Present: Vice-Chair Councillor M. Pearson  

Absent with regrets: Mayor L. DiIanni – City Business  
Councillor M. Ferguson – Illness  
Councillor A. Samson – Out of Town  
Councillor D. Braden – Another Commitment

Also Present: G. Peace, City Manager  
Dr. E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health  
Dr. J. Emily, Associate Medical Officer of Health  
M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator, City Clerks

Vice-Chair Councillor Pearson called the meeting to order.

THE BOARD OF HEALTH PRESENTS REPORT 06-006 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Slide Presentation respecting Wildlife Management 2006 Program Overview (Item 5.1)

(a) That the Slide Presentation respecting Wildlife Management 2006 Program Overview be received;

(b) That the item be removed from outstanding business list.
2. Food Security: Planning Strategy and Approach to Policy Development (PH06024) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)


4. Youth Engagement Strategies Applied by Public Health Services (PH06022) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

That Report PH06022 respecting Youth Engagement Strategies Applied by Public Health Services be received.

5. Workplace Health Promotion (External) (PH06023) (Item 7.2)

That Report PH06023 respecting Workplace Health Promotion (External) be received.

6. Amendments to Regulation 562 (Food Premises) under the Health Protection and Promotion Act (Item 6.3)

That the presentation respecting Amendments to Regulation 562 (Food Premises) under the Health Protection and Promotion Act be received.

7. Presentation by RAP respecting analysis on water quality at Pier 4 including chemical analysis (Item 6.2)

(a) That the presentation by RAP respecting analysis on water quality at Pier 4 including chemical analysis be received.

(b) That this item be removed from the Outstanding Business List.

8. Staffing Reductions to the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program (PH06026) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

That the Board of Health correspond with the Minister of Children and Youth Services, the Honourable Mary Anne Chambers, requesting an increase in funding to the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program at levels that will at a minimum keep pace with annual increases to approved staffing complements and associated operational costs.
FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as amended. Item 6.3 was renumbered 7.3 and Item 8.1 was moved forward on the agenda.

(c) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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The minutes were received and adopted as presented.

(d) Staffing Reductions to the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program (PH06026) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

Subsection (a) of Report PH06026 respecting the reductions was tabled and subsection (b) was approved as noted in Recommendation 8 of this report.

(e) DELEGATIONS

(i) Paul Watkins respecting dumpster in assumed public alley-way, building permit and restaurant at 1560 Main Street West, Hamilton (Item 4.1)

Mr. Watkins addressed the following issues and concerns:

(i) City public alleyway – Concern with respect to West Nile: The dumpster is located in a shaded area and Mr. Watkins expressed concerns regarding West Nile as there is a great deal of standing water accumulating which entices mosquitoes to breed. The dumpster is not emptied on a weekly basis. Constant noise from the steel lids on the containers being slammed constantly into the early morning. The dumpster is located 20 feet from Mr. Watkins bedroom window. Mr. Watkins requested that the dumpsters be moved to a sunny location where the sun can evaporate the water in the dumpsters.

(ii) Soil testing - Mr. Watkins expressed concern with the change of the grade of the alley way. Material used there is questionable. Mr. Watkins expressed concern that the materials used may have come from blast furnaces,
consisting of mortar fire brick, slag, mill scale and perhaps asbestos.

(iii) Dining room at the back of restaurant – Mr. Watkins expressed concern with respect to the framing of the dining room, there doesn’t appear to be footings and is concerned that this dining room is not up to property standards and further expressed concern with respect to liabilities issues.

The Board thanked Mr. Watkins for his presentation.

Councillor McHattie advised that he and staff have met previously with Mr. Watkins in the past to resolve some of the concerns raised.

The Board directed that Councillor McHattie as the Ward Councillor meet with staff to address further the issues raised by Mr. Watkins and keep the Board apprised of the progress.

(f) PRESENTATIONS

(i) Presentation by RAP respecting analysis on water quality at Pier 4 including chemical analysis (Item 6.2)

Eric Mathews, John Hall and Dr. Chris Marvin addressed the Board.

The delegation presented an overview of the following:

- Contaminant issues to Hamilton Harbour that would affect people swimming at the beaches
- RAP’s initiatives
- Overview of The Harbour Mosaic – Industry Port, Recreation, Environment
- Tracking/Monitoring of Water Quality and Bacterial Contamination
- Delisting Criterion for Water Quality
- Total Phosphorus Concentration
- Chlorophyll Concentration
- Secchi Disk Depth
- Ammonia: Total and Un-ionized
- flow of current in the harbour

The delegation also addressed issues respecting pesticides in the watershed, Health Canada Study on the harbour, West End of the harbour being safe for recreational activities, affects of water treatments plants on water quality
The delegation was thanked for their presentation and the presentation was received.

(ii) **Youth Engagement Strategies Applied by Public Health Services (PH06022) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

Daina Mueller provided an overview of the Youth Engagement Strategies and introduced Julia Elzinga, a youth attending on behalf of Youth Net

Included in the presentation the following issues were addressed:
- How mandated programs are planned and delivered
- Best practice for mental health promotion
- Tobacco Control best practices
- Public health practice (Youth Net Hamilton and Hamilton Crew for Action Against Tobacco)
- the experiences of the Youth Net Hamilton program and the reactions of youth to the program in talking openly about issues such as teen suicide

Kevin McDonald, Manager for the Tobacco Control program introduced three youth Peer leaders: Chris Walters, Nicole Nicholson and Jenna Elzein who provided an overview of the HCAAT program.

(iii) **Workplace Health Promotion (External) (PH06023) (Item 7.2)**

Lisa Beaudoin and Sharon Williams provided an overview of the following:

- overview of the work environment
- how public health addresses issues of workplace health promotion
- Partners who assist with the program including Stelco, Dofasco, Workplace Safety and Insurance Board, Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, Canadian Diabetes Association and St. Peters Hospital
- initiatives plan
- innovation series
- email bulletins – key marketing tool used
- Recognition program
(iv) **Amendments to Regulation 562 (Food Premises) under the Health Protection and Promotion Act (Item 6.3)**

Rob Hall provided an overview of the amendments to the Regulations.

Staff will report back to the Board in September.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Vice-Chair Councillor M. Pearson

M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator
June 26, 2006