

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**Clerk's Department**

**Minutes of the Board of Health**

**Meeting No. 5**

**Tuesday, March 24, 1998.**

The Board of Health met on Tuesday, March 24, 1998, in Council Chamber and Committee Room A, 2nd Floor, Metro Hall, Toronto, commencing at 12:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Councillor John Filion, Chair  
Councillor Gerry Altobello  
Councillor Anne Johnston  
Councillor Irene Jones  
Councillor Joan King  
Councillor Joe Mihevc  
Councillor Michael Prue  
Robert Davies  
Dr. Rosana Pellizzari  
Elca Rennick

No Declarations of Interest pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act were declared.

**Confirmation of Minutes.**

On motion by Elca Rennick, the Board amended the minutes of its February 23, 1998 meeting by revising Point (8) of Minute No. 36 respecting the costs of providing public health programs to read:

“\$3.13 per person  
and \$8.26 per household”

and approved the minutes as so amended.

On motion by Elca Rennick, the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Health held on March 3, 1998 were confirmed.

**Business arising from last meeting**

Councillor Fillion announced that an important matter arising from the minutes of March 3, 1998 was the appointment by Council of Dr. Sheela Basrur as the Medical Officer of Health for the City of Toronto Health Unit.

**53. Public Health Budget Process and Investing in Public Health and Children's Health**

The Board had before it a report (March 11, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health providing an Update on Budget Process and recommending that the Board of Health receive this report for information.

The Board also had before it:

- (1) a report (March 12, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health recommending that:
  1. The Board of Health continue to support needs-based health funding in order to maintain the health and social infrastructure of the new city.
  2. The Medical Officer of Health continue to consult with public health stakeholders across the new city to identify service needs and gaps.
  3. As part of a continuing review of public health needs and levels of service across the new city, the Medical Officer of Health report back to the Board in the fall of 1998 on a complementary investment strategy for public health in the following budget year.
- (2) a report (March 11, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health recommending that:
  1. The Board of Health forward to the Budget Committee for consideration on allocation of funds to Public Health totalling \$1,719,600 on an annualized basis, including \$1,240,800 for 1998 in operational costs and \$130,000 in capital costs for children's health services in the City of Toronto (as per Appendix I).
  2. This report be forwarded to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee and to the Children's Action Committee for their consideration in its development of a children's strategy.

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- (3) a report (March 11, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health recommending that:
  1. The Board of Health endorse the attached document “Child Nutrition Programs in the New City of Toronto” submitted by the Toronto Community Partners for Child Nutrition.
  2. The Board of Health consider the advice of the Toronto Community Partners for Child Nutrition that \$1,185,480 be allocated to Child Nutrition Programs to provide municipal core funding for existing child nutrition programs in the new city.
  3. Public Health collaborate with the Toronto District School Board, the Toronto Catholic School Board and key stakeholders to establish a working group to oversee city wide issues regarding child nutrition programs.
  4. This report be forwarded to the Children’s Action Committee, the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic School Board.
  5. The Board of Health and City Council communicate with the provincial and federal governments to request ongoing funding for child nutrition programs.
- (4) a report (March 4, 1998) from the Etobicoke Community Council recommending to the Budget Committee and the Toronto Board of Health that they protect the level of funding for public health during the 1998 budget process as much as possible.
- (5) a communication (March 18, 1998) from T. R. Hosier, Coordinator of Counselling Services, The Salvation Army, Maxwell Meighen Centre, Counselling Services.
- (6) a communication (March 10, 1998) from Norman Levine, Acting Dean, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto.
- (7) a communication (March 10, 1998) from Sayeh M. Larasani
- (8) a communication (March 16, 1998) from Dr. M. J. Weisbrod
- (9) a communication (March 11, 1998) from Suntha Mohan
- (10) a communication (March 11, 1998) from Andrea Stinson

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- (11) a communication (March 17, 1998) from Alayna Munce, Support Staff/Facilitator, Shalom House
- (12) a communication (March 17, 1998) from Richard Griffith, The Always Growing Garden Project
- (13) a communication (March 4, 1998) from Janice Kendal
- (14) a communication (March 15, 1998) from Abina Murphy, Program Coordinator, St. Paul's Family Resource Centre
- (15) a communication (March 19, 1998) from Robert K. Heyding, MD, Leaside Health Centre
- (16) two communications (undated) from Karen Positano, Supervisor, Inner City YOUTH LINK
- (17) a communication (March 13, 1998) from Kwong Y. Liu, Director of Social Services, Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care
- (18) a communication (March 19, 1998) from Esedra Laschi, Patient Services Director, Mental Health, Psychiatry, Specialized Geriatrics, Maternal Newborn and Child, St. Joseph's Health Centre
- (19) a communication (March 24, 1998) from Maureen Thompson, Community Health Coordinator, Regent Park Community Health Centre
- (20) a communication (March 19, 1998) from Robin Edoghamhen, Program Director, Metro Street Focus Organization
- (21) a communication (March 23, 1998) with a signature unidentifiable
- (22) a communication (March 21, 1998) from Allan Fellowes, Chair, St. George's Out of the Cold Programme
- (23) a communication (March 4, 1998) from Marilyn Jacobs
- (24) a communication (undated) from Kanthi Anandakumar
- (25) a communication (March 23, 1998) from Pat Jensen, Executive Director, West Hill Community Services
- (26) a communication (March 23, 1998) from David Smiley, Director, Harbourfront Community Centre

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- (27) a communication (March 23, 1998) from Evadne Wilkinson, Program Coordinator, Out of the Cold
- (28) a communication (March 24, 1998) from Neil Longley, Program Manager, Homes First Society
- (29) a communication (March 17, 1998) from Maureen Toms, Manager, Homes First Society
- (30) a communication (March 12, 1998) from B. Cahalane, Principal, Toronto Catholic School Board
- (31) a communication (March 24, 1998) from Dr. J. Rosenbloom, Queen West Community Health Centre
- (32) a communication (March 23, 1998) from Denis Casey, Acting President, CUPE Local 79
- (33) a communication (March 24, 1998) from Rita Luty, Chair, Northern Community Health Board, Former City of Toronto
- (34) a communication (undated) from Colette Murphy, Manager, Allocations and Community Services Department, United Way of Greater Toronto
- (35) a communication (March 24, 1998) from Gail Nyberg, Chair, Toronto District School Board
- (36) a communication (undated) from Matthew Knight, Student, St. Martin's School
- (37) a communication (undated) from Latha Sukumar, The Immigrant Women's Health Centre
- (38) a communication (undated) from Michael Battista, Vice-Chair, Board of Directors, AIDS Committee of Toronto, and William Lau, Executive Director, Asian Community AIDS Services, obo Key Partners Committee
- (39) a communication (undated) from Patrick Evans, Gay Men's Education Network
- (40) a communication (undated) from Trung Binh Ngo
- (41) a communication (March 24, 1998) from Joan Anderson, Voice of Positive Women - Women's Outreach Network

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- (42) a communication (undated) from Gloria Shephard, Older Women's Network
- (43) a communication (undated) from Dorothy Hahn
- (44) a communication (undated) from Debbie Field, FoodShare Toronto
- (45) a communication (March 24, 1998) from Ruby Wood-Twyman, Chair, Women's Health CAP
- (46) a communication (March 24, 1998) from A. Rodney Bobiwash, Executive Director, Native Canadian Centre of Toronto
- (47) a communication (March 24, 1998) from Dorothy Wheeler, Member, Citizens Concerned About Public Health
- (48) a communication (undated) from Catherine Moraes, Chair, Toronto Community Partners for Child Nutrition
- (49) a communication (undated) from Catherine Moher, Program Manager, The Gerrard Resource Centre
- (50) a communication (March 11, 1998) from Heather Mains, Consumer Health Consultant

The following people addressed the Committee:

C. Murphy, Manager, Allocations & Community Services, United Way of Greater Toronto  
Rita Luty, Northern Community Health Board, Former City of Toronto  
Krista Ellis, Community House Worker, Strachan House  
Michelle Hewton, Jessie's Centre  
Gail Nyberg, Chair, Toronto District School Board  
Matthew Knight, Student, St. Martin's School  
Venus Carter, Healthiest Babies Possible  
Caryl Elie, Healthiest Babies Possible  
Carolyn Egan, Sexual Health Network  
Latha Sukumar, Chairperson, Immigrant Women's Health Centre  
Michael Battista, Vice-Chair, Board of Directors, AIDS Committee of Toronto  
William Lau, Executive Director, Asian Community AIDS Services  
Patrick Evans, Projects Coordinator, Gay Men's Education Network  
Cheryl White, Co-Coordinator, HIV/AIDS Project, Queen West Community Health Centre  
Fiona Nelson  
Denise Mandlarski, Teen Sex Infoline Counsellor

Sandra Margerrison, Planned Parenthood of Toronto  
Trung Binh Ngo, St. Stephen Community  
Anabella Wainberg, Women's Residence  
Tammy Etto, Healthiest Babies Possible  
Maurice Adongo, Street Health  
Stella Auyeung, Mon Sheong Home for the Aged  
Denis Casey, CUPE Local 79  
Cherryl McDonald, Parent for Better Beginnings  
Dorothy Hahn, Older Women's Network  
Lee Zaslofsky, Co-Chair, Citizens for Public Health  
Debbie Field, FoodShare Toronto  
Ruby Wood-Twyman, St. Michael's Women's Health CAP, and HCDP Community Consultant  
A. R. Bobiwash, Native Canadian Centre of Toronto  
Dorothy Wheeler  
Catharine Moraes, Metro Community Partners, Toronto Board of Education  
Gloria Shephard, Health Care Issues Committee, Older Women's Network

The Board adjourned at 2:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2:40 p.m. in order to change location to Room A.

On motion by Irene Jones, the Board:

1. Received the report (March 11, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health respecting Update on the Budget Process.
2. Adopted the report (March 12, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health respecting Investing in Public Health and in so doing:
  - a. indicated its continued support for needs-based public health funding in order to maintain the health and social infrastructure of the new city;
  - b. requested the Medical Officer of Health to continue to consult with public health stakeholders across the new city to identify service needs and gaps;
  - c. as part of a continuing review of public health needs and levels of service across the new city, requested the Medical Officer of Health

to report back to the Board of Health in the Fall of 1998 on a complementary investment strategy for public health in the following budget year; and

- d. requested that the foregoing report be forwarded to the Budget Committee, the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee and all members of Council for information.

On motion by Dr. Rosana Pellizarri, the Board:

3. (a) Amended Recommendation (1) of the report (March 11, 1998) respecting Investing in our Children's Health by revising the requested amounts so as to read:

“(1) That the Board of Health forward to the Budget Committee for consideration of allocation of funds to Public Health totalling \$2,905,100 on an annualized basis, including \$2,045,300 for 1998 in operational costs and \$130,000 in capital costs for children's health services in the City of Toronto (as per Appendix 1)”

and adopted this recommendation; and

- (b) forwarded the foregoing report to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee and the Children's Action Committee for their consideration in the development of a children's strategy.

4. On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board amended the report (March 11, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health respecting Child Nutrition Programs in Toronto by deleting Recommendation (2) therein, and in so doing:

- a. Endorsed the document titled “Child Nutrition Programs in the New City of Toronto” submitted by the Toronto Community Partners for Child Nutrition, appended to the foregoing report dated March 11, 1998;



- b. Requested the Medical Officer of Health to consult with the Toronto District School Board, the Toronto Catholic School Board and key stakeholders to establish a working group to oversee city wide issues relating to child nutrition programs;
  - c. forwarded the foregoing report to the Children's Action Committee, the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic School Board, and to the Budget Committee, the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee and all members of Council for information; and
  - d. requested the Federal and Provincial Governments to ensure that ongoing funding for child nutrition programs are provided, and requested Council to endorse its action in this respect and advise the Federal and Provincial Governments accordingly; and
5. Requested the Minister of Health to maintain her commitment for the provision of funding for food and nutrition programs.
6. On motion by Councillor King, the Board requested the Medical Officer of Health to:
- a. identify which public health programs and services would be more appropriately funded by the provincial government, and report back to the Board of Health accordingly; and

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Board requested the Medical Officer of Health to:

- b. prepare a chart which demonstrates in a brief and concise manner, how monies were spent in 1997 on mandatory, optional, and desirable programs across the six former municipalities in a way that easily demonstrates why the reinvestment motion adopted by the Board at its meeting on February 23, 1998 is so important in terms of the Board's mandate

with respect to the unmet needs, inequities and best practices for each program in order to address the public health concerns of the citizens across the city.

7. On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board requested the City Solicitor to report back to the Board on the legal requirements that must be fulfilled in order to call a fully constituted meeting of a committee, agency, board or commission of City Council.

(Report No. 5, Clause 1)

The Board adjourned at 5:05 p.m. and reconvened at 5:15 p.m.

Members Present:

Councillor John Filion, Chair  
Councillor Gerry Altobello  
Councillor Irene Jones  
Councillor Joan King  
Councillor Joe Mihevc  
Councillor Michael Prue  
Robert Davies  
Dr. Rosana Pellizzari  
Elco Rennick

**54. Interim arrangement for the provision of Animal Services in 1998**

The Board had before it a report (March 12, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health recommending that:

1. The 1998 revised budget of \$4,205.6 thousand as outlined in this report be adopted.
2. The Board of Health adopt the Interim Plan to deliver Animal Services, as outlined in this report.
3. The CAO and Medical Officer of Health be authorized to take the necessary steps to extend the existing sheltering services contract with the Toronto

Humane Society to December 31, 1998 pursuant to the City's purchasing policy.

4. Under the direction of the CAO, resources be provided from Finance, Audit and the Amalgamation Office to conduct a comprehensive review of options for the delivery of animal services across the City.
5. This report be forwarded to the Budget Committee for consideration.

The Board also had before it the following communications:

- (1) (March 20, 1998) from Denis Casey, Acting President, CUPE Local 79
- (2) (March 23, 1998) from Jack Slibar, Chief Operating Officer, Toronto Humane Society
- (3) (March 23, 1998) from Larry Katz, Researcher, CUPE Local 416
- (4) (undated) from Rob Sinclair, Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
- (5) (March 23, 1998) from Ainslie Willock, Director, Animal Alliance of Canada
- (6) (March 24, 1998) from Liz White, Director, Animal Alliance of Canada; Barry MacKay, International Programme Director, Animal Protection Institute; Rob Laidlaw, Executive Director, Zoocheck Canada Inc.
- (7) (undated) from Casey Conklin, Withrow Park Dog Owners' Association

The following persons appeared before the Board of Health with respect to the foregoing matter:

Barbara Tait, President, Etobicoke Humane Society  
Ian Stuart, Etobicoke Humane Society  
Casey Conklin, Withrow Park Dog Owners' Association  
Brian Cochrane, CUPE Local 416  
Larry Katz, CUPE Local 416  
Jack Slibar, Chief Operating Officer, Toronto Humane Society  
Andrea Harrison, Volunteer, Toronto Cat Rescue  
Denis Casey, CUPE Local 79  
Rob Sinclair, Director of External Resources, Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals  
Rebecca Taylor, Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Scarborough Adoption Centre

Liz White, Director, Animal Alliance of Canada  
Nathalie Karvonen, Executive Director, Toronto Wildlife Centre  
Ainslie Willock, Animal Alliance of Canada

On motion by Councillor King, the Board of Health met **in-camera** to consider a personnel matter.

The Board of Health met **in-camera** at 6:50 p.m.

The Board of Health adjourned its **in-camera** session at 8:00 p.m. and immediately reconvened in public session with the following Members being in attendance:

Councillor John Filion, Chair  
Councillor Gerry Altobello  
Councillor Irene Jones  
Councillor Joan King  
Councillor Joe Mihevc  
Robert Davies  
Dr. Rosana Pellizzari  
Elco Rennick

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board:

1. Approved the 1998 revised budget of \$4,295,600 for the provision of Animal Services in 1998 and forwarded this matter to Budget Committee for consideration of funding.
2. Recommended to City Council, for its meeting on April 15, 1998, that:
  - a. there be no expansion of contracting out of animal services in the City of Toronto; and
  - b. the Medical Officer of Health, the Chief Administrative Officer and the City Solicitor be authorized to extend the existing contract with the Toronto Humane Society with the existing terms and conditions, to December 31, 1998
3. Requested the Medical Officer of Health to report back to the Board of Health for its July 1998 meeting on the provision of animal shelter services in wards 19-26.

4. Adopted the Business Plan prepared by the Toronto Animal Services Team as a basis for developing the provision of animal services in the City of Toronto,

(Report No. 5, Clause 2)

**55. Draft Procedural By-Law**

The Board had before it a Draft Procedural By-law for the Board of Health of the City of Toronto Health Unit (March 9, 1998) from the City Clerk reporting, as requested, on the various Procedural By-laws used by the City's Agencies, Boards and Commissions and requesting that the report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Board deferred consideration of the draft Procedural By-law to its next meeting and was advised that Councillor Mihevc and Councillor Prue both had amendments to the draft. They were asked to provide the Administrator with these amendments for incorporation into a revised draft. Councillor King requested that the revised Draft include a clarification of the words "budget and corporate policy matters" pertaining to Section 39 therein.

**56. Organizational Structure of the Public Health Department**

The Board had before it a joint report (March 24, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

1. The complement of physicians in public health be reduced from a total of 12 FTE's in 1997 to 7 FTE's in 1998;
2. Further consideration of the roles and responsibilities of these physicians occur during the upcoming organizational review and restructuring of Public Health; and
3. this report be forwarded to the Budget Committee for consideration.

On motion by Councillor King, the Board of Health adopted the joint report dated March 24, 1998 from the Medical Officer of Health and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and forwarded this matter to the Budget Committee for consideration.

(Report No. 5, Clause 3)

**57. Improving Food Access in Toronto: A Report on the former City of Toronto Food Access Grants Program 1996-1998**

The Board had before it a report (March 12, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health recommending that:

1. The Board of Health approve, in principle, the restoration of the Food Access Grants program for the 1999 grants cycle.
2. The Medical Officer of Health report back to the Board in the fall of 1998 on how the Food Access Grants program should be funded and administered.

On motion by Robert Davies, the Board of Health adopted the report (March 12, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health.

**58. Provision and Funding of Public Health Programs and Services**

The Board had before it a report (March 6, 1998) from the City Solicitor recommending that the Board of Health provide City Council with a written notice that complies with section 72 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act respecting payment of expenses incurred by the board and the medical officer of health.

On motion by Dr. Rosana Pellizzari, the Board of Health adopted the report (March 6, 1998) from the City Solicitor.

**59. Appointment of Public Health Funding Program Review Panel Members**

The Board had before it a report (March 9, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health recommending that:

1. The Board of Health appoint to the AIDS Prevention Fund Review Panel the following individuals: Councillor Kyle Rae; Dr. Anne Beach; Colleen Swider; Lee Zaslofsky; Esmeralda Carvalho; Caroles Francis; Jonas Ma; Adam Shane; Liz Walker; and Mario Fuentes.
2. The Board of Health appoint to the Drug Abuse Prevention Program Fund Review Panel the following individuals: Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski; Councillor Sandra Bussin; Marg Harlang; Marianne Kobus-Matthews; Cathy Kozma; and Susan Tibaldi.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board of Health adopted the report (March 9, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health.

**60. Report of the Board of Health Sub-Committee formed to Review the Community Health Advisory Council and other Sub-Committees**

The Board was advised that the sub-committee had held its first meeting on March 23, 1998 and would be meeting again before the Board's next meeting at a time and date suitable to all sub-committee members.

**61. Noise and Stress-Induced Illnesses**

The Board had before it a report (March 10, 1998) from Eric Greenspoon, President, NoiseWatch requesting that the Board of Health make it a policy and program priority to continue research on the relationship between noise and stress-induced illnesses, and to implement a program to raise the public's awareness of environmental noise.

On motion by Councillor King, the Board referred this communication to the Medical Officer of Health for appropriate action and report back.

**62. Proposed Future Meetings of the Board of Health**

The Board had before it a listing of proposed Board of Health meeting dates and agenda closings and distribution.

The Board also had before it a list of proposed Board of Health meeting dates from Councillor Joan King.

On motion by Councillor King, the Board:

1. directed that its next meeting be held on Tuesday, April 21, 1998 beginning at 4.00 pm, and that deputations be scheduled to begin at 7.00 pm.
2. deferred consideration of approval of the remainder of the suggested meeting dates for 1998 to its next meeting.

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The Board adjourned its meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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Chair.