

THE CITY OF TORONTO

Clerk's Department

Minutes of the Board of Health

Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, September 15, 1998.

The Board of Health met on Tuesday, September 15, 1998, in Committee Room C, 2nd Floor, Metro Hall, Toronto, commencing at 2:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Councillor John Filion, Chair
Councillor Gerry Altobello
Robert Davies
Councillor Irene Jones
Councillor Joan King
Councillor Joe Mihevc
Councillor Michael Prue
Elca Rennick

Observers: Gerri Gershon, Toronto District School Board

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Elca Rennick, the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Health held on July 27, 1998 were confirmed.

119. Provision of Proper Enforcement of Animal Control Legislation

The Board of Health had before it a report (August 31, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health respecting the Provision of Proper Enforcement of Animal Control Legislation, recommending that Toronto Animal Services continue to provide the current level of service with respect to enforcement of the Animal Control By-law pending a review and resolution of related amalgamation issues.

The Board also had before it a communication (September 14, 1998) from Liz White, Director, Animal Alliance of Canada, and Holly Penfound, Director, Zoocheck Canada Inc.

The Board of Health adopted the foregoing report from the Medical Officer of Health.

(Medical Officer of Health; cc: Liz White, Director, Animal Alliance of Canada; Holly Penfound, Director, Zoocheck Canada Inc. - September 23, 1998)

120. Feral Animals in Toronto: Issues and Options

The Board of Health had before it a report (August 24, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health respecting Feral Animals in Toronto: Issues and Options, recommending that Toronto Animal Services continue to provide the current level of service with respect to feral cat problems pending a review and resolution of related amalgamation issues.

The Board also had before it a communication (September 14, 1998) from Liz White, Director, Animal Alliance of Canada, and Holly Penfound, Director, Zoocheck Canada Inc.

The Board of Health adopted the foregoing report from the Medical Officer of Health.

(Medical Officer of Health; cc: Liz White, Director, Animal Alliance of Canada; Holly Penfound, Director, Zoocheck Canada Inc. - September 23, 1998)

121. Urban Wildlife Conflict Resolution Strategy

The Board of Health had before it a report (August 24, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health respecting Urban Wildlife Conflict Resolution Strategy, recommending that Toronto Animal Services continue to provide the current level of service with respect to wild animal problems pending a review and resolution of related amalgamation issues.

The Board also had before it a communication (September 14, 1998) from Liz White, Director, Animal Alliance of Canada, and Holly Penfound, Director, Zoocheck Canada Inc.

The Board of Health adopted the foregoing report from the Medical Officer of Health.

(Medical Officer of Health; cc: Liz White, Director, Animal Alliance of Canada; Holly Penfound, Director, Zoocheck Canada Inc. - September 23, 1998)

122. AIDS and Drug Abuse Prevention Grants Review

The Board of Health had before it a report (August 28, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health informing the Board of Health on the process and outcome of the review of the AIDS and Drug Abuse Prevention (DAPP) grant programs.

The Board of Health:

- (1) Recommended that the Municipal Grants Review Committee consider levelling up other municipal grants programs, using the principles endorsed by the Board of Health in Investing in Public Health (Board of Health, March 24, 1998), and forwarded the report (August 28, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health to the Municipal Grants Review Committee;
- (2) adopted this report and in so doing, also endorsed the findings from the community consultations on the operation of the AIDS and Drug Abuse Prevention (DAPP) Grants programs.

(Municipal Grants Review Committee; cc: Medical Officer of Health - September 21, 1998)

123. Signing Authority - Standard Agreements

The Board of Health had before it a report (August 18, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health respecting Signing Authority - Standard Agreements recommending:

- (1) That the signing authority of the Medical Officer of Health be expanded to include the execution of standard agreements affecting Toronto Public Health programs as discussed in this report; and
- (2) that the agreements referred to in Recommendation 1 be in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

The Board of Health adopted the foregoing report from the Medical Officer of Health.

(Report No. 11, Clause 2)

124. Discussion Paper: “Preventing and Removing Barriers for Ontarians with Disabilities”

The Board of Health had before it a report (September 2, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health respecting a Discussion Paper: “Preventing and Removing Barriers for Ontarians with Disabilities”, recommending that:

- (1) That the Board of Health forward a copy of the appended submission to the Ontarians with Disabilities Act Committee (ODA) for consideration; and
- (2) that the Medical Officer of Health continue to monitor the pending Ontarians with Disabilities Act and report to the Board of Health in the event that further input is needed during the legislative process.

The Board of Health adopted the foregoing report from the Medical Officer of Health.

(Ms. Carole Riback, Ontarians with Disabilities Action Committee; cc: Medical Officer of Health - September 23, 1998)

125. Child Nutrition Program

The Board of Health had before it a report (August 26, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health respecting the Child Nutrition Program, recommending that this report be received for information.

The Board of Health received the foregoing report from the Medical Officer of Health.

(Medical Officer of Health - September 23, 1998)

126. Selection Process for Appointing Citizen Members to the Board of Health

The Board of Health had before it a report (September 1, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health respecting the Selection Process for Appointing Citizen Members to the Board of Health, recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health establish a Nominating Sub-Committee with an expanded mandate to include the selection of one elected school board representative in addition to the selection of six citizen members and

presentation of a slate of names to the Board of Health and subsequent transmittal to the City of Toronto's Nominating Committee and thereon to City Council for appointment;

- (2) three members of the Board of Health be appointed to the Nominating Sub-Committee; and
- (3) the Suggested Nominating Process appended to this report be forwarded to the first meeting of the Nominating Sub-Committee for consideration.

The Board also had before it the following Council Clauses:

- (A) Clause 3 of Report No. 10 of the Special Committee to Review the Final Report of the Toronto Transition Team, headed "Selection Process for Appointing Citizen Members to the Current Board of Health", which was adopted without amendment by City Council at its meeting on July 29, 30 and 31, 1998.
- (B) Clause 3 of Report No. 10 of the Board of Health, headed "Council Representation on the Board of Health", which was adopted without amendment by City Council at its meeting on July 29, 30 and 31, 1998.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board of Health adopted the report (September 1, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health, and in so doing:

- (1) Established a Nominating Sub-Committee of the Board of Health with a mandate to:
 - a. screen citizen applicants and nominate a slate of citizen appointees to the Board of Health and subsequently to the Nominating Committee and City Council for appointment; and
 - b. select one elected school board representative in addition to the selection of six citizen members for presentation to the Board of Health and appointment by City Council;
- (2) appointed Councillors Filion, Jones and Mihevc as members of the Board of Health Nominating Sub-Committee; and
- (3) forwarded the Suggested Nominating Process appended to the foregoing report from the Medical Officer of Health to the first meeting of the Nominating Sub-Committee for consideration.

(Medical Officer of Health; cc: Councillor John Filion; Councillor Irene Jones; Councillor Joe Mihevc - September 23, 1998; Nominating Committee of the Board of Health - September 24, 1998)

127. Update on the Implementation of the Provincial Mandatory Vehicle Emissions Inspection and Maintenance Program (Drive Clean Program)

The Board of Health had before it a report (September 2, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health respecting an Update on the Implementation of the Provincial Mandatory Vehicle Emissions Inspection and Maintenance Program (Drive Clean Program), and recommending that the Minister of the Environment implement a mandatory vehicle inspection and maintenance program using dynamometer technology that accurately measures vehicle emissions under simulated road conditions.

The Medical Officer of Health gave a presentation on this subject and incorporated the issue of air quality and health pursuant to Minute No. 110 in her presentation.

John Hutchison, Pollution Probe, addressed the Board of Health and Stan Burrows, Director, Fleet Management Services in the Corporate Services Department, was present to answer questions.

On motion by Councillor King, the Board of Health took the following action:

- (1) Adopted the report (September 2, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health subject to amending the recommendation therein to read:

“It is recommended that the Minister of the Environment implement a mandatory vehicle inspection and maintenance program using dynamometer technology that accurately measures vehicle emissions under simulated road conditions, and that the Board of Health expects that technological upgrades of the highest standards be made on a regular basis.”
- (2) recommended that City Council endorse the Board of Health’s action in this respect; and
- (3) that all Boards of Health and Health Councils in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and Windsor-Montreal corridor be requested to similarly endorse this action.

(Report No. 11, Clause 1)

(Minister of Environment - September 25, 1998; Medical Officer of Health -
September 23, 1998)

128. Air Quality and Human Health Issues

The Board of Health had before it a report (June 4, 1996) from the Former Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto, entitled "Municipal 'Clean Air' Summit - Blue Ribbon Committee Report titled 'Bad Air Alert: It's Killing Us'".

The Board also had before it a report (September 14, 1998) from the City Solicitor respecting the Feasibility of Enacting a Municipal By-law to Control Sulphur Levels in Fuel, and recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Dr. Ted Boadway, Executive Director, Health Policy, Ontario Medical Association, gave a slide presentation on the issue of air quality and human health issues.

Lela Gary, Air Pollution Coalition, addressed the Board of Health on the issue.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board of Health took the following action:

- (1) Received the report, entitled "Municipal 'Clean Air' Summit - Blue Ribbon Committee Report titled 'Bad Air Alert: It's Killing Us'";
- (2) received the report (September 14, 1998) from the City Solicitor entitled "Feasibility of Enacting a Municipal By-law to Control Sulphur Levels in Fuel"; and
- (3) requested the Medical Officer of Health to obtain data from Ontario Hydro on emissions plumed from coal-fired stations, particularly the Lakeview and Nanticoke Generating Stations, and report back to the Board of Health.

(Medical Officer of health; cc: Dr. Ted Boadway, Executive Director, Health Policy, Ontario Medical Association; Lela Gary, Air Pollution Coalition - September 23, 1998)

129. Electro Convulsive Therapy and the Elderly

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The Board of Health had before it a communication (April 15, 1998) from Don Weitz advising of an increasing psychiatric trend in Canada and the United States of treating the elderly, particularly women, with electroconvulsive therapy, and requesting an opportunity to give a presentation to the Board of Health on this topic and enclosing a biographical statement and a paper on this matter.

The Board of Health also had before it a report (January 27, 1997) from the Medical Officer of Health of the Former Municipality of Toronto, addressed to the Toronto Mayor's Committee on Aging, also of the Former Municipality of Toronto, regarding Incidence of Electro Convulsive Treatment (ECT) Among Seniors.

Mr. Don Weitz addressed the Board of Health and submitted a communication (September 15, 1998) providing a list of recommendations for the Board of Health to consider in connection to this matter.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board of Health took the following action:

- (1) Received the foregoing presentation from Mr. Weitz, his communication (April 15, 1998) and his further submission (September 15, 1998);
- (2) received the report (January 27, 1997) from the former City of Toronto Medical Officer of Health;
- (3) requested the Medical Officer of Health to write to the Ministry of Health and organizations such as the Addiction Research Foundation and The Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences requesting that they conduct more in-depth research on the patterns, effectiveness and efficacy of ECT use, including questions about potential over-use among the elderly female population; and
- (4) requested The Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA) to advise whether any of its member municipalities had provided resolutions for endorsement or information on this subject.

(Medical Officer of Health; cc: Mr. Don Weitz; Mr. Gordon White, Executive Director, Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA) - September 23, 1998)

130. Policy Directions: Harmonizing Animal Care and Control Legislation

The Board of Health had before it a report (September 1, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health respecting Policy Directions: Harmonizing Animal Care and Control Legislation, recommending:

- (1) That this report be forwarded to each Community Council for further consultation on October 14, 1998 with the community and that comments be forwarded to the Board of Health by October 23, 1998;
- (2) that the Board of Health give consideration to holding a special meeting in mid-November to hear deputations on draft animal care and control legislation.

The Board also had before it the following report/communications with respect to the foregoing matter:

- (August 26, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health and City Solicitor, regarding the City of Toronto By-law Respecting Animals, recommending that the attached by-law be forwarded to the Community Councils for consideration at their meetings on October 14, 1998 and that the recommendations from those meetings be forwarded to the Board of Health by October 23, 1998
- (September 11, 1998) from the Secretary, Animal Services Advisory Committee of the Board of Health, forwarding its action taken at its meeting held on September 10, 1998
- (September 14, 1998) from Liz White, Director, Animal Alliance of Canada, and Holly Penfound, Director, Zoocheck Canada Inc.

Mr. Eric Pressman appeared before the Board of Health with respect to the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board of Health:

- (1) Adopted the report (September 1, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health;
- (2) adopted the joint report (August 26, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health and City Solicitor;
- (3) appointed the following persons to the Animal Services Advisory Subcommittee:

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- Ms. Sue Hardill and Mr. Bryan Hamberg, as citizen representatives, who are not pet owners, for the period ending November 30, 2000, and until their successors are appointed;
 - Mr. Robert Davies as the second Board of Health appointee;
- (4) received for information Recommendations 2 to 5 contained in the report (September 11, 1998) from the Animal Services Advisory Subcommittee; and
- (5) forwarded the Board's action in this respect and all related material to the Animal Services Advisory Subcommittee, for its information.

(East York Community Council; Etobicoke Community Council; North York Community Council; Scarborough Community Council; Toronto Community Council; York Community Council; cc: Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Sue Hardill; Mr. Bryan Hamberg; Animal Services Advisory Committee; cc: Eletta Purdy, Etobicoke Civic Centre - September 16, 1998)

131. 1999 Budget Process

The Board of Health had before it a report (September 2, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health respecting the 1999 Budget Process, recommending that this report be received for information.

The Board also had before it a report (September 14, 1998) from the Secretary, Budget Subcommittee of the Board of Health.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board of Health received the foregoing reports for information.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

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