

THE CITY OF TORONTO

Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Board of Health

Meeting No. 2

Monday, February 22, 1999

The Board of Health met on Monday, February 22, 1999, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 2:10 p.m.

Members Present:

2:10 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Councillor John Filion, Chair	x
Councillor Irene Jones, Vice-Chair	x
Councillor Gerry Altobello	x
Ms. Jan Campbell	x
Mr. Robert Davies	
Councillor Anne Johnston	x
Councillor Joan King	x
Ms. Gail Lindsay	x
Mr. Brian MacKay	x
Councillor Joe Mihevc	x
Mr. Steven Pinnock	x
Councillor Michael Prue	x
Mr. Lee Zaslofsky	x

Members were present for some or all of the time period indicated.

The Chair welcomed the new citizen members of the Board of Health.

2.1 Public Health 1999 Budget.

The Board of Health had before it a report (February 16, 1999) from the Medical Officer of Health recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health adopt the recommended cost-reduction measures which have a manageable impact on programs and services, and that these be incorporated into the 1999 operating budget submission;

- (2) the Board of Health give final approval for the provision of optimal service levels in the Tuberculosis (TB) Control, Needle Exchange and the Food Safety Programs as outlined in reports dated January 25, 1999, and further detailed in Appendix A of this report, and that the final costs for these programs, which are not included in the 1999 operating budget request, be submitted to Budget Committee for consideration:
 - (a) for the Food Safety Program, an additional cost of \$594,111.00 in 1999, including a one-time cost of \$47,011.00, and \$1,641,270.00 in 2000 and subsequent years;
 - (b) for the Tuberculosis Control Program, an additional cost of \$634,830.00 in 1999, including a one-time cost of \$103,377.00, and \$1,594,358.00 in 2000 and subsequent years; and
 - (c) for the Needle Exchange Program for the purposes of HIV prevention, an additional cost of \$233,375.00 in 1999, including a one-time cost of \$47,297.00, and \$558,234.00 in 2000 and subsequent years, plus one-time capital costs of \$78,000.00 in 2000; and
- (3) the Board of Health recommend that Council urge Health Canada, Citizenship and Immigration Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Health to provide funding toward an effective TB prevention and control program in Toronto, given that the City of Toronto accounts for 25 percent of TB cases in Canada, that 90 percent of the cases occur in foreign born individuals and that conditions exist for a resurgence of TB in Toronto.

The Board also had before it a transmittal letter (February 8, 1999) from its Budget Sub-Committee:

- (1) recommending adoption of the report from the Medical Officer of Health respecting the Public Health 1999 Budget;
- (2) requesting that the Board of Health strongly recommend to the Budget Committee that the additional costs for these programs not be financed at the expense of other public health programs and services; and

further advising having requested the Medical Officer of Health to submit a revised report with the adopted changes directly to the Board.

The Medical Officer of Health gave a presentation to the Board of Health in connection with the Public Health 1999 budget, and submitted the following:

- (i) copy of presentation;

- (ii) budget for PHRED Program; and
- (iii) list of not recommended options to reduce budget.

Councillor Mihevc moved:

- (1) the adoption of the aforementioned report; and that the Board recommend to the Budget Committee that:
 - (i) the cost-reduction measures listed in Appendix C of the aforementioned report be regretfully incorporated into the 1999 Operating Budget submission; and petition the Budget Committee, and Council, to reinstate funding for the following programs listed in Appendix C:
 - A7 - Planned Parenthood of Toronto;
 - A11 - Tobacco and Substance Abuse; and
 - A12 - Sexual Health and AIDS/STD Prevention,without other reductions being demanded;
 - (ii) funds be included in the 1999 Operating Budget request for the provision of optimal service levels in the Tuberculosis Control, Needle Exchange and Food Safety Programs, embodied in Recommendation No. (2) of the aforementioned report, as follows:
 - (a) for the Food Safety Program, an additional cost of \$594,111.00 in 1999, including a one-time cost of \$47,011.00, and \$1,641,270.00 in 2000 and subsequent years;
 - (b) for the Tuberculosis Control Program, an additional cost of \$634,830.00 in 1999, including a one-time cost of \$103,377.00, and \$1,594,358.00 in 2000 and subsequent years; and
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 - (iii) the additional costs for these programs not be financed at the expense of other Public Health programs and services; and
 - (iv) Council urge Health Canada, Citizenship and Immigration Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Health to provide funding toward an

effective TB prevention and control program in Toronto, given that the City of Toronto accounts for 25 percent of TB cases in Canada, that 90 percent of the cases occur in foreign born individuals and that conditions exist for a resurgence of TB in Toronto;

- (2) that the Medical Officer of Health be requested to report back to the Board in two months on options for harmonizing and equalizing seasonal park patrol enforcement within the same budget envelope; and
- (3) that the Board review the Public Health budget once the final City budget has been established, in order to revise priorities,

which was carried.

Councillor Johnston moved that the Board:

- (1) request the Mayor and the Chair of the Board of Health to request a meeting with the Minister for the Greater Toronto Area, the Honourable David Collenette, and all Federal Members of Parliament in the City of Toronto to discuss the reallocation of health funding, and in particular, the escalating and serious problem of TB in the City of Toronto, where there are now 500 known cases and insufficient resources to treat them properly; and
- (2) request the Mayor and the Chair of the Board of Health to request a meeting with the Premier, the Minister of Health, and the Chief Medical Officer of Health of the Province of Ontario to secure a proportion of the federal funds being returned to the provinces for public health purposes,

which was carried, as amended.

Mr. Zaslofsky moved that the foregoing motion by Councillor Johnston be amended by adding thereto the following:

- “(3) request the Chair of the Board of Health to write to the other health units across Ontario, the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA) to seek their support in approaching the Federal Government and Provincial Government in this regard; and
- (4) request AMO to include public health in its advocacy in the coming provincial election”,

which was carried.

The following is the action therefore taken by the Board of Health:

The Board of Health adopted the aforementioned report dated February 16, 1999, from the Medical Officer of Health, and recommended to the Budget Committee that:

- (1) the cost-reduction measures listed in Appendix C of the aforementioned report be regretfully incorporated into the 1999 Operating Budget submission; and petitioned the Budget Committee, and Council, to reinstate funding for the following programs listed in Appendix C:

A7 - Planned Parenthood of Toronto;
A11 - Tobacco and Substance Abuse; and
A12 - Sexual Health and AIDS/STD Prevention,

without other reductions being demanded;

- (2) funds be included in the 1999 Operating Budget request for the provision of optimal service levels in the Tuberculosis Control, Needle Exchange and Food Safety Programs, embodied in Recommendation No. (2) of the aforementioned report, as follows:
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- (3) the additional costs for these programs not be financed at the expense of other Public Health programs and services; and
- (4) Council urge Health Canada, Citizenship and Immigration Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Health to provide funding toward an effective TB prevention and control program in Toronto, given that the City of Toronto accounts for 25 percent of TB cases in Canada, that 90 percent of the cases occur in foreign born individuals and that conditions exist for a resurgence of TB in Toronto.

The Board of Health further:

- (1) requested the Mayor and the Chair of the Board of Health to request a meeting with the Minister for the Greater Toronto Area, the Honourable David Collenette, and all Federal Members of Parliament in the City of Toronto to discuss the reallocation of health funding, and in particular, the escalating and serious problem of TB in the City of Toronto, where there are now 500 known cases and insufficient resources to treat them properly;
- (2) requested the Mayor and the Chair of the Board of Health to request a meeting with the Premier, the Minister of Health, and the Chief Medical Officer of Health of the Province of Ontario to secure a proportion of the federal funds being returned to the provinces for public health purposes;
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- (4) requested AMO to include public health in its advocacy in the coming provincial election;
- (5) requested the Medical Officer of Health to report back to the Board of Health in two months on options for harmonizing and equalizing seasonal park patrol enforcement within the same budget envelope; and
- (6) requested that the Board of Health review the Public Health Budget once the final City Budget has been established, in order to revise priorities.

(Budget Committee; Mayor Lastman; Chair, Board of Health; Medical Officer of Health; Mr. Pat Moyle, Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario)

2.2 Options for the Delivery of Public Health Dental Treatment Programs.

The Board of Health had before it a report (February 16, 1999) from the Medical Officer of Health recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health use the results of the analysis of the cost effectiveness of different service delivery options to ensure that whatever service delivery option is chosen for the provision of dental services, the cost of that option is comparable to or less than the direct service delivery model, and the level and quality of care is the same or higher than the direct service delivery model; and
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Budget Committee for consideration.

The Board also had before it a report (February 16, 1999) from the Medical Officer of Health responding to concerns raised by the Budget Committee with respect to the management of the City's dental treatment programs; and recommending that the Board of Health adopt and refer this report to the Budget Committee for information.

On motion by Councillor Altobello, the Board of Health adopted the aforementioned reports; and

- (1) forwarded to the Budget Committee, for consideration, the report dated February 16, 1999, from the Medical Officer of Health respecting options for the delivery of Public Health dental treatment programs; and
- (2) submitted to the Budget Committee, for information, the report dated February 16, 1999, from the Medical Officer of Health respecting concerns raised by the Budget Committee.

(Budget Committee; c: Medical Officer of Health)

2.3 Anticipated Revenues and Expenditures Resulting from By-law No. 28-1999, a By-law Respecting Animals.

The Board of Health had before it a report (February 12, 1999) from the Medical Officer of Health respecting the impact of By-law No. 28-1999, a By-law Respecting Animals upon anticipated revenues and expenditures within the 1999 Operating Budget; advising that it is estimated that the overall revenue will not be significantly increased by the change in the implementation of the new by-law, and that expenditures will not directly be affected, although response times will increase to compensate for the additional workload and further

staffing reductions would significantly impact the ability to deliver services at the approved level; and recommending that this report be referred to Budget Committee for consideration when reviewing the proposed 1999 Operating Budget for Public Health.

Councillor Johnston moved that the aforementioned report be referred for consideration as part of the strategic planning process being undertaken by the Board and the Public Health Division. **(Carried)**

Councillor Altobello moved that the aforementioned report be submitted to the Budget Committee for consideration when reviewing the proposed 1999 Operating Budget for Public Health. **(Carried)**

(Budget Committee; Medical Officer of Health)

2.4 Public Health Strategic and Program Planning 1999.

The Board of Health had before it a report (February 12, 1999) from the Medical Officer of Health outlining a proposed process for strategic and program planning for public health services in the new City of Toronto; and recommending that the Board of Health approve the planning process as set out in this report.

On motion by Mr. Zaslofsky, the Board adopted the aforementioned report.

(Medical Officer of Health)

2.5 Partnership Agreement Between Toronto Public Health and Ontario Chinese Restaurant and Food Services Association.

The Board of Health had before it a report (February 12, 1999) from the Medical Officer of Health informing the Board of the partnership agreement between Toronto Public Health and the Ontario Chinese Restaurant and Food Services Association to provide a collaborative food safety education program at no added cost to the City; and recommending that the Board of Health forward this report to the City of Toronto's Budget Committee for information.

On motion by Councillor Joan King, the Board of Health submitted the aforementioned report to the Budget Committee, for its information.

(Budget Committee; c: Medical Officer of Health)

2.6 Appointment of 1999 Public Health Grants Review Panels.

The Board of Health had before it a report (February 12, 1999) from the Medical Officer of Health recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health appoint to the AIDS Prevention Review Panel the following individuals: Councillors King, Rae and Prue; Lee Zaslofsky; Trevor Grey; Adam Shane; Indra Ramkissoon; Susette Clunis; Liz Walker; Jonas Ma; and Carlos Francis; and
- (2) the Board of Health appoint to the Drug Abuse Prevention Review Panel the following individuals: Councillors Bussin, Korwin-Kuczynski, and Mihevc; Kathy Kozma; Marianne Kobus-Matthews; Eduardo Castro; Claudia Barning; Angela Lee; and Khadigia Ali.

On motion by Councillor Joe Mihevc, the Board of Health adopted the aforementioned report.

(Medical Officer of Health)

2.7 Increase in Membership of Animal Services Advisory Sub-Committee of the Board of Health.

The Board of Health had before it a communication (January 11, 1999) from Councillor Irene Jones, Chair, Animal Services Advisory Sub-Committee, recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health expand membership of the Animal Services Advisory Sub-Committee to include a representative from a recognized special interest group relating to birds within the City of Toronto, for the period ending November 30, 2000, and until their successors are appointed;
- (2) PIJAC (Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council of Council) be requested to confirm the name of their representative or name any other recognized organization from the pet trade industry within the City of Toronto, for the period ending November 30, 2000, and until their successors are appointed; and
- (3) the Toronto Cat Owners' Association again be requested to name their representative on this sub-committee.

The Board of Health also had before it the following communications:

- (i) (January 25, 1999) from the Ontario Exotic Pet Council requesting that a representative of The Ontario Exotic Pet Council be appointed to the Animal Services Advisory Sub-Committee; and
- (ii) (January 25, 1999) from Councillor Joanne Flint requesting that the Board consider asking Mr. Christopher Holoboff to join the Animal Services Advisory Sub-Committee as the Parrot Association of Canada representative.

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Board of Health:

- (1) directed that the Animal Services Advisory Sub-Committee be disbanded, and the members thanked for their contribution; and
- (2) requested the Medical Officer of Health to report to the Board on the issue of feral cats and other outstanding issues.

Subsequent to the meeting of the Board, the Chair of the Board of Health and the Chair of the Animal Services Advisory Sub-Committee requested that no further action be taken with respect to the foregoing matter, pending further consideration at the Board's next meeting on April 6, 1999.

(Councillor Irene Jones, Chair, Animal Services Advisory Sub-Committee)

2.8 Appointment of Citizen Members to the Board of Health.

The Board of Health had before it a communication (February 12, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the City of Toronto Council at its meeting held on February 2, 3 and 4, 1999, adopted, without amendment, Clause No. 1 of Report No. 1 of The Nominating Committee, headed "Appointment of Citizen Members to the Board of Health", which recommended that:

- (1) the following six citizen members be appointed to the Board of Health for the period ending November 30, 2000, and until their successors are appointed, to replace the existing citizen members:
 - Gail Lindsay;
 - Robert Davies;
 - Brian MacKay;
 - Lee Zaslofsky;
 - Steven Pinnock; and
 - Jan Campbell; and

- (2) Fiona Nelson be appointed to the Board of Health in the event of the resignation of one of the aforementioned citizen members.

The Board of Health received the aforementioned communication.

**2.9 Appointments to the Toronto Hospital
Community Advisory Committee.**

This matter was not considered by the Board of Health, in that the recommendation of the Nominating Sub-Committee was not available at this time.

2.10 Schedule of Meetings, May-July 1999.

The Chair advised the Board of Health that a schedule of meetings for the Board was still being arranged based on the best dates available, and would be circulated to Members prior to the next meeting.

The Board of Health adjourned its meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Chair.