

THE CITY OF TORONTO

Clerk's Department

Minutes of the Board of Health

Meeting No. 10

Monday, July 27, 1998.

The Board of Health met on Monday, July 27, 1998, in Committee Room C, 2nd Floor, Metro Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

Members Present:

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

Observers: Elizabeth Hill, Toronto District School Board

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Health held on June 23 and July 6, 1998 were confirmed.

106. Towards a Canadian Children's Environmental Health Network

The Board of Health had before it a communication (June 22, 1998) from the Children and Youth Action Committee addressed to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee, forwarding its recommendations to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee, as follows:

- (1) that Council endorse the following principles contained in the report "Towards a Canadian Children's Environmental Health Network" and that the Children and Youth Action Committee be requested to take an active role at both the national and provincial levels when such a network is established:

- that the missions of the Network should be to protect the environment, and to protect the fetus/child from environmental hazards;
 - that the Network should focus on advocacy, education, public awareness and some research-related activities;
 - that the Network should be housed in the non-governmental (NGO) sector, but that it should be based on a partnership with national, regional and local agencies/groups in diverse sectors;
 - that the Network should develop a website and use computer-based technology to connect its partners and to disseminate information to a broad audience;
- (2) that Council endorse the Canadian Institute of Child Health in taking a leadership role in housing the merging Children's Environmental Health Network; and
- (3) that Council urge all levels of government to move with all possible speed to set up this network.

The Children and Youth Action Committee also advised that it adopted the following recommendation:

“That the Children and Youth Action Committee be on record as acknowledging the impact of environmental stressors on the health of Toronto's children.”

and directed that the Committee's actions be forwarded to the Board of Health.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Board of Health endorsed the action taken by the Children and Youth Action Committee.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee, Children and Youth Action Committee, Copy to Medical Officer of Health - July 31, 1998)

107. Energy Efficiency in Buildings and Active Transportation

The Board of Health had before it a communication (May 11, 1998) from Councillor John Hachey, Honorary Chair, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, forwarding to the Board of Health copies of the Federation's 20% Club News on energy efficiency in buildings and active transportation.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Board of Health supported the actions taken by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities with respect to energy efficiency in buildings and sustainable transportation strategies as outlined in two issues of its 20% Club News, and forwarded this matter to Council for information.

(Report No. 10, Clause 4)

108. Queen Elizabeth II Sesquicentennial Scholarship Award in Public Health Nursing

The Board of Health had before it a communication (June 11, 1998) from the Faculty of Nursing, University of Toronto, forwarding the University's selection for this year's recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Sesquicentennial Scholarship.

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Board of Health approved the awarding of this year's Queen Elizabeth II Sesquicentennial Scholarship in Public Health Nursing in the amount of \$5,000.00 to Riffaat Mamdani as recommended by the Faculty of Nursing, University of Toronto, and forwarded this matter to Council for its information. Funds are available from the Toronto Sesquicentennial Scholarship Trust Fund 6118.

(Report No. 10, Clause 5)

(Ms. Riffaat Mamdani, Copy to: Ms. Pamela Khan, Co-Chair, Awards Committee, Faculty of Nursing, University of Toronto; Medical Officer of Health - August 11, 1998)

109. Uniform Policy for Leashed and Unleashed Dogs in Parks

The Board of Health had before it a communication (July 23, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee's recommendations to Council on the report from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism relating to dogs in parks in order to reduce conflict between park users and to harmonize practices existing in the former municipalities. Recommendation (6) of this report requested that this matter be

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forwarded to the Board of Health for comment to City Council. The recommendations to Council were as follows:

(1) the adoption of the joint report dated June 30, 1998, from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Medical Officer of Health, subject to:

(a) amending Recommendation No. (4) by adding thereto the following:

“and further that all current off-leash areas in City Parks be confirmed until such time as the staff have conducted their review and reported on any amendments to Community Councils, and Council, accordingly;”,

so that such Recommendation now reads as follows:

“(4) staff be directed to review all existing arrangements where off-leash areas currently exist and report back with suggested amendments in accordance with Recommendation No. (1); and further that all current off-leash areas in City Parks be confirmed until such time as the staff have conducted their review and reported on any amendments to Community Councils, and Council, accordingly;”,

(b) amending Recommendation No. (5) by adding thereto the following:

“and on exploratory comments and/or arrangements for vacant industrial lands;”,

so that such Recommendation now reads as follows:

“(5) the Commissioner of Corporate Services be requested to report on the feasibility of using vacant City lands for the development of “dog parks,” and on exploratory comments and/or arrangements for vacant industrial lands;”,

(c) amending Step 3 in Appendix 1 under “Community input” by adding thereto the following:

“and that this meeting will provide input on whether an off-leash area is desirable at the proposed location and, if so, what rules and restrictions should apply.”;

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- (d) amending Appendix 1 to provide that, prior to recommendation and park designation of new off-leash areas, staff obtain the approval of both Ward Councillors;
 - (e) amending Item (1)(c) in Appendix 2 to read as follows:
 - “(1)(c) Environmentally sensitive areas which have been identified by the Parks and Recreation Division, such as ravine areas and naturalized planting areas.”; and
 - (f) amending Appendix 2 to provide that staff of the Parks and Recreation Division review the ratio of park space to residents;
- (2) that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be directed to provide improved signage for all off-leash areas in City parks;
 - (3) that a pamphlet regarding the responsibilities of dog ownership be widely circulated throughout the City;
 - (4) that the North York “Poop Patrol Program” be expanded to include all the amalgamated City parks; and
 - (5) that the Community Councils, when holding public hearings on possible amendments to the Animal Control By-law in October, 1998, be requested to hear deputations on the uniform policy for leashed and unleashed dogs in City parks; and that the outcome of such hearings on this issue be forwarded to the Board of Health and Economic Development Committee.

The Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee reported, for the information of Council, having requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to:

- (i) report directly to Council on July 29, 1998, on:
 - (a) the feasibility of increasing the number of dogs under the control of one person in the designated off-leash areas;
 - (b) the possibility of implementing dog off-leash and on-leash periods in City parks; and
- (ii) report to the Economic Development Committee on:

- (a) the potential off-leash areas which conform to the new off-leash guidelines in Toronto;
- (b) the cost to properly fence off-leash areas; and
- (c) an effective enforcement by-law with respect to illegal unleashed dogs in City parks and violations of stoop and scoop regulations.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board of Health received the foregoing report for information.

110. School Health Committee

The Board of Health had before it a report (July 7, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health choose one of the options for School Board representation detailed in this report; and
- (2) the Medical Officer of Health approach the public and separate school boards to establish management committees to address school health issues and services.

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Board of Health:

- (1) recommended to Council that effective May, 1999 Council representation on the Board of Health, which is presently seven members of Council, be reduced to six members of Council and that the remaining Board composition consist of one elected school board representative and six citizen member to a total membership of 13;
- (2) recommended to Council that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary By-law if Council increases or decreases the membership composition on the Board of Health.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board adopted Option (iv) contained in the report (July 7, 1998) from the Medical Officer of

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Health and in so doing established a School Health Subcommittee of the Board of Health with representation from all school boards and private schools with a mandate to make recommendations to the Board of Health on school health policy and advocacy issues, and adopted the report as so amended.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Board requested the Medical Officer of Health to report to the Board of Health in the Fall of 1998 on the present staff organization in place to relate to school boards, and on staff's working relationship with the Toronto Child Advocate.

The following motions were voted on and lost:

On motion by Councillor Johnston:

“That this matter be deferred”.

On motion by Councillor Prue:

“That Option 4 contained in Recommendation (1) of the report (July 7, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health be amended by deleting the words `and private schools”.

The following motion placed by Councillor King was withdrawn:

“That the following motion be withdrawn and referred to the School Health Subcommittee, when established, and to the school boards with a request that they advise that Subcommittee as to the level of representation they desire on the Board:

“That the School Health Sub-Committee be chaired by a school trustee, and that the Chair also be appointed as a member of the Board of Health when the selection process for the citizen members is concluded”.

(Report No. 10, Clause 3)

(Medical Officer of Health, Copy to: Interested Persons - July 31, 1998)

111. No Fixed Address: Young Parents on the Street

The Board of Health had before it a report (July 10, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health recommending to the Board of Health that:

- (1) the Board of Health support the working committee on Young Parents, No Fixed Address to ensure ongoing co-ordination amongst youth serving agencies, and the continued development of flexible, alternative approaches that address the urgent needs of this population;
- (2) the Board of Health urge City Council to ensure an increased supply of safe, affordable, transitional and permanent housing stock and to eliminate barriers to access housing in both the public and private sector for this population;
- (3) the Board of Health urge the provincial and federal Ministers of Housing to develop an increased supply of safe, affordable, transitional and permanent housing stock and to eliminate barriers to access housing in both the public and private sector for this population;
- (4) the Board of Health direct Toronto Public Health to continue as a partner in the group, participating in programs that will include: a) food access and supplementation; b) development of a youth advisory board; c) further development of parent relief programs; d) development of responses to mental and emotional health problems; and e) continued data collection and monitoring;
- (5) the Board of Health continue to support existing programs and services essential to street youth such as provision of classes outside schools in the community and advocate to the Minister of Education, the Toronto District School Board and the Catholic School Board to ensure these program;
- (6) the Board of Health advocate to the Minister of Community and Social Services for adequate provincial funding for child welfare and protection in order to ensure that caseloads are manageable and realistic for the protection of children and the prevention of abuse and neglect;
- (7) the Board of Health advocate to the Minister of Health and to the Minister of Community and Social Services for the development of pro-active, early intervention strategies to prevent the rise in numbers of street youth and children;
- (8) the Board of Health forward this report to the Assistant Deputy Minister - Integrated Children's Services, the Toronto District School Board, the

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Catholic School Board, the Children and Youth Action Committee, and the Toronto Child Advocate;

- (9) the Board of Health refer this report to Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee for information and to City Council for adoption; and
- (10) the Board of Health forward this report to the Premier of Ontario to urge him to ensure that the growing needs of young parents on the street be addressed through coordinated action on the part of the relevant Ministries.

Dr. Jack Lee and Dr. Joyce Bernstein gave a verbal presentation to the Board of Health on the foregoing report from the Medical Officer of Health.

The following persons addressed the Board of Health at its meeting held on Monday, July 27, 1998:

- Councillor Oliva Chow, Downtown; and
- Councillor Jack Layton, Don River.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board of Health requested that this matter be considered by Council at the same time it considers Clause 2 of Report No. 7 of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee, titled "Diversion Options for Youth Involved in the Squeegee Trade".

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Board of Health recommended to Council:

- “(1) the adoption of Recommendation (2) of the report (July 10, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health; and
- (2) the endorsement of the remaining recommendations contained in the foregoing report.”

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board of Health urged Council not to use punitive measures to deal with street youth, and youth involved in the squeegee trade.”

On motion by Dr. Pellizzari, the Board of Health recommended to Council that lands and/or properties be reserved which may be suitable to assist in meeting the housing needs of the young parents, and other youth identified in the foregoing report.

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Board of Health adopted the recommendations contained in the report (July 10, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health.

On motion by Dr. Pellizzari, the Board of Health referred the foregoing report from the Medical Officer of Health to:

- (a) the Advisory Committee on Homelessness, the Council Strategy Committee for People Without Homes, and the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee for information; and
- (b) the Social Infrastructure Committee of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities with a request that similar information as that contained in this report be gathered and exchanged, and that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities assist in the coordination of developing any new national programs that may respond to these programs.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board of Health requested the Medical Officer of Health to work with community partners in developing a public education campaign in support of homeless youth.

On motion by Councillor King, the Board of Health expressed to Council its support of the following Recommendation (3) of the report (July 6, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services contained in Clause No. 5 of Report No. 7 of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee, entitled "Change in Funding Responsibility for Supportive Social Housing":

- "(3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Financial Officer report back on reallocation of \$11.7 million which was set aside in the 1998 City Operating Budget for Social Housing Costs, and is no longer required due to the Province's decision to retain funding for 100 percent supportive housing portfolios. Potential uses for this fund would include provincial support for affordable housing demonstration projects."

(Report No. 10, Clause 1)

(City Council - July 28, 1998; Medical Officer of Health, Copy to Young Parents, No Fixed Address Committee; Interested Persons - August 12, 1998; Ms. Jessica Hill, Assistant Deputy Minister, Integrated Services for Children; Ms. Marguerite Jackson, Director & Secretary Treasurer, Toronto District School Board; Ms. Joanne Stewart, Director of Education, Toronto Catholic School Board; Councillor Olivia Chow, Toronto Child Advocate; Dr. Anne Golden, Chair, Homelessness Action Task Force; Children and Youth Action Committee; Council Strategy Committee on People Without Homes; Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee; Ms. Robin Tourangeau, Policy Analyst, Social Infrastructure Committee, Federation of Canadian Municipalities - August 12, 1998; Federal Minister of Housing; Provincial Minister of Housing; Minister of Community and Social Services; Federal and Provincial Ministers of Health; Premier of Ontario; Minister of Education - July 30, 1998)

112. Air Quality and a Federal Standard for Sulphur in Fuel

The Board of Health had before it a report (July 13, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health recommending to the Board of Health that:

- (1) the comments prepared and submitted to the Government Working Group by the Medical Officer of Health be received for information (see attached letter);
- (2) the Federal Minister of Environment:
 - (a) establish sulphur limits for gasoline at an annual average of 30 ppm and a maximum of 80 ppm across Canada, effective January 1, 2002, as outlined by Option A.1 in the report of the Government Working Group;
 - (b) establish sulphur levels for diesel, particularly for off-road vehicles, that maximize the health benefits for residents across Canada before the year 2000;
 - (c) establish an environmental income replacement program, complete with re-education funds, to assist workers dislocated by plant closures

that may result from sulphur standards set for gasoline and diesel;
and

- (3) that City Council be asked to endorse this report and these recommendations.

Councillor Layton appeared before the Board of Health at its meeting on Monday, July 27, 1998, and filed an excerpt from a report, titled "Environment in Canada - Sulphur in Liquid Fuels, 1997", which contains a compilation of data submitted by the various producers and importers of liquid fuels in Canada pursuant to the requirement of the Federal Fuels Information Regulation No. 1.

On motion by Councillor King, the Board of Health adopted the report (July 13, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health subject to the following amendments and recommended that City Council endorse the Board's action in this respect:

On motion by Councillor Mihevc that Recommendation 2 of the report be amended by adding thereto the following:

"and the Provincial Minister of the Environment";

On motion by Councillor Prue:

- (1) that Recommendation 2(b) be amended by deleting the words "particularly for off-road vehicles" and adding thereto the following:

"and that standards for off-road vehicles be brought into line with on-road vehicles";

- (2) that Recommendation 2(c) be amended by adding the words "from federal and provincial fuel taxes" after the words "income replacement program";

so that such Recommendation now reads:

"(2) the Federal Minister of Environment and the Provincial Minister of the Environment:

- (a) establish sulphur limits for gasoline at an annual average of 30 ppm and a maximum of 80 ppm across Canada,

effective January 1, 2002, as outlined in Option A.1 in the report of the Government Working Group;

- (b) establish sulphur levels for diesel that maximise the health benefits for residents across Canada before the year 2000, and that standards for off-road vehicles be brought into line with on-road vehicles;
- (c) establish an environmental income replacement program from federal and provincial fuel taxes, complete with re-education funds to assist workers dislocated by plant closures that may result from sulphur standards set for gasoline and diesel; and”

On motion by Dr. Pellizzari, the Board of Health recommended to Council that its action in this respect and the report (July 13, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health be forwarded to:

- (a) the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities for endorsement; and
- (b) to all Municipalities in Ontario with a population over 50,000 for endorsement together with a covering letter from Mayor Lastman outlining the extenuating circumstances of this matter.”

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board of Health recommended to Council that:

- (1) a review of the City of Toronto’s Fuel Purchase Program be undertaken and request the Medical Officer of Health to report to both the Board of Health and Corporate Services Committee on the possibility of requiring that all fuel provided to City of Toronto and City Agency vehicles meets the 30 ppm standards as recommended in the Medical Officer of Health’s report dated July 13, 1998; and

- (2) Council be encouraged to accelerate its Green Fleet Program.

On motion by Councillor King, the Board of Health:

- (1) requested the City Solicitor to report back to the Board of Health on the feasibility of enacting a Municipal By-law to control sulphur levels in gasoline and diesel fuel in the City;
- (2) requested the Medical Officer of Health to report to its next meeting on September 15, 1998 on the implementation of the provincial government's Drive Clean Program, in particular its Vehicle Emission Testing Program; and
- (3) urged the Chief Executive Officers of all gasoline producers to act on the foregoing action taken by the Board of Health with respect to its adoption, as amended, of the recommendations contained in the report dated July 13, 1998 from the Medical Officer of Health.

(Report No. 10, Clause 2)

(City Solicitor, Medical Officer of Health, Copy to: Corporate Services Committee, Interested Persons; Ms. Patricia Yarrington, Chief Executive Officer, Chevron Canada Limited; Mr. Eymbert Vaandering, Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Tire Corporation Limited; Mr. Rob Routs, Chief Executive Officer, Shell Canada Products Limited; Mr. Boris Jackman, Chief Executive Officer, Petro-Canada; Mr. Michael O'Brien, Chief Executive Officer, Sunoco Group, Suncor Energy Inc.; Mr. Ron Kennedy, Chief Executive Officer, NOVA Chemicals (Canada) Ltd.; Mr. Don Ingram, Chief Executive Officer, Husky Oil Operations Limited; Mr. Brian Fischer, Chief Executive Officer, Imperial Oil; Mr. Alain Ferland, Chief Executive Officer, Ultramar Limited; and Mr. Jack Donald, Chief Executive Officer, Parkland Industries Limited, Copy to: Medical Officer of Health and Board of Health - July 31, 1998; Federal Minister of the Environment - July 31, 1998; Provincial Minister of Environment and Energy - July 31, 1998)

113. Ontarians with Disabilities Act

The Board of Health had before it a communication (July 24, 1998) from Carole Riback, Member, Ontario with Disabilities Act Committee, providing information to the Board of Health on the proposed Discussion Paper regarding the Ontarians

with Disabilities Act released by the Minister of Citizenship and encouraging the government to ensure that an open and public consultation process, including the convening of public meetings, is implemented.

On motion by Dr. Pellizzari, the Board of Health:

- (1) requested that the Minister of Citizenship be advised of the Board of Health's concern over the lack of adequate public consultation with respect to the recently released Discussion Paper on the proposed Ontarians with Disabilities Act and urge the Minister to accept the request of the Ontario with Disabilities Act Committee and provide a two month consultation period and provide open, publicly funded province-wide consultation; and
- (2) requested the Medical Officer of Health to prepare and forward a submission, signed by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of Health, responding to the Discussion Paper on the proposed Ontarians with Disabilities Act, and forward a copy of this submission to the Board of Health for its meeting on September 15, 1998 for information.

(Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Copy to: Medical Officer of Health, Board of Health - July 31, 1998)

114. Strategy for Cancer Prevention

The Board of Health had before it a communication (July 27, 1998) from Irving Rootman, Director, Health Promotion Centre, University of Toronto; Dr. Richard Schabas, Head, Preventive Oncology, Cancer Care Ontario; and Jack Shapiro, Past Chair, OCTRF (renamed Cancer Care Ontario) requesting the Board of Health to give consideration to:

- (1) supporting the creation of a Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition;
- (2) approving in principle the attached "Citizen's Proposal for Cancer Prevention Activities in the New City of Toronto" and to refer it to that new Coalition for consideration and appropriate amendments; and
- (3) requesting that the Coalition bring back to the Board of Health a proposed City of Toronto Action Plan for the Prevention of Cancer.

The Board of Health also had before it a report (July 13, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health recommending to the Board of Health that:

- (1) the Board of Health support the formation of a Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition to coordinate a program of primary and secondary cancer prevention activities in the City of Toronto; and
- (2) the Board of Health explore options for resourcing a Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition through City staff, the Ontario Ministry of Health, Cancer Care Ontario, and other community papers.

The following persons addressed the Board of Health at its meeting on Monday, July 27, 1998:

- Jack Shapiro, Past Chair, OCTRF (renamed Cancer Care Ontario)
- Sylvia Kerr, FoodShare Toronto; and
- Catherine Wicks, Alliance of Breast Cancer Survivors.

On motion by Elca Rennick, the Board of Health:

- (1) supported the formation of a Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition to coordinate a program of primary and secondary cancer prevention activities in the City of Toronto;
- (2) agreed to explore options for resourcing a Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition through City staff, the Ontario Ministry of Health, Cancer Care Ontario, and other community partners;
- (3) approved, in principle, the "Citizen's Proposal for Cancer Prevention Activities in the new City of Toronto" appended to the joint communication from Irving Rootman, Dr. Richard Schabas and Jack Shapiro, and referred this Proposal to the new Coalition for consideration and appropriate amendments; and
- (4) requested the Coalition to report back to the Board of Health with a proposed City of Toronto Action Plan for the Prevention of Cancer.

(Medical Officer of Health, Copy to: Interested Persons - July 31, 1998)

115. Provision of Animal Sheltering Services for Wards 19 to 26

The Board of Health had before it a report (July 14, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health recommending to the Board of Health:

- (1) that the Board receive this report for information, and recommend the appropriate option for sheltering of animals from Wards 19 to 26 to City Council, following the planned review of animal services; and
- (2) in the event that the planned review of Animal Services is not complete by October 1, 1998, that the Medical Officer of Health report to the Board of Health on the necessity of a six-month extension agreement with the Toronto Humane Society until June 30, 1999.

The Board of Health also had before it a communication (July 27, 1998) from Naseem Malik, Public Affairs Officer, Toronto Humane Society, recommending to the Board of Health that:

- (1) the Medical Officer of Health disclose the underlying methodology from which the statistics, financial data, assumptions and other pertinent information contained in the report were derived. That such a disclosure would ensure that a full assessment of the accuracy of the arguments brought forward by the report is achieved; and
- (2) the Board of Health, through public consultations, seek both the input of the residents of Wards 19 to 26 and the Ward Councillors of those respective areas concerning the issues surrounding the provision of animal sheltering services; and

The Board of Health also had before it a communication (July 24, 1998) from Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski expressing his support of the Toronto Humane Society with respect to the provision of animal sheltering services for Wards 19 to 26.

Naseem Malik, Public Affairs Officer, Toronto Humane Society, addressed the Board of Health at its meeting on Monday, July 27, 1998.

On motion by Dr. Pellizzari, the Board of Health adopted the report (July 14, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health.

(Medical Officer of Health, Copy to: Mr. Jack Slibar, Chief Operating Officer, Toronto Humane Society; Interested Persons - July 31, 1998)

116. Heat and the Elderly

The Board of Health had before it a communication (June 23, 1998) from Councillor Johnston forwarding a request, on behalf of Community Health Network of West Toronto, and recommending to the Board of Health that staff be directed to review the possibility of providing a help line telephone system this summer as a beginning to the proposed emergency plan. (The Board, at its last meeting, requested the Medical Officer of Health to review the possibility of providing a help line telephone system this summer as a beginning to a proposed emergency plan to help seniors cope with summer heat wave and requested her to report to this meeting of the Board and to the Seniors Task Force on this request and on proposals for a longer term comprehensive emergency response plan.)

The Board of Health also had before it a report (July 23, 1998) from Councillor Layton advising in response to the gravity of the health concerns expressed by Dr. Gould and members of the committee, the Advisory Committee makes the following recommendations to the Board of Health:

- (1) the Medical Officer of Health, in conjunction with the Homeless Emergency Action Task Force (HEAT), the Senior's Action Task Force, homeless front-line organizations, and low-income family support groups be requested to develop a comprehensive hot weather emergency response plan. The plan should include the following elements:
 - (a) an alert declaration protocol;
 - (b) a community communication strategy;
 - (c) an action response plan including but not limited to the following:
 - (i) enhancements to existing outreach programs that network socially isolated seniors, low-income, isolated and under-housed families and homeless persons;
 - (ii) easing restrictions concerning the use of parks and other public space during declared hot weather emergencies;
 - (iii) the provision of cool environments in city properties, City Halls and other air conditioned public facilities across the new City;
 - (iv) emergency opening of provincial and federal facilities;

- (v) enlisting the support of other public agencies and private sector operators of public space such as shopping malls;
 - (vi) a strategy for addressing heat emergency issues associated with rooming houses involving the Rooming House Work Group;
 - (vii) the provision of sun screen and adequate fluids to persons at risk;
- (2) the Environmental Task Force is urged to develop strategies to combat urban heat island effects; and
 - (3) a temperature monitoring system for shelters and hostels be immediately instituted and where required, supply air conditioning to shelters and drop-ins.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Board of Health adopted Recommendation No. (1) of the report (July 23, 1998) from Councillor Jack Layton.

(Medical Officer of Health, Copy to: Homeless Action Task Force; Seniors Action Task Force - July 31, 1998)

117. Representation on ALPHA Board of Directors

On motion by Robert Davies, the Board of Health approved the appointment of Elca Rennick as its representative on the ALPHA Board of Directors.

(Mr. Gordon White, Executive Director, Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA), Copy to: Mrs. Elca Rennick - July 31, 1998)

118. Added Business

The Medical Officer of Health advised the Board that Dr. David McKeown, Dr. Jack Lee and Becky Taylor were leaving the City.

On motion by Councillor Irene Jones, the Board of Health expressed their thanks to each for their years of service to the Public Health

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Department and the City of Toronto, and wished them good luck in their future endeavours.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Chair.