: Concerns with the Access to Best Care (ABC) Plan for the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department (Item 10.1)

Whereas, in January 2008, Hamilton Health Sciences’ (HHS) announced the Access to the Best Care (ABC) plan for the amalgamation and reorganization of virtually every one of its medical departments, and;

Whereas, McMaster University Medical Centre (MUMC) is the regional referral centre for high-risk obstetric patients from Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) 3 and 4, and;

Whereas, the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department is not a stand-alone program like the Children’s Hospital and is critically dependent on other major adult services such as Critical Care Medicine, Anesthesia, etc., and;

Whereas, the Obstetricians in Hamilton have unanimously opposed the ABC plan as unsafe for patients coming under their care and have communicated this concern to HHS, LHIN 3 members, and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, and;

Whereas, the Physicians Advisory Committee on Obstetrics and Gynecology (PACOG), working with HHS administration and using objective criteria, found the ABC plan for the HHS Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology to be both medically impractical and medically unsound as it pertains to patient safety, and;

Whereas, PACOG working with HHS administration recommended that HHS women’s reproductive health services relocate to a full-service adult hospital, either the Henderson Hospital or to St. Joseph’s Healthcare Hamilton (SJHH), and preferably amalgamate with the women’s reproductive services now located at SJHH, and;

Whereas, HHS has stated that such a move may not happen for ten years or longer, if at all, and;

Whereas, implementation of the ABC plan would result in the only level three obstetric unit in the Province to function outside of a full-service adult hospital, representing a failure to meet Provincial standards of care in this respect, and;

Whereas, the City of Hamilton has concern for the health and safety of our citizens, and in particular the women and children who could be affected by changes to the Obstetrics and Gynecology services in Hamilton;
Therefore, the City of Hamilton requests that:

(a) Hamilton Health Sciences, St Joseph’s Healthcare Hamilton and key stakeholders, including HHS and SJHH Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Family Medicine, Midwifery, Pediatricians and Pediatric Subspecialties, Neonatology, and regional care providers; commit to convene and implement a process to identify the optimal model for Obstetrics, Gynecology and Neonatology services within Hamilton that can be reasonably achieved with capital changes if necessary;

(b) That the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network participate in the process in keeping with their regional mandate;

(c) That, until such time as the optimal solution identified through the process outlined in (a) above can be implemented, that the parties ensure that the necessary supports are in place and continue to be in place within Hamilton Health Sciences and St Joseph’s Healthcare Hamilton to ensure that patient health and safety within the Obstetrics, Gynecology and Neonatology Services are protected and maintained;

(d) That the Medical Officer of Health report back to the Board of Health on progress made in this area in June of 2011.

(h) Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger, Chair
Board of Health

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Board of Health
July 7, 2010