
**BOARD OF HEALTH
AGENDA
MEETING No. 8**

Date of Meeting:	Monday, September 25, 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: July 24, 2000

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

**1. AMENDMENT TO LICENSING BY-LAW NO. 574-2000
AS IT RELATES TO FOOD PREMISES.**

Medical Officer of Health
(September 18, 2000)

Outlining issues and corresponding recommendations for the amendment of Licensing By-law No. 574-2000, pursuant to City Council's approval of the food premises disclosure system in August 2000; advising no financial implications and **recommending** that:

- (1) the Licensing By-law be amended so that eating and drinking establishments licensed by the City be required to post food safety inspection notices commencing January 1, 2001;

- (2) posting of food safety inspection notices by eating and drinking establishments that are not licensed by the City, such as institutional kitchens in hospitals, long term care facilities, school cafeterias, group homes and homes for special care, be deferred pending further stakeholder consultation within these sectors;
- (3) restaurants within or attached to hotels be requested to post Food Safety Inspection Notices on a voluntary basis pending industry consultation regarding the licensure of hotels and/or restaurants in hotels, licensure being a pre-requisite for mandatory posting of these Notices;
- (4) the Medical Officer of Health report back on a strategy for implementing mandatory food handler training and certification in collaboration with key partners including the food and restaurant industry, academic institutions, the Ontario Ministry of Health and other stakeholders;
- (5) the Medical Officer of Health and Executive Director of Municipal Licensing and Standards report back to the Board of Health and Planning and Transportation Committee during 2001, on further amendments to Licensing By-law 574-2000 regarding mandatory food handler certification and mandatory posting of Food Safety Inspection Notices in hotels and other sectors, in concert with pending revisions to the Licensing By-law as a whole; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to implement the recommendations in this report.

2. FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM: COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS.

City Solicitor,
City Auditor and
Medical Officer of Health
 (September 8, 2000)

Reporting on food safety compliance inspections as requested by City Council, advising no immediate financial implications, and **recommending** that this report be referred to City Council for information.

3. OPTIONS TO REDUCE MERCURY EMISSIONS FROM HOSPITALS IN THE CITY OF TORONTO.

Medical Officer of Health
 (September 7, 2000)

Reporting on options to reduce mercury emissions from hospitals in the City of Toronto; advising no financial implications, and **recommending** that:

- (1) the Board of Health send this report directly to all hospitals in Toronto and encourage them to:
 - (a) implement mercury reduction/elimination initiatives;
 - (b) sign the Health Care Without Harm mercury pledge to practise mercury-free medicine; and
 - (c) sign the Ontario Mercury Health Care Steering Committee Memorandum of Understanding to voluntarily reduce and eliminate the use of mercury in hospitals;
- (2) the Board of Health request the Ontario Ministry of Health to urge all hospitals in the province to implement mercury reduction/elimination initiatives;
- (3) the Board of Health request the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) to develop a Canada-Wide Standard (CWS) for the national phasing out of mercury-containing products in hospitals;
- (4) the Board of Health request the Ontario Ministry of the Environment to:
 - (a) report publicly by 2007 on the progress of Ontario hospitals in achieving the CWS for mercury and;
 - (b) in the event that the CWS is not achieved, consider any necessary legislative, or program actions to limit mercury emissions from medical waste incinerators;
- (5) the Board of Health request the Ontario Hospital Association to maintain and post on its website, a list of hospitals in Ontario that are demonstrating leadership and best practices in mercury use reduction and elimination;
- (6) the Board of Health request the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation to include pollution prevention, specifically mercury reduction and elimination as a requirement in accreditation programs for health service organizations;
- (7) the Board of Health forward this report for information, to the Ontario Mercury Health Care Steering Committee, Toronto District Health Council, Canadian Healthcare Association, Environment Canada, Health Care Without Harm, Toronto District School Board, Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, Canadian Centre for Pollution Prevention and Pollution Probe; and
- (8) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

4. HARMONIZATION OF THE NOISE BY-LAW.

Commissioner, Urban Development Services,
Medical Officer of Health; and
Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services
 (June 13, 2000)

Reporting on the harmonization of the noise by-law, advising no financial implications, and **recommending** that this report be received as information, and that the Board of Health forward this report for information to the Planning and Transportation Committee, the Works Committee and the Sustainability Roundtable.

5. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CELL TOWERS.

Medical Officer of Health
 (September 8, 2000)

Reporting on the outcome of the International Conference on Cell Tower Siting: Linking Science and Public Health, held in Salzburg, Austria, June 7-8, 2000; advising no financial implications, and **recommending** that:

- (1) the Board of Health recommend to Health Canada that public exposure limits for radio frequency fields under Safety Code 6 be made 100 times more strict as previously recommended by the Board of Health for the siting of cellular telephone base transmitters in Toronto and by the International Conference on Cell Tower Siting held in Salzburg, Austria during June 7-8, 2000;
- (2) the Board of Health forward this report to the federal Minister of Industry; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

6. POLICY OPTIONS TO CREATE INCENTIVES AND DISINCENTIVES RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT.

Medical Officer of Health and
Commissioner, Urban Development Services
 (September 8, 2000)

Reporting on progress of initiatives by various departments in the City of Toronto regarding transportation demand management, advising no direct financial implications, and **recommending** that this report be received for information.

**7. VIELE BROTHERS AUTOBODY – 82 LAMBTON AVE.
(WARD 27)**

Medical Officer of Health
(September 11, 2000)

Responding to a request from Councillor Nunziata for an investigation of the Viele Brothers Autobody Ltd., located at 82 Lambton Avenue, former City of York, due to community concerns that fumes from the painting booth may be affecting the health of children attending an adjacent elementary school; advising no financial implications, and **recommending** that this report be received for information.

8. RAW SEWAGE DISCHARGES INTO LAKE ONTARIO.

Medical Officer of Health and
Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services
(September 11, 2000)

Reporting to the Board of Health on the number of incidences of raw sewage discharges into Lake Ontario during the previous three to five years; advising no financial implications, and recommending that that this report be received for information.

**9. TORONTO PUBLIC HEALTH'S PARTICIPATION IN COALITIONS,
COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL COLLABORATIONS.**

Medical Officer of Health
(September 11, 2000)

Documenting Toronto Public Health's role in coalitions and community and professional collaborations to determine the extent to which Toronto Public Health benefits from and/or requires the partnership for effective service to citizens; advising no financial implications, and **recommending** that:

- (1) the Board of Health forward this report to the Policy and Finance Committee for its consideration as directed by Council;
- (2) given the major benefits to Toronto citizens as outlined in this report, Toronto Public Health continue to participate in appropriate coalitions, community and professional collaborations and to utilize community development and advocacy strategies in order to fulfil mandatory program requirement and meet local needs; and
- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

10. PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HEAT-HEALTH WATCH/WARNING SYSTEM FOR THE CITY OF TORONTO.

Medical Officer of Health
(September 8, 2000)

Outlining the requirements for a partnership agreement between the City of Toronto and the Toronto Atmospheric Fund for a project funded through the Federal Government's Climate Change Action Fund - Grant A277; advising that Toronto Public Health will administer the agreement on behalf of the City; further that funding for this project comes from Natural Resources Canada through the Climate Change Action Fund - Grant A277; that required Toronto Public Health staff resources were planned for in the 2000 Public Health Operating Budget and operational plans, that no additional resources are required; and **recommending** that:

- (1) City Council authorize the Medical Officer of Health to sign a Partnership Agreement between the Toronto Atmospheric Fund and the City of Toronto regarding the Climate Change Action Fund - Grant A277, based on terms satisfactory to the Medical Officer of Health and the City Solicitor; and
- (2) that the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary steps to give effect thereto.

11. PROPOSED PUBLIC CAMPAIGN REGARDING ANIMAL SERVICES' SPAY/NEUTER CLINICS.

Medical Officer of Health
(September 11, 2000)

Reporting to the Board of Health on details regarding a public campaign for the Animal Services' Spay/Neuter Clinics; advising that funding required to implement a public campaign for sterilization of cats and dogs will be considered within the overall context of required service levels for animal services across the City, further that the required resources will be included in the 2001 Public Health Operating Budget submission; and **recommending** that:

- (1) the Board of Health approve the approach to campaigning for spaying and neutering of cats and dogs and advertising the city's sterilization clinics as an available alternative for this procedure as proposed in this report;
- (2) the resources required for this initiative be considered within the overall service levels required for animal services across the City with specific resource requirements to be included in the 2001 Public Health Operating Budget submission; and

- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary steps to give effect thereto.

12. CANADA-UNITED STATES AIR QUALITY AGREEMENT.

City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee
(August 22, 2000)

Recommending that the Board of Health be requested to endorse the following action:

- (1) that the Toronto Cycling Committee strongly supports the efforts of the Government of Canada, to negotiate much lower levels of smog related air pollutants in the United States and Canada, in the current bi-national negotiations of an Ozone Annex to the Canada-United States Air Quality Agreement; and
- (2) that this position be forwarded to relevant government agencies and departments for appropriate action.

13. FOOD AND HUNGER ACTION COMMITTEE PHASE I REPORT 'PLANTING THE SEEDS'.

City Clerk
(July 14, 2000)

Forwarding, for information, Clause No. 1 embodied in Report No. 6 of the Community Services Committee, headed "Food and Hunger Action Committee Phase I Report 'Planting the Seeds'", which was adopted, as amended by the Council of the City of Toronto, at its meeting on July 4, 5 and 6, 2000.

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14. ESTABLISHMENT OF LATE NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT PROTOCOL (INCLUDING RAVES) AND CO-ORDINATED RESPONSE TO INQUEST RECOMMENDATIONS INTO THE DEATH OF ALLEN HO.

City Clerk
(August 11, 2000)

Advising that Council, at its meeting on August 1, 2, 3 and 4, 2000, in adopting Clause No. 1 of Report No. 7 of the Community Services Committee, headed "Establishment of Late Night Entertainment Protocol (including Raves) and Co-ordinated Response to

Inquest Recommendations into the Death of Allen Ho”, as amended, directed the Board of Health to:

- (1) 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 \$20,000.00, and further contributions of funds from the promoters of each rave, based on the size of the rave, in lieu of the \$0.50 per ticket surtax suggested by the Inquest; and that this recommendation be referred to the 2001 Operating Budget process; and
- (2) 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.

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