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**BOARD OF HEALTH  
AGENDA  
MEETING No. 5**

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>Monday, May 29, 2000</b>	<b>Enquiry:</b>	<b>Yvonne Davies</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>		<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Committee Room No. 1 100 Queen Street West Toronto City Hall</b>		<b>397-4855 ydavies@city. toronto.on.ca</b>

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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO  
THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT.**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:            May 1, 2000**

**1.     AIR POLLUTION BURDEN OF ILLNESS  
       IN TORONTO – SUMMARY REPORT.**

Medical Officer of Health  
(May 18, 2000)

Reporting on the key findings of Toronto Public Health's research study that estimates the number of premature deaths and hospitalizations that occur in the City of Toronto each year because of air pollution, and to provide policy recommendations for further action to improve air quality; advising that this report has no direct financial implications, that financial implications are related to the implementation of Toronto's Environmental Plan, for which resource requirements are currently under discussion by the Toronto Interdepartmental Environment Team; and **recommending** that the Board of Health:

- (1)     request that the Medical Officer of Health:
  - (a)     investigate the policy options available to the City to reduce air pollution from key contributors within Toronto such as diesel fueled vehicles;
  - (b)     report back through the 2001 budget process on the benefit and feasibility of creating a Clean Air Advocate position to work with other

municipalities and health units to advocate for the regulations, standards, policies and budget allocations needed from senior levels of government to improve regional air quality in southern Ontario; and a Clean Air Campaign Co-ordinator position to work with corporate staff, other government agencies, community groups and the private sector to implement a Greater Toronto Area-wide social marketing program to shift individual and institutional practices towards air quality improvement;

- (2) encourage City Council:
  - (a) in keeping with the Strategic Transportation Plan prepared by the Greater Toronto Services Board and the sustainable transportation recommendations contained in Toronto's Environmental Plan, to advocate to the Federal Ministers of Finance, Revenue, Transportation and Environment, and the Provincial Ministers of Finance, Municipal Affairs, Transportation and Environment for the funding to implement a sustainable transportation plan for the Greater Toronto Area;
  - (b) to encourage the Federal Ministers of Environment and Health to establish sulphur levels in diesel that maximize health benefits for residents across Canada and harmonize standards for off-road and on-road diesel;
  - (c) advocate to the Ontario Ministers of Environment and Energy, Science and Technology to:
    - (i) make the selling of Lakeview Generating Station conditional upon its conversion to natural gas;
    - (ii) establish for Ontario's electrical sector, the air emission caps recommended by the Ontario Clean Air Alliance that have been endorsed previously by both the Board of Health and City Council;
    - (iii) establish for coal-fired power plants serving Ontario, an air emission rate for nitrogen oxide emissions that matches the rate contained in the recently affirmed rule developed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and
    - (iv) revise the Air Quality Index to incorporate health based criteria that reflect the most recent scientific evidence for the six air pollutants identified in this report;
  - (d) Encourage the Federal Ministers of Environment and Health and the Canadian Council of Ministers of Environment to:
    - (i) Establish health protective Canada-wide Standards for carbon monoxide, sulphur dioxide, and nitrogen dioxide; and

- (ii) Establish Canada-wide Standards of 50 ug/m<sup>3</sup> (24-hour) for inhalable particulates, 25 ug/m<sup>3</sup> (24-hour) for respirable particulates, and 60 ppb (8-hour) for ozone to be attained by the year 2010; and
- (iii) Review the Canada-wide Standards for ozone and particulates on a regular basis to continually strengthen the standards towards the lowest adverse health effect level and/or naturally occurring background levels in the region to which they apply.
- (e) Ensure that adequate and sustained funding is provided in a timely fashion to implement the recommendations contained in the Environmental Plan that are directed at the improvement of air quality in Toronto;
- (f) Forward this report to the Greater Toronto Services Board, Toronto Transit Commission, GO Transit, Works Committee, Planning and Transportation Committee, Sustainability Roundtable, and the Toronto Interdepartmental Environment Team;
- (g) Forward this report to the Prime Minister and the Federal Ministers of Finance, Revenue, Health, Transportation, and Environment;
- (h) Forward this report to the Premier of Ontario and the Provincial Ministers of Finance, Health, Transportation, Environment and Energy, Science and Technology;
- (i) Forward this report to all municipalities with a population greater than 50,000 in Ontario, all health units in Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Ontario Public Health Association, Association for Local Public Health Agencies and the Canadian Urban Transit Association for information; and
- (j) Forward this report to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the New York Attorney General's office as information relevant to their legal action against coal-fired power plants in the mid-western United States.

## **2. ANNUAL AIR QUALITY REPORTS FOR THE CITY OF TORONTO.**

Medical Officer of Health  
(May 7, 2000)

Advising that the Ministry of the Environment has committed to shorten the time frame between the collection and reporting of the air quality monitoring results across Ontario; that Works and Emergency Services, in consultation with Public Health, has agreed to prepare annual air quality reports specific to the City of Toronto, and **recommending** that:

- (1) the Board of Health forward this report to the Works Committee and request that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in consultation with the Medical Officer of Health, be directed to report annually to the Works Committee and the Board of Health on the status of air quality in Toronto; and
- (2) the appropriate City staff be authorized and directed to take necessary action to give effect thereto.

### **3. PATTERNS OF CHILD RESPIRATORY ILLNESS IN TORONTO.**

Medical Officer of Health  
(May 16, 2000)

Informing the Board of Health of the results of an investigation into certain patterns of childhood respiratory illness in Toronto and **recommending** that:

- (1) the Board of Health forward this report to the Community Services Committee for information; and
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Toronto District Health Council, the Ontario Medical Association, the Ontario Hospital Association, the Association of Ontario Health Centres and the Child Health Network for their consideration when planning health care services for children and their families in the Scarborough area.

### **4. HOT WEATHER RESPONSE PLAN FOR THE SUMMER OF 2000.**

Medical Officer of Health  
(May 12, 2000)

Providing an outline of the protocol for the Hot Weather Response plan for the summer of 2000; advising that up to \$40,000.00 will be reallocated within the 2000 Public Health Operating Budget from underspending in the Cold Weather Alert program; that Finance staff have been consulted and concur with this financial impact statement; and **recommending** that:

- (1) the Medical Officer of Health call a Heat Warning when there is a weather forecast involving a Humidex 40 degrees Celsius or greater for at least a two day period, and that this Heat Warning activate the Hot Weather Response protocol as outlined in this report;
- (2) the Mayor declare a Heat Emergency when there is a weather forecast involving a Humidex greater than 45 degrees Celsius for at least a two day

period, and that this Heat Emergency declaration would activate the City's Emergency Plan;

- (3) funds up to \$40,000 for the Hot Weather Response be reallocated within the Public Health 2000 Operating Budget from underspending in the Cold Weather Alert program;
- (4) Toronto Public Health continue to participate in research into the relationship between extreme hot weather and health impacts, including the establishment of a Toronto specific heat response threshold;
- (5) Toronto Public Health continue to develop a long-term plan that addresses the broader issues of climate change and global warming in collaboration with community partners and other stakeholders;
- (6) the Medical Officer of Health report to the Board of Health the results of the summer alerts in the fall of 2000;
- (7) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee; and
- (8) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary steps to give effect thereto.

**5. UPDATE ON RETIREMENT HOMES HOTLINE AND RELATED INSPECTIONS.**

**(Report not yet available)**

Medical Officer of Health  
(May, 2000)

**6. EMERGING ISSUES IN THE FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM AND OPTIONS FOR A FOOD PREMISES INSPECTION PUBLIC DISCLOSURE AND RATING SYSTEM FOR THE CITY OF TORONTO.**

*SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT 1:00 P.M.*

Medical Officer of Health  
(May 17, 2000)

Providing an analysis of food premises inspection disclosure rating system options for the City of Toronto, including a report back on preliminary public and

stakeholder consultation and an overview of Food Safety Program issues and policy options for a food premises inspection public disclosure and rating system for the City of Toronto; advising that financial implications, including staffing levels and revenue potential, will be detailed in a comprehensive Food Safety report to the Board of Health in June 2000, in conjunction with a report from the City Auditor; and **recommending** that:

- (1) the Board of Health endorse the principle of food handler training, certification and periodic re-certification for food premise owners/managers and at least one trained food handler per shift, as a requirement for the ongoing operation of food premises in Toronto;
- (2) the Board of Health urge the provincial Minister of Health to amend the Health Protection and Promotion Act, R.S.O. 1990 and/or the Food Premises Regulation, R.R.O. 562/90 so as to:
  - (a) require food handler training, certification and periodic re-certification as a prerequisite for the operation of food premises in Ontario;
  - (b) strengthen the system of progressive penalties against owners/operators of food premises that have a past history of non-compliance, up to and including permanent closure for repeated critical infractions;
  - (c) enable the development of a food premise disclosure and rating system for Ontario;
- (3) the Board of Health request the provincial Minister of Health to: (a) collaborate with the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, local municipalities and local boards of health in the review and development of consistent food premises disclosure and rating systems for Ontario; (b) expedite the approval of higher set fines for violations of the Food Premise Regulation, R.R.O.562/90;
- (4) the Medical Officer of Health report back to the June 26, 2000 meeting of the Board of Health on:
  - (a) a local implementation plan and associated resource requirements for a food handler training and certification program that maximizes food handlers' access to a variety of training options and is based on full cost-recovery of any direct costs to Toronto Public Health;
  - (b) changes to the City's licensing system that can be implemented in Toronto to implement progressive penalties against owners/operators of food premises with a past history of non-

compliance, up to and including permanent closure for repeated critical infractions;

- (c) a proposed food premises disclosure and rating system for Toronto, contingent upon any necessary amendments to the Health Protection and Promotion Act, R.S.O. 1990 and/or the Food Premises Regulation, R.R.O. 562/90.

**6a.** Secretary, Board of Health  
(April 3, 2000)

Advising that the Board of Health, at its meeting held on April 3, 2000, during consideration of a report (March 24) from the Medical Officer of Health with respect to a proposed public consultation process for the food premises disclosure and rating system, among other things, directed that the following motions be tabled and considered with the report from the Medical Officer of Health:

- (a) Moved by Councillor Filion:
  - (i) that the Board of Health urge the Province and the Minister of Health to amend the Food Premises Regulation made under the Health Protection and Promotion Act to authorize municipalities to pass by-laws which require food premises operators to conspicuously post notices related to food premises inspections performed by City staff;
  - (ii) that the Province of Ontario be requested to amend section 220.1 of the Municipal Act or, in the alternative, that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing be requested to make a regulation under section 220.1 of the Act, to authorize the City to pass by-laws to impose fees or charges on any class of persons for services provided by City staff in respect of food premises re-inspections which are imposed by the Mandatory Health Services and Program Guidelines made pursuant to the Health Protection and Promotion Act;
  - (iii) that proposed changes to the City's licensing system be referred to the next meeting of the Licensing Sub-committee of the Planning and Transportation Committee for public deputations and debate;
  - (iv) that the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto;
- (b) Moved by Councillor King:

- (i) that the Medical Officer of Health request the Province of Ontario to give the City of Toronto the authority to set fines and implement user fees for restaurants which fail an initial public health inspection; and
- (ii) that the Chair of the Board of Health be requested to meet with the Provincial Minister of Health and Long Term Care to seek her assistance in this matter.

**7. RAVE PARTIES – SUBSTANCE ABUSE SUB-COMMITTEE.**

City Clerk

(May 12, 2000)

Advising that City Council, at its meeting held on May 9, 10 and 11, 2000, in adopting a Motion by Mayor Lastman, seconded by Councillor Pantalone, with respect to Rave parties, among other things:

- (a) requested the newly established Substance Abuse Sub-Committee of the Board of Health to deal with drug-related issues at Rave parties and make recommendations to Council, through the Board of Health, around drug prevention and harm reduction;
- (b) requested the Board of Health to include a senior police representative to participate on the Substance Abuse Sub-Committee and, further, that the Chief of Police be requested to make a senior level appointment in this regard;
- (c) the Medical Officer of Health be requested to submit a report to the August 1, 2 and 3, 2000, meeting of City Council, through the Board of Health, on how to deal with illegal drug use at Raves and other related parties; and
- (d) directed that all discussions conducted and reports prepared on the issue of Rave parties include participation and consultation with officials from Toronto Ambulance and Toronto Fire Services.

**ANY OTHER MATTERS.**