
**BOARD OF HEALTH
AGENDA
MEETING No. 7**

Date of Meeting:	Monday, July 24, 2000	Enquiry:	Yvonne Davies
Time:	1:00 p.m.		Secretary
Location:	Committee Room No. 1 100 Queen Street West Toronto City Hall		397-4855 ydavies@city. toronto.on.ca

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: June 26, 2000

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

**1. INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION FOR
 CITY OF TORONTO EMPLOYEES.**

Medical Officer of Health
(July 11, 2000)

Reporting on options for influenza immunization of City of Toronto employees; advising the financial impact of providing influenza immunization to City employees involves the cost of providing immunization clinics at City worksites and the cost of providing vaccine for those employees who are not eligible to receive it free from the Province; further that the cost of administering influenza immunization for city employees (excluding City Agencies, Boards and Commissions) is estimated at approximately \$187,064 annually; that funds for this program are not included in the approved allocation for Employee Health Services, Corporate Services budget and cannot be absorbed within the approved allocation; that influenza prevention in the 2000/2001 winter season will require employee immunization and associated expenditure of funds beginning in the fall of 2000; and further that funds for this purpose can be provided on a one-time only basis through a reallocation of under-expenditures in the Public Health

Program; that on-going expenses for this initiative should be considered in the 2001 operating budget process for Employee Health Services and that Provincial cost-sharing for this initiative will be sought; that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and concurs with the financial impact statement, and **recommending** that:

- (1) the City of Toronto Employee Health Services offer influenza vaccination at no charge to all city employees beginning in the fall of 2000;
- (2) Employee Health Services contract out the provision of on-site influenza immunization clinics across the city;
- (3) City Council approve the expenditure of \$187,064 to provide influenza immunization to City employees;
- (4) the estimated cost of this program be absorbed within the 2000 approved Operating Budget within Public Health and that a report be submitted to the Policy and Finance Committee on details of this expenditure and the under-expenditures in 2000 that may be re-allocated for this purpose, as part of the 2000 Operating Budget Variance reporting process;
- (5) the Board of Health urge the Ontario Ministry of Health to include influenza vaccination for municipal employees in its Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines, and that the Ministry of Health provide free influenza vaccine for this purpose and 50:50 cost-sharing of immunization expenses;
- (6) the Board of Health refer this report to Policy and Finance Committee for its consideration;
- (7) the Board of Health refer this report to the Occupational Health and Safety Communicable Disease Control Policy Workgroup for information; and
- (8) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

2. BILL S-20 – THE TOBACCO YOUTH PROTECTION ACT.

Medical Officer of Health
(July 11, 2000)

Informing the Board of Health of Bill S-20, the Tobacco Youth Protection Act and to seek endorsement of this bill by the Board of Health and City Council, in view of the Bill's potential contribution to Toronto's Comprehensive Tobacco Use Reduction Strategy; advising no financial implications, and **recommending** that:

- (1) the Board of Health and City Council endorse Bill S-20, the Tobacco Youth Protection Act, and request the Prime Minister, the Minister of Health and all Toronto area Members of Parliament to support passage of Bill S-20 by the House of Commons; and
- (2) this report be forwarded to all Boards of Health in Ontario for similar endorsement and advocacy with their federal Members of Parliament.

3. A STANDARDIZED APPROACH TO THE DELIVERY OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES IN SCHOOLS.

Medical Officer of Health
(July 12, 2000)

Proposing a model for the delivery of Public Health Services in schools to ensure consistent access to Public Health services City-wide; advising no financial implications for year 2000; and **recommending** that:

- (1) the Board of Health endorse the “Comprehensive School Health (CSH)” model for the delivery of public health services in schools;
- (2) that the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary steps to give effect thereto; and
- (3) that this report be forwarded to the Children Youth and Action Committee for information.

4. LAKEVIEW GENERATING STATION - HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS.

Medical Officer of Health
(July 7, 2000)

Providing response to Council’s request respecting the potential health and environmental impacts associated with the selling of the Lakeview Generating Station; advising no direct financial implications for the City of Toronto and **recommending** that the Board of Health:

- (1) strongly recommend to the Premier of Ontario and to the Ontario Minister of the Environment that they require full conversion of the Lakeview Generating Station to natural gas within two years whether or not it is sold; and
- (2) forward this report to the Works Committee as requested by City Council.

5. FOOD PREMISES INSPECTIONS BLITZ.

Medical Officer of Health
(July 11, 2000)

Reporting on the findings of the food premises inspections blitz conducted between February 22 to June 16, 2000; advising no financial implications and **recommending** that the Board of Health refer this report to City Council for information.

**6. RESPONSE TO AUDIT SERVICES REPORT ENTITLED
“REVIEW OF FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM”.**

Medical Officer of Health
(July 11, 2000)

Responding to the recommendations contained in the City Auditor's Review of Food Safety Program report presented to the Board of Health on June 26, 2000; advising no financial implications and **recommending** that this report be received for information.

7. VARIANCE REPORT TO JUNE, 2000.

Medical Officer of Health
(July, 2000)

(Report to be distributed at the meeting)

8. COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLES ON HEALTH.

Councillor Irene Jones, Vice-Chair and
Mr. Lee Zaslofsky, member, Board of Health
(July 10, 2000)

Reporting on the four Community Roundtables on Health held on April 15, 2000 and to recommend the next step in the process of integrating community identification of local health needs into Divisional planning and determining most appropriate mechanisms for community participation with the Board of Health; advising no financial implications and **recommending** that:

- (1) the Board of Health hold four Community Roundtables on Health on September 11, 2000 to contribute to the process of integrating community identification of

local health needs into Divisional planning and to determine most appropriate mechanisms for community participation with the Board of Health; and

- (2) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

9. PURCHASES OF SERVICES CONTRACTS.

Medical Officer of Health, addressed to Policy and Finance Committee
(July 11, 2000)

Reporting on a process that will confirm the authority of the Medical Officer of Health to both award and execute purchase of service contracts for the Preschool Speech and Language program, the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children program, the Sexual Health and AIDS prevention programs, and the Child Nutrition Program, in consultation with the Purchasing and Materials Management Division and the City Solicitor.; advising no financial implications; further that the Preschool Speech and Language program and the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children program are funded 100% by the Ministry of Health. Sexual Health program components are 50% cost shared, with the exception of two sexual health contracts totalling \$100,000 that are 100% Ministry of Health funded; that funding for the respective purchase of service contracts has been approved in the 2000 Operating Budget; and that the Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed and concurs with the financial impact statement; and **recommending** that:

- (1) authority be granted to the Medical Officer of Health to award the purchase of service contracts related to the programs named in this report, such purchase of service agencies to be selected in accordance with specific selection criteria as described in the report;
- (2) authority be granted to the Medical Officer of Health to both award and execute, on an ongoing annual basis, the purchase of service contracts for the programs named in this report, within the Toronto Public Health approved budget;
- (3) authority be granted to the Medical Officer of Health to amend the amount of said purchase of service contracts subject to a prior report to Policy and Finance Committee on changes in provincial funding and/or service targets;
- (4) the Medical Officer of Health ensure accountability of agencies in accordance with program requirements specified in Appendices "A", "B", "C", and "D" in this report; and
- (5) that the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary steps to give effect thereto.

10. DRUG PREVENTION AND HARM REDUCTION IN REGARD TO RAVES.

Medical Officer of Health
(July 4, 2000)

Outlining the drug prevention and harm reduction strategies of Toronto Public Health in regard to raves; responding to specific recommendations pertaining to Toronto Public Health from the Inquest Touching the Death of Allen Ho; advising no financial implications and **recommending** that:

- (1) the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care organize a network of public health units throughout Ontario to develop educational strategies targeted at the drug use problems in the community;
- (2) Toronto Public Health continue to support vehicles for peer-based interventions for promoting safe, healthy practices at raves, including the Toronto Raver Info Project and the Toronto Dance Safety Committee as outlined in the Protocol for the Operation of Safe Dance Events;
- (3) the Board of Health include rave health education as a priority for the Drug Abuse Prevention Grants Review Panel, with a contribution in 2001 from the City of Toronto Consolidated Grants Budget, Public Health Line, of \$20,000, and further contributions of funds from the promoters of each rave, based on the size of the rave, in lieu of the \$.50 per ticket surtax suggested by the Inquest;
- (4) Toronto Public Health develop culturally appropriate print, radio, television, and Internet health promotion materials to promote safe, healthy practices at raves, in partnership with the Centre for Addictions and Mental Health and the private sector, as part of its ongoing substance abuse strategy;
- (5) the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care support and finance blood testing in drug overdose cases reported to emergency departments in order to add to the accuracy of reporting on the pattern of drug use in the community; and support hospital emergency departments to implement systems that would make it easier to extract information on drug overdoses from their records and make that information available to public health units;
- (6) this report be referred to City Council for consideration at its meeting of August 1, 2, and 3, 2000; and
- (7) that the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary steps to give effect thereto.

10a. Committee Secretary, Substance Abuse Subcommittee
(July 7, 2000)

Advising that the Substance Abuse Sub-Committee, on July 7, 2000, recommended to the Board of Health the adoption of the report (June 29, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health respecting drug prevention and harm reduction in regard to raves, subject to:

- (1) amending Recommendation No. (1) by adding the words “and boards of education” after the words “a network of public health units” and by adding the words “including primary prevention and outreach to parents” after the words “drug use problems in the community”, so that such recommendation shall now read as follows:

“(1) the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care organize a network of public health units and boards of education throughout Ontario to develop educational strategies targeted at the drug use problems in the community including primary prevention and outreach to parents;” and

- (2) adding the following additional recommendations:

“(8) raves be permitted on City owned property if they comply with:

- (a) the applicable recommendations contained in this report;
- (b) the protocol for the safe operation of a rave as approved in 1999 by City Council; and
- (c) any further requirements that may be approved by City Council after consultation with the Toronto Dance Safety Committee;

(9) City Council consider developing protocols for other similar kinds of events; and

(10) the Board of Health advocate to the Ministry of Education and Training to provide funding for the development of a substance use and abuse unit of study as part of the Grade 11 and 12 course profiles for the healthy living strand of the health and physical education curriculum.”

11. 10TH ANNUAL REPORT OF RESEARCH GROUP ON DRUG USE ENTITLED “DRUG USE IN TORONTO”.

Committee Secretary, Substance Abuse Subcommittee
(July 7, 2000)

Forwarding, for information, the 10th Annual Report of the Research Group on Drug Use in Toronto entitled “Drug Use in Toronto”.

(A copy of the aforementioned report has been circulated to members only.)

12. ONTARIO STUDENT DRUG USE SURVEY 1999 AND CANADIAN CAMPUS SURVEY, APRIL 2000.

Committee Secretary, Substance Abuse Subcommittee
(July 7, 2000)

Forwarding, for information, slide presentations submitted by Dr. Edward Adlaf, Head, Population and Life Course Studies, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, respecting the Ontario Student Drug Use Survey 1999 and the Canadian Campus Survey, April 2000.

13. REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION AND REPORT – 82 LAMBTON AVENUE, WARD 27.

Councillor Frances Nunziata, York-Humber
(June 21, 2000)

Requesting for an investigation and report on adverse health effects experienced in this community.

14. LIST OF OUTSTANDING ITEMS, 1998 AND 1999.

Secretary, Board of Health
(July 12, 2000)

Forwarding list of outstanding items for the Board’s consideration for 1998 and 1999.

**15. SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NANTICOKE COAL-FIRED
PLANT ON TORONTO'S AIR QUALITY.**

Medical Officer of Health

(July, 2000)

(Report to be distributed at the meeting.)