Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger, Chair
S. Merulla, Deputy Mayor (Vice-Chair)


Absent with regrets: Councillor L. Ferguson, other City business
Councillor T. Whitehead, personal

Also Present: Dr. E. Richardson, MOH
R. Rossini, GM, Finance and Corporate Services
Dr. Ninh Tran, Associate Medical Officer of Health
D. Barr-Elliott, Director, P. Wiebe, Healthy Living Division
T. Bendo, Director, Planning and Continuous Improvement Division
R. Hall, Director, Health Protection Branch
D. Sheehan, Director, Family Health Division
I. Bedioui, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s

THE BOARD OF HEALTH PRESENTS REPORT 10-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Report BOH10002 -Low Income Dental Program (City Wide) (Item 8.1)
   (a) That the application for new 100% Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care funding through the Low Income Dental Program as outlined in Appendix A attached hereto, be endorsed;
(b) That Council request that the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care extend the funding of the Low Income Dental Program to include low income patients over 17 years of age;

(c) That staff be directed to indicate to the Province in the application letter that should the Provincial funding for the Low Income Dental Program be eliminated that the City shall not be responsible for any funding or incurred costs;

(d) That staff be directed to implement whatever components of the Low Income Dental Program application that are approved by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, up to a one-time maximum of $900,000 (gross)/$0 (net), and an annual maximum of $2,816,657 (gross)/$0 (net), and 29 FTEs.

2. Correspondence (Item 11.1)

That the disposition for the following item of communication be approved:

(a) E-mail from Allison Stuart, Assistant Deputy Minister from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, respecting Realignment of the PHRED Program.

Recommendation: Be received.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Eisenberger introduced and provided certificates to the Deputy Mayors for the Month of January 2010 - Andrew Dziuba and Tristan Rockel.

(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised that a hand-out respecting 8.1 was distributed.

The agenda was approved as amended.

(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

Mayor Eisenberger declared a conflict with respect to Item 8.1 as his wife is
employed in the dental field. The Mayor vacated the chair and left the meeting and Deputy Mayor Merulla assumed the chair.

(d) MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) The Minutes of the November 23, 2009 meeting were approved as presented.

(ii) The Minutes of the January 14, 2010 budget meeting were approved as presented.

(e) Sub-Committee Minutes

The following Sub-committee Minutes were received:

(i) Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee Minutes of November 4, 2009 (Item 5.1)

(ii) Community Food Security Stakeholder Advisory Committee Minutes dated December 2, 2009. (Item 5.2)

(f) Report BOH10002 -Low Income Dental Program (City Wide)

Doctor Elizabeth Richardson provided an introduction to the Report explaining that the application for the program is due to be submitted to the Province by the end of this week.

Dorothy Barr-Elliott indicated that the Province is making available 100% capital and ongoing operating funding for the program for the next three years. If after the three years the Province eliminates the funding than services would be terminated and staff would be laid off. She gave a brief overview of the hand-out which outlines how the funding could enhance the current services provided by the City.

Staff responded to questions concerning the types of services currently provided and how these could be enhanced.

The Board discussed the possible ramifications to the City if the Province discontinues 100% funding for this program after three years.

On a motion (McHattie/Morelli) a new subsection was added requesting that the program be extended to low income adult patients.
On a motion (Clark/Jackson) an additional subsection was added directing that staff advise the Province that should the funding be eliminated that the City would not be responsible for the costs.

On a motion (Jackson/Duvall) the Board approved the staff recommendation as amended.

(g) Correspondence (Item 11.1)

(i) E-mail from Allison Stuart, Assistant Deputy Minister from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, respecting Realignment of the PHRED Program.

The Board discussed what the changes to the PHRED program would mean to research. Staff indicated that they will report back on this issue at a future meeting.

On a motion (Morelli/McHattie) the Board received the correspondence.

(h) Approval of the Closed Session Minutes of the November 23, 2009 meeting. (Item 12.1)

On a motion (Bratina/Clark) the Closed Session Minutes of the November 23, 2009 Board of Health meeting were adopted as presented and direction was given that these Minutes remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure in accordance with exemptions provided in the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

(i) Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger, Chair
Board of Health

Ida Bediou
Legislative Assistant
Board of Health
January 25, 2010