

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Division**

**Minutes of the Board of Health**

**Meeting No. 1**

**Monday, January 24, 2000**

The Board of Health met on Monday, January 24, 2000, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1:05 p.m.

**Members Present:**

	<u>1:00 p.m.-2:50 p.m.</u>	<u>In Camera-2:35 p.m.</u>
Councillor John Filion Chair	X	X
Councillor Irene Jones, Vice-Chair	X	X
Ms. Jan Campbell	X	X
Mr. Robert Davies	X	X
Trustee Gerri Gershon	X	X
Councillor Anne Johnston	X	X
Councillor Joan King	X	X
Ms. Gail Lindsay	X	X
Mr. Brian MacKay	X	X
Councillor Joe Mihevc	X	X
Mr. Steven Pinnock	absent	absent
Councillor Michael Prue	X	X
Mr. Lee Zaslofsky	X	X

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

**Confirmation of Minutes.**

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Health held on December 6, 1999, were confirmed.

**1.1 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of Health.**

In accordance with Section 57(2) of the Health Protection and Promotion Act, the Secretary asked for nominations for the position of Chair of the Board of Health.

Councillor Jones nominated Councillor Filion, who agreed to stand. There being no further nominations, Trustee Gershon moved that nominations be closed, which **carried**

The Secretary declared Councillor Filion duly elected Chair of the Board of Health.

Councillor Filion assumed the Chair and asked for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Councillor Mihevc nominated Councillor Jones.

There being no further nominations, Trustee Gershon moved that nominations be closed, which **carried**

Councillor Filion declared Councillor Jones duly elected Vice-Chair.

(Councillor John Filion; Councillor Irene Jones – January 25, 2000)

## **1.2 Children's Action Plan and Youth Violence Prevention Initiatives: Budget Implications for Public Health.**

The Board of Health had before it a report (January 14, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health outlining the financial implications for the Public Health 2000 operating budget of implementing the "Action Plan for the Children's Report Card 1999" and the "Follow-up on Initiatives Addressing Youth Violence" and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health support the addition of \$2,621,000.00 to the 2000 Public Health operating budget to fund the programs identified in the "Action Plan for the Children's Report Card 1999" and in the "Follow-up on Initiatives Addressing Youth Violence" and seek Provincial cost-sharing for the proposed initiatives; and
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration and to the Budget Advisory Committee Administrator for the budget process pending file in accordance with the Financial Control Protocols adopted by Council.

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The Board of Health also had before it a communication (January 24, 2000) from Mr. Rich Whate, Toronto Environmental Alliance.

Dr. Hazel Stewart, Regional Director, Toronto Public Health, gave a presentation to the Board of Health in connection with the foregoing matter.

The following persons also appeared before the Board of Health in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Mr. Rich Whate, Toronto Environment Alliance; and
- Ms. Fiona Nelson.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board of Health:

- (1) adopted, in principle, the report dated January 14, 2000, from the Medical Officer of Health, outlining the financial implications for the Public Health 2000 operating budget of implementing the "Action Plan for the Children's Report Card 1999" and the "Follow-up on Initiatives Addressing Youth Violence";
- (2) directed that a copy of the report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration and to the Budget Advisory Committee Administrator for the budget process pending file in accordance with the Financial Control Protocols adopted by Council, and in accordance with Recommendation No. (2) of the report.

The Board of Health also:

- (1) requested the Medical Officer of Health to submit a report to the Board, through its Budget Sub-Committee, with respect to:
  - (i) on motion by Councillor Jones, prioritizing the proposed programs outlined in the aforementioned report, based on comments made during consideration of this matter;
  - (ii) on motion by Ms. Campbell, initiatives already in place, such as the Child Health Care Network, the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Community and Social Services, under the auspices of integrated services for children; and

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- (iii) evidence and information on public health best practices;
- (2) on motion by Councillor Jones, referred the following recommendation embodied in the communication (January 24, 2000) from Mr. R. Whate, to the Medical Officer of Health with the request that such recommendation be incorporated into existing Public Health programs, if possible:

“The Board of Health request staff to include environmental messaging (such as information about fish consumption warnings and pesticide advisories) in the “Social Marketing Campaign on Pre-Pregnancy Health” of the Action Plan for the Children’s Report Card 1999.”; and

- (3) on motion by Mr. Zaslofsky, referred the following motion, suggested by Ms. Nelson, to the Medical Officer of Health, in consultation with the Toronto District Health Council, with the request that she submit a report thereon to the meeting of the Board scheduled to be held on June 26, 2000:

“It is recommended that the Board of Health request the Toronto District Health Council, Toronto Public Health, and other relevant health agencies and organizations to develop and pilot (including documentation) a comprehensive children’s health service system, especially for children at risk. Services would include, among others, hearing and vision screening, dental services, mental health assessment, and referrals.”

(Policy and Finance Committee; Medical Officer of Health; Budget Sub-Committee; c: Administrator, Budget Advisory Committee; Interested Persons; Toronto District Health Council – January 25, 2000)

### **1.3 Representative to ALPHA (Association of Local Public Health Agencies).**

The Board of Health had before it a communication (October 29, 1999) from Ms. Marilen Miguel, Administrative Assistant, Association of Local Public Health Agencies, requesting a representative from each Board of Health to act as an information liaison between the Association of Local Public Health Agencies and each Board.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board of Health deferred consideration of this matter to a future meeting.

(Ms. Marilen Miguel, Administrative Assistant, Association of Local Public Health Agencies – January 25, 2000)

**1.4 Standards of Care in Retirement and Lodging Homes.**

The Board of Health had before it a communication (January 13, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Community Services Committee at its meeting on January 13, 2000:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee the adoption of the attached report (December 29, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting standards of care in retirement and lodging homes; and
- (2) directed that a copy of the report be forwarded to the Board of Health for information.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board of Health received the foregoing communication.

**1.5 Interim Appropriation for Retirement and Lodging Homes Hotline and Inspection.**

The Board of Health had before it a communication (January 13, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Community Services Committee, at its meeting on January 13, 2000:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee the adoption of the attached joint report (December 29, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Medical Officer of Health requesting an interim appropriation for the Retirement and Lodging Homes Hotline and Inspection; and
- (2) directed that a copy of the report be forwarded to the Board of Health for information, in accordance with Recommendation No. (3).

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board of Health received the foregoing communication.

**1.6 City of Toronto Queen Elizabeth II  
Sesquicentennial Scholarship in  
Community Health Nursing for 1999.**

The Board of Health had before it a confidential report (January 10, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health respecting the City of Toronto Queen Elizabeth II Sesquicentennial Scholarship in Community Health Nursing for 1999; and recommending that the Board of Health offer congratulations to the two 1999 recipients of the Queen Elizabeth II Sesquicentennial Scholarship in Community Health Nursing.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board of Health adopted the confidential report from the Medical Officer of Health.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Councillor Filion, Chair, Board of Health – January 25, 2000)

**1.7 Personnel Matter.**

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board recessed to meet in camera to discuss a personal matter about an identifiable individual.

The matter remains in camera.

The Board resumed its public session.

**1.8 New York Law Suit Against Midwestern  
Coal-Fired Power Plants.**

The Board of Health had before it a communication (January 20, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of a report (January 17, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health responding to City Council's request to investigate the legal and resource implications required for the City to support New York's legal action against mid-western U. S. coal-fired power plants as a 'friend of the court'.

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Board of Health received the foregoing communication.

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**1.9 Ontario Public Health Association,  
50<sup>TH</sup> Annual Conference.**

The Board of Health had before it a communication (January 18, 2000) from Mr. Peter R. Elson, Executive Director, Ontario Public Health Association, expressing appreciation for the support provided by Toronto Public Health in making the conference so successful.

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Board of Health received the foregoing communication.

**1.10 Hospital Emergency Services.**

The Board of Health had before it a communication (January 18, 2000) from Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, High Park, expressing concern regarding the quality of emergency services being provided in hospitals in the City of Toronto.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board of Health requested its Chair to write to the Toronto District Health Council and the Ontario Ministry of Health:

- (1) expressing the Board's concern about back-logs impeding public access to hospital emergency rooms and the inefficient use of ambulance services; and
- (2) requesting the Toronto District Health Council to work with local health service providers to recommend to the Minister of Health steps to be taken in the areas of community and long-term care, mental health and primary care to reduce the high levels of demand on Toronto hospital emergency rooms.

(Councillor John Filion, Chair, Board of Health; c. Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski, Medical Officer of Health – January 25, 2000)

The Board adjourned its meeting at 2:50 p.m.

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Chair.