



May 8, 2007

The Honourable Dalton McGuinty
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Mr. Premier:

City Council, at its meeting of April 25, 2007, approved Item 4 of the Board of Health Report 07-004 as follows:

4. Cooling Tower Inventory BOH07021 (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

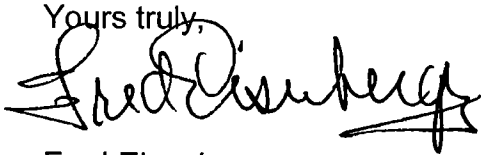
- (a) That the Board of Health write to the Ministers of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) and Environment (MOE) to urge them to prescribe standards for Legionella control programs in cooling towers, including but not limited to modifying Certificates of Approval issued by the MOE for cooling towers in the short term to include a requirement to follow best practices for Legionella control.
- (b) That the Board of Health endorse the communication plan outlined in this report and distribute to all known parties responsible for the operation and maintenance of cooling towers in Hamilton the following two guidelines for best practices regarding Legionella control in cooling towers:
 - (i) The American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Standard – Minimizing the Risk of Legionellosis Associated with Building Water Systems, 2000 (Appendix A)
 - (ii) The Cooling Technology Institute (CTI) – Legionellosis Guideline: Best Practices for Control of Legionella, July 2006 (Appendix B)
- (c) That a copy of Report BOH07021 be forwarded to A.M.O., the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment (MOE), the Minister of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC), other Ontario Boards of Health, aIPHa (Association of Local Public Health Agencies) and local MPP's.

- (d) That staff be directed to revisit a sample of the cooling towers identified as having the highest risk to determine if the operators have implemented the best practices and report back to the Board of Health with their findings.

A copy of the staff Report BOH07021 is attached for your information.

It would be appreciated, if you could reference File #C07-008 when you are corresponding with the City of Hamilton in response to this matter.

Yours truly,



Fred Eisenberger
Mayor

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Attachment

Copies to:

The Honourable George Smitherman, Minister of the Environment
The Honourable Laurel Broten, Minister of Health and Long Term Care
Andrea Horvath, M.P.P.
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The Honourable Marie Bountrogianni
Ted McMeekin, M.P.P.
Jennifer Mossop, M.P.P.
Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)
Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA)
The Ontario Boards of Health (by e-mail)