

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Board of Health

Meeting No. 2

Monday, February 21, 2000

The Board of Health met on Monday, February 21, 2000, in Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1:10 p.m.

Members Present:

1:10 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Councillor John Filion Chair		X
Councillor Irene Jones, Vice-Chair		X
Ms. Jan Campbell		X
Mr. Robert Davies		X
Trustee Gerri Gershon		X
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

Also Present:

Councillor Olivia Chow	X	
Ms. Fiona Nelson		X

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

Councillor Irene Jones assumed the Chair

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Councillor King, the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Health held on January 24, 2000, were confirmed.

2.1 State of the City's Health.

The Board of Health had before it a report (February 14, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health providing an overview of the health of the people in Toronto along with an outline of some Toronto Public Health strategies to improve health outcomes; highlighting health trends for the coming year; and recommending that this report be received for information.

Dr. Sheela Basrur, Medical Officer of Health, gave a presentation to the Board of Health in connection with the foregoing matter.

The Board of Health requested the Medical Officer of Health to:

on motion by Councillor Mihevc:

- (1) submit a report to the Board with respect to the needs within each program of Toronto Public Health with a view to address Public Health issues, both mandatory and otherwise, in a pro-active manner, such report to include comment to assist the Board in prioritizing Public Health programs (and to be submitted in a format similar to that of the report dated February 14, 2000, from the Medical Officer of Health with respect to background information on the Children's Action Plan and Youth Violence Prevention Initiatives); and

on motion by Ms. Campbell:

- (2) provide background information to facilitate a discussion of the Board with respect to the role of Toronto Public Health versus crisis management.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Ms. Jan Campbell - February 21, 2000)

2.2 Public Health 2000 Operating Budget – Revised Submission and Proposed Reductions.

The Board of Health had before it a report (February 14, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health recommending that:

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- (1) the Board of Health approve the revised costs for provincially mandated and local program enhancements as follows (in thousands):
 - (a) Control of Infectious Diseases -\$293.5 (gross), \$146.8 (net);
 - (b) Raccoon Rabies -\$91 (gross), \$45.5 (net);
 - (c) Child Nutrition -\$65.0 (gross), \$32.5 (net);
 - (d) Emergency Response -\$49.0 (gross), \$24.5 (net); and
 - (e) Dental Treatment -\$1.6 million (gross/net);
- (2) the required enhancement to achieve compliance with new Provincial requirements for the Personal Service Settings component of the Control of Infectious Disease/Infection Control Program be phased in over two years (i.e., 2000 and 2001). The budgetary adjustment is as follows:
 - (a) original submission -\$903.6 (gross)/\$451.8 (net), 11.5 FTE's (six months); and
 - (b) the agreed adjustment -\$293.5 (gross)/\$146.8 (net), 3FTE's (four months) for the year 2000;
- (3) the required Information Technology resources totaling \$980.8 thousand (gross) in 2000 and \$1.3 million in 2001, be financed from within the \$13.2 million budget for Public Health corporate charges, and that these monies be in addition to the \$2.5 million currently provided to Public Health by Corporate Information and Technology; and
- (4) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration, and the Budget Advisory Committee secretary for the budget process pending file, in accordance with the Financial Control Protocols adopted by the City.

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

- (i) (February 10, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee, at its meeting on February 9, 2000, recommended:
 - (a) to avoid serious impact on the health of the City of Toronto's population, that the Board oppose the proposed reductions to the Public Health 2000 operating budget;

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- (b) that 100 percent Provincially-funded Public Health programs not be included in budget reduction calculations; and
- (c) that the Board oppose the absorption of annualized costs within the Public Health base budget as a result of Council directed initiatives; and

further advising having directed the Medical Officer of Health to forward the aforementioned report directly to the Board for its meeting on February 21, 2000; and

- (ii) (February 21, 2000) from Ms. Liz White, Director, Animal Alliance of Canada.

Dr. Sheela Basrur, Medical Officer of Health, gave an overhead slide presentation with respect to the Public Health 2000 Operating Budget.

Councillor Jones moved:

- (A) that 100 percent Provincially-funded Public Health programs not be included in budget reduction calculations;
- (B) to avoid serious impact on the health of the City of Toronto's population, that the Board oppose the proposed reductions to the Public Health 2000 operating budget;
- (C) that the Board oppose the absorption of annualized costs within the Public Health base budget as a result of Council directed initiatives,

which **carried**

Councillor Johnston moved:

- (D) that the issues pertaining to seniors be referred to Councillor Johnston (Seniors Advocate), the Medical Officer of Health and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services with a request that they submit a report to the Board on a strategy to:
 - (i) achieve the reinstatement of Heat Alert funding for seniors into the Public Health 2000 operating budget; or

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- (ii) identify alternate sources of funding,

which **carried**.

Councillor Mihevc moved:

- (E) that the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee be requested to reconvene and review the Chief Administrative Officer's list of enhancements and proposed cuts and make recommendations to the Board of Health and the Budget Advisory Committee on ways and means of supporting Toronto Public Health programs, in particular, dental program enhancements and the PHRED program, in full,

which **carried**.

Councillor Filion moved:

- (F) that additional funds be provided for:
 - (i) an additional 25 food safety inspectors;
 - (ii) the optimal level of funding for TB Harmonization as identified in the 1999 operating budget submission;
 - (iii) the optimal level of funding for needle exchange programs as identified in the 1999 operating budget submission; and
 - (iv) the optimal level of funding for Control of Infectious Diseases and Infection Control as identified in the 2000 operating budget submission; and
- (G) adoption of the report (February 14, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health subject to striking out Recommendation No. (3) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“the Chief Administrative Officer ensure the provision of Public Health Information Technology resources as previously identified in the Business Case presented to Budget Advisory Committee in December, 1999 and in the Public Health Operating Plan and Budget approved by the Board of Health in October, 1999

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(totalling \$590,000.00). These monies should come from the existing \$13.2 million corporate charges included in the Public Health Operating Budget and should be in addition to the \$2.5 million currently charged to Public Health by corporate Information and Technology Services. Toronto Public Health also requires an additional \$750,000.00 for Food Safety information technology resources:

	\$2,500,000.00 -existing envelope
	150,000.00 -leasing costs
	<u>440,000.00</u> -staff costs
Total	\$3,090,000.00
	<u>750,000.00</u>
	\$3,840,000.00 (minimum)",

which **carried**

Councillor King moved:

- (H) that the Chair of the Board of Health be requested to meet with the Minister of Health and Long Term Care to request that a portion of federal health funds be allocated to Public Health promotion and prevention programs,

which **carried**

To summarize, the action of the Board of Health is as follows:

The Board recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee and the Policy and Finance Committee that:

- (1) the revised costs for provincially mandated and local program enhancements, as follows (in thousands), be approved:
- (a) Control of Infectious Diseases -\$293.5 (gross), \$146.8 (net);
 - (b) Raccoon Rabies -\$91 (gross), \$45.5 (net);
 - (c) Child Nutrition -\$65.0 (gross) \$32.5 (net);
 - (d) Emergency Response -\$49.0 (gross), \$24.5 (net);
 - (e) Dental Treatment -\$1.6 million (gross/net);

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- (2) the required enhancement to achieve compliance with new Provincial requirements for the Personal Service Settings component of the Control of Infectious Disease/Infection Control program be phased-in over two years (i.e., 2000 and 2001). The budgetary adjustment is as follows:
- (a) original submission -\$903.6 (gross) / \$451.8 (net), 11.5 FTE's (six months); and
 - (b) the agreed adjustment -\$ 293.5 (gross) / \$146.8 (net), 3 FTE's (four months) for the year 2000;
- (3) the Chief Administrative Officer ensure the provision of Public Health Information Technology resources as previously identified in the Business Case presented to Budget Advisory Committee in December, 1999 and in the Public Health Operating Plan and Budget approved by the Board of Health in October, 1999 (totalling \$590,000.00). These monies should come from the existing \$13.2 million corporate charges included in the Public Health Operating Budget and should be in addition to the \$2.5 million currently charged to Public Health by corporate Information and Technology Services. Toronto Public Health also requires an additional \$750,000.00 for Food Safety information technology resources:
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| | <u>750,000.00</u> |
| | \$3,840,000.00 (minimum); |
- (4) one hundred percent Provincially funded Public Health programs not be included in budget reduction calculations;
- (5) the issues pertaining to seniors be referred to Councillor Johnston (Seniors Advocate), the Medical Officer of Health and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services with a request that they submit a report to the Board on a strategy to:

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- (a) achieve the reinstatement of Heat Alert funding for seniors into the Public Health 2000 operating budget; or
 - (b) identify alternate sources of funding;
- (6) additional funds be provided for:
 - (a) an additional 25 food safety inspectors;
 - (b) the optimal level of funding for TB Harmonization as identified in the 1999 operating budget submission;
 - (c) the optimal level of funding for needle exchange programs as identified in the 1999 operating budget submission; and
 - (d) the optimal level of funding for Control of Infectious Diseases and Infection Control as identified in the 2000 operating budget submission.

The Board of Health advised the Budget Advisory Committee and the Policy and Finance Committee that:

- (1) to avoid serious impact on the health of the City of Toronto's population, the Board opposes the proposed reductions to the Public Health 2000 Operating Budget; and
- (2) the Board opposes the absorption of annualized costs within the Public Health base budget as a result of Council directed initiatives.

The Board of Health requested:

- (1) the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee to reconvene and review the Chief Administrative Officer's list of enhancements and proposed cuts and make recommendations to the Board of Health and the Budget Advisory Committee on ways and means of supporting Toronto Public Health programs, in particular, dental program enhancements and the PHRED program, in full; and

- (2) the Chair of the Board of Health to meet with the Minister of Health and Long Term Care to request that a portion of federal health funds be allocated to Public Health promotion and prevention programs.

(Budget Advisory Committee; Policy and Finance Committee; Chair; Board of Health; c. Medical Officer of Health; Board of Health Budget Subcommittee - February 21, 2000)

2.3 Children and Youth Action Committee (CYAC) Action Plan

The Board of Health had before it a report (February 14, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health providing background information on the initiatives recommended by the Children and Youth Action Committee to address some of the current gaps in service and unmet needs in the children and youth segment of Toronto's population; advising that an additional \$2,621,000.00 will be required for the year 2000 Public Health Operating Budget to fund the Public Health initiatives recommended in the "Action Plan for the Children's Report Card 1999" and in the "Follow-up Initiatives Addressing Youth Violence"; also advising that these initiatives are not part of the Toronto Public Health 2000 Operating Budget and cannot be absorbed within current resources; that the annualized impact would be \$3,797,300.00; noting that Public Health will seek Provincial cost sharing which, if successful, will reduce the net cost for the City of Toronto; and recommending that this report be received for information.

Dr. Sheela Basrur , Medical Officer of Health, gave a presentation to the Board of Health in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Board of Health received the foregoing report and directed that a copy be forwarded to the Children and Youth Action Committee for information.

(Children and Youth Action Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health - February 21, 2000)

2.4 External Animal Services Review.

The Board of Health had before it a report (February 17, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health commenting on recommendations of the external consultant (Humane Society of the United States)

based on their review of Animal Services; emphasizing on issues related to service levels and recommendations with implications for the Public Health 2000 Budget; and recommending that:

- (1) the following recommendations within the Humane Society of the United States report be approved in principle:
 - (a) Toronto Animal Services continue with its efforts to standardize policies, procedures and Animal Control Services for the new Toronto, and maintain authority and accountability for the citywide program;
 - (b) Toronto Animal Services maintain responsibility for direct provision of all animal control field services city-wide, and for operations of animal sheltering services in the regions formerly associated with the cities of Etobicoke, North York and Scarborough;
 - (c) the York and East York shelters be closed and the animals from these centres be housed at either the three city owned shelters or the Toronto Humane Society; and
 - (d) the City of Toronto contract with the Toronto Humane Society for the provision of animal sheltering for the region formerly associated with the old City of Toronto;
- (2) the implementation of these recommendations be approved subject to the following:
 - (a) with respect to the consolidation in head office:
 - (i) Animal Services staff work in consultation with the Facilities and Real Estate Division to identify an appropriate city-owned facility for this purpose, including consideration of municipality owned space adjacent to the York Animal Centre; and
 - (ii) the Medical Officer of Health in consultation with the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Commissioner of Corporate Services, report to Budget Advisory Committee during the 2000 Operating Budget Process on justification and financial implications for the City arising from the proposed consolidation;
 - (b) York Animal Centre be converted to a "special use" Animal Centre and the East York Animal Shelter be considered for closure, pending local public consultation

and a further report by June 2000 to the Board of Health from the Medical Officer of Health on priorities and options for animal shelter services across the city;

- (c) the Medical Officer of Health report back to the Board of Health on priorities and options for standardized levels of animal services that should be delivered across the city and determine if any cost savings and efficiencies could be derived by combining services and/or contracting them out, including the provision of veterinary services; and
 - (d) the Medical Officer of Health report back through the Board of Health on a phased-in implementation plan with associated financial implications for 2001 and beyond for the recommended increase in field services;
- (3) a telephone system be put into place to provide a single telephone number for the public, along with a centralized radiocommunications system for intake and dispatch as provided within the transition capital budget; and
 - (4) this report be referred to the Policy and Finance Committee and to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration.

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

- (i) (January 25, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Board of Health Animal Services Advisory Subcommittee, at its meeting on January 17, 2000, recommended:
 - (1) endorsement of the recommendations contained in the consultation report (October 1, 1999) from The Humane Society of the United States with the exception of the recommendation to eliminate the Trap-Vaccinate and Release Program for raccoons contained therein;
 - (2) that the Medical Officer of Health be requested to report back to the Board of Health on:
 - extending hours of operation for Toronto animal services shelters beyond normal hours;
 - the provision of emergency services in shelters through a centralized dispatch system; and

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- replacing the terminology of "pet ownership" contained in the By-law to that of "animal guardian" or similar wording;
- (3) that consideration be given to maintaining the York and East York animal shelters as temporary holding facilities until the redemption period is over;
- (4) very strongly recommends that the relationship between the City and the Toronto Humane Society be improved through a facilitator and in the event this relationship does not improve within six months of initiating such facilitation, that this matter be reviewed further;
- (5) that where there are any increases considered to the City's contracted services with the Toronto Humane Society, there be a corresponding increase for the City's animal services program; and
- (6) that the Medical Officer of Health be requested to maintain field service operations in a regional fashion;
- (ii) (February 1, 2000) from Ms. Victoria E. R. Earle, Chief Executive Officer, Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals, providing comments on behalf of the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals with respect to the foregoing report;
- (iii) (February 21, 2000) from Ms. Liz White, Director, Animal Alliance of Canada;
- (iv) (February 21, 2000) from Ms. Eva Leiva;
- (v) (February 21, 2000) from Toronto Humane Society;
- (vi) (February 21, 2000) from Ms. Ainslie Willock, Director, Animal Alliance of Canada; and
- (vii) (February 21, 2000) from Toronto Civic Employees Union, CUPE Local 1416.

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

- Ms. Liz White, Animal Alliance of Canada;
- Ms. Ainslie Willock, Animal Alliance of Canada;
- Ms. Linda Pitney;
- Mr. Bill Guthrie, CUPE Local 416;
- Mr. Robert Meerburg, CUPE Local 1416;

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- Ms. Michelle Anselmi, CUPE Local 1416;
- Ms. Brenda Bronfman-Thomas; and
- Ms. Vicki Earle, Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Councillor Mihevc moved that consideration of the following Recommendation No. 1(d) embodied in the report (February 17, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health be deferred and considered at the meeting of the Board scheduled to be held on April 3, 2000, together with the joint report (February 17, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health, Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Administrative Officer with respect to the Toronto Humane Society Contract:

“(1) the following recommendations within the Humane Society of the United States report be approved in principle:

‘(d) the City of Toronto contract with the Toronto Humane Society for the provision of animal sheltering for the region formerly associated with the old City of Toronto’”,

which **carried**.

Councillor Prue moved that the following Recommendation No. 1(c) embodied in the report (February 17, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health be struck out:

“(1) the following recommendations within the Humane Society of the United States report be approved in principle:

‘(c) the York and East York shelters be closed and the animals from these centres be housed at either the three City-owned shelters or the Toronto Humane Society’”,

which **carried**.

Councillor Jones appointed Councillor Mihevc Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board of Health recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee and Policy and Finance Committee that:

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- (1) the following recommendations contained in the consultation report respecting Toronto Animal Services, prepared by the Humane Society of the United States, dated October 1, 1999, be approved in principle:
 - (a) Toronto Animal Services continue with its efforts to standardize policies, procedures and Animal Control Services for the new Toronto, and maintain authority and accountability for the city-wide program; and
 - (b) Toronto Animal Services maintain responsibility for direct supervision of all animal control field services city-wide, and for operations of animal sheltering services in the region formerly associated with the cities of Etobicoke, North York and Scarborough;
- (2) the implementation of Recommendations Nos. (1)(a) and (b) be approved subject to the following:
 - (a) with respect to the consolidation in head office:
 - (i) Animal Services staff work in consultation with the Facilities and Real Estate Division to identify an appropriate city-owned facility for this purpose, including consideration of municipally owned space adjacent to the York Animal Centre; and
 - (ii) the Medical Officer of Health in consultation with the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Commissioner of Corporate Services, report to Budget Advisory Committee during the 2000 Operating Budget Process on justification and financial implications for the City arising from the proposed consolidation.
 - (b) York Animal Centre be converted to a "special use" Animal Centre and the East York Animal Shelter be considered for closure, pending local public consultation and a further report by June 2000 to the Board of Health from the Medical Officer of Health on priorities and options for animal shelter services across the City

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and, as part of the community consultation, that consideration also be given to maintaining the York and East York animal shelters as temporary holding facilities until the redemption period is over;

- (c) the Medical Officer of Health report back to the Board of Health on priorities and options for standardized levels of animal services that should be delivered across the City and determine if any cost savings and efficiencies could be derived by combining services and/or contracting them out, including the provision of veterinary services; and
 - (d) the Medical Officer of Health report back through the Board of Health on a phased-in implementation plan with associated financial implications for 2001 and beyond for the recommended increase in field services;
- (3) a telephone system be put into place to provide a single telephone number for the public, along with a centralized radiocommunications system for intake and dispatch as provided within the transition capital budget;
 - (4) the recommendations contained in the consultation report (October 1, 1999) from The Humane Society of the United States be endorsed with the exception of the recommendation to eliminate the Trap-Vaccinate and Release Program for raccoons contained therein;
 - (5) that the Medical Officer of Health be requested to report back to the Board of Health on:
 - extending hours of operation for Toronto animal service shelters beyond normal hours;
 - the provision of emergency services in shelters through a centralized dispatch system; and
 - replacing the terminology of "pet ownership" contained in the by-law to that of "animal guardian" or similar wording;
 - (6) that the relationship between the City and the Toronto Humane Society be improved through a facilitator and in the event this relationship does not

improve within six months of initiating such facilitation, that this matter be reviewed further;

- (7) that where there are any increases considered for the City's contracted services with the Toronto Humane Society, that there be a corresponding increase for the City's animal services program; and
- (8) that the Medical Officer of Health be requested to maintain field service operations in a regional fashion.

Councillor Jones resumed the Chair.

(Budget Advisory Committee; Policy and Finance Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health; Interested Persons - February 21, 2000)

2.5 Wildlife Strategy for the City of Toronto and Response to Raccoon Rabies.

The Board of Health had before it a communication (January 25, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Board of Health Animal Services Advisory Subcommittee at its meeting on January 17, 2000, recommended that:

- (1) the recommendations contained in the report (November 5, 1999) from the Medical Officer of Health outlining the Wildlife Strategy for the City of Toronto and Response to Raccoon Rabies be endorsed;
- (2) the City consider implementing an education program for City of Toronto residents to discourage pet owners from allowing their cats to wander at large;
- (3) the Medical Officer of Health, and the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, in consultation with the City Solicitor, be requested to report back on co-developing a licensing program to certify and enlist private industry's wildlife control services, and as a condition of licensing, to ensure those private industries seeking licensing abide by the City of Toronto's wildlife control policy;
- (4) the Medical Officer of Health consult with the Ministry of Natural Resources to determine the feasibility of inoculating feral and stray cat populations;

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- (5) the City Solicitor be requested to pursue special legislation from the Province of Ontario to ban the use of snares, leg-holds and conibear traps;
- (6) the Medical Officer of Health and Toronto Academy of Veterinary Medicine be requested to establish a co-operative program to promote the rabies vaccination of companion animals;
- (7) the Medical Officer of Health be requested to explore all options of service delivery for telephone services to answer raccoon rabies and wildlife questions;
- (8) the Medical Officer of Health be requested to make some attempt to determine whether there are other methods to control an outbreak of raccoon rabies other than adopting the Ministry of Natural Resources point control program;
- (9) the Medical Officer of Health be requested:
 - (i) to report on a strategy on how to effectively safeguard the community from domestic animals in a point control area from raccoon rabies; and
 - (ii) to investigate other options to the use of metal ear tags for raccoons; and
- (10) the Medical Officer of Health be requested to consider hosting a meeting with private wildlife and pest control companies and associated industry representatives to promote and share information about the City's wildlife policies, in co-operation with the Ministry of Natural Resources' Rabies Unit.

The Board of Health also had before it a communication (November 15, 1999) from the City Clerk forwarding the report dated November 5, 1999, from the Medical Officer of Health entitled "Wildlife Strategy for the City of Toronto and Response to Raccoon Rabies", which was adopted, as amended, by the Board at its meeting on November 15, 1999.

On motion by Councillor King, the Board of Health recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee adoption of the recommendations of the Board's Animal Services Advisory Subcommittee contained in the communication (January 25, 2000) from the City Clerk with respect to a Wildlife Strategy for the City of Toronto and Response to Raccoon Rabies.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health; Interested Persons
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**2.6 Regulating the Use of Guard Dogs
and Poisons and Adhesives.**

The Board of Health had before it a report (October 26, 1999) from Councillor Irene Jones, Chair, Animal Services Advisory Subcommittee, advising that the Animal Services Advisory Subcommittee at its meeting on October 21, 1999, recommended that a by-law not be established for regulating the use of guard dogs as this matter is covered under the City's By-law respecting Animals and the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.

On motion by Councillor King, the Board of Health adopted the foregoing report.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Board of Health Animal Services Advisory Subcommittee – February 21, 2000)

2.7 Feral Cats.

The Board of Health had before it a report (October 26, 1999) from Councillor Irene Jones, Chair, Animal Services Advisory Subcommittee, advising that the Animal Services Advisory Subcommittee, at its meeting on October 21, 1999, recommended that the status quo policy on feral cats be maintained in terms of service delivery and in the interim, requested staff, in partnership with animal service organizations across the City, to compile research data and information on the size of the feral cat population in the City and to report back to the Subcommittee.

On motion by Councillor King, the Board of Health adopted the recommendation contained in the foregoing report.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Board of Health Animal Services Advisory Subcommittee – February 21, 2000)

2.8 Toronto Humane Society Contract.

The Board of Health had before it a joint report (February 17, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health, the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, and the Chief Administrative Officer reporting on the issues and staff recommendations regarding the City's purchase of service contract for animal sheltering with the Toronto Humane Society; and recommending that:

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- (1) the City of Toronto extend its current contract with the Toronto Humane Society to December 31, 2000, under the existing terms and conditions for funding and service levels;
- (2) City Council approve \$50,000.00 as a one-time payment to the Toronto Humane Society to address possible funding inequities since 1991, but that this money not be included in their base contract fee of \$726,000.00;
- (3) the Medical Officer of Health report back to the Board of Health by June 2000, on priorities and options for standardized levels of shelter services across the City for 2001 and beyond, along with the associated financial implications;
- (4) the City of Toronto develop a new costing approach for shelter services to take effect in 2001, based on the consultants' reviews of the Toronto Humane Society costing methodology and the City's costs to run municipal animal shelters;
- (5) changes in service levels and associated costs be negotiated with the Toronto Humane Society by a staff team under the direction of the Chief Administrative Officer, with the assistance of an external facilitator to improve the working relationship between the City and the Toronto Humane Society;
- (6) the accounting services of Wynville-Erse Associates Inc. be extended in order to verify the cost estimates for the City's operations and to support the negotiation of a new funding arrangement with the Toronto Humane Society;
- (7) implementation of Recommendations Nos. (4), (5) and (6) be the subject of a further report from the Medical Officer of Health, at a total cost not to exceed \$50,000.00;
- (8) that this report be referred to the Policy and Finance Committee and to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2000 operating budget process;
- (9) that the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary steps to give effect thereto.

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

- (i) (February 21, 2000) from Ms. Liz White, Director, Animal Alliance of Canada;
- (ii) (February 21, 2000) from Ms. Eva Leiva; and

(iii) (undated) from Stephanie Brown.

Mr. Allan Andrews, Wynville-Erse Associates, addressed the Board of Health in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board of Health deferred consideration of this matter, together with the following Recommendation No. 1(d) contained in the report (February 17, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health respecting Year 2000 Budget implications of the Animal Services Review, to its meeting scheduled to be held on April 3, 2000:

“1(d) that the following recommendation contained in the Humane Society of the United States report be approved in principle:

‘the City of Toronto contract with the Toronto Humane Society for the Prevention of animal sheltering for the region formerly associated with the old City of Toronto.’”;

and, further, directed that a copy of the correspondence received from the Toronto Humane Society by Toronto Public Health with respect to this matter, be included in the Agenda for such meeting.

(Board of Health; Medical Officer of Health; c. Toronto Humane Society; Mr. Allan Andrews, Wynville-Erse Associates; Interested Persons – February 21, 2000)

2.9 Board of Health Subcommittees.

The Board of Health had before it the following reports and communication:

- (i) (January 31, 2000) from the Secretary, Board of Health:
 - (a) advising that Section 21(3) of By-law No.1-1998, to govern the proceedings of the Board of Health for the City of Toronto Health Unit, states as follows:

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“The Board at its first meeting in each year or as soon as practicable thereafter shall appoint the committees and shall designate the Chair of such committees.”; and

- (b) recommending that the Board of Health:
 - (1) consider the appointment of members to the following Subcommittees; and
 - (2) designate the Chairs of such Subcommittees;
- (ii) (February 7, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health recommending that the Board of Health:
 - (1) appoint to the AIDS Prevention Review Panel the following individuals: Councillors Rae, Prue and Augimeri; Lee Zaslofsky; Liz Walker; Trevor Grey; Indra Ramkissoon; Esther Tharao; Suzette Clunis and Floydeen Charle-Fridal; and
 - (2) appoint to the Drug Abuse Prevention Review Panel the following individuals: Councillors Bussin and Korwin-Kuczynski; Kathy Kozma; Marianne Kobus-Matthews; Eduardo Castro and Khadigia Ali; and
- (iii) (February 1, 2000) from Ms. Johanne Stewart, Director of Education, Toronto Catholic District School Board, advising that the Toronto Catholic District School Board appointed Trustee Elizabeth Boyd, as representative to the City of Toronto Board of Health School Health Subcommittee and Mr. Frank Meagher, Superintendent of Education as the alternate, for the term commencing January 1, 2000 through November 30, 2000.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Board of Health:

- (1) appointed the following persons to the Subcommittees listed below:

AIDS Review Panel:

Councillors Rae, Prue and Augimeri; Lee Zaslofsky; Liz Walker; Trevor Grey; Indra Ramkissoon; Esther Tharao; Suzette Clunis and Floydeen Charle-Fridal;

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Animal Services Advisory:

Victoria Earle, North York; Merle Blain, Etobicoke; Stacey Alderwick, Scarborough; Sue Hardill; Bryan Hamberg; Dr. Clayton Mackay; Nathalie Karvonen; Keith Burgess; Keily Abbat; Liz White; Lesli Biscould; Jack Slibar; Councillor Irene Jones; Robert Davies; Grant Crossman; Chris Holoboff;

Budget Advisory:

Robert Davies (current member); Councillor John Filion (current member); Councillor Irene Jones (current member);

Drug Abuse Prevention Review Panel:

Councillor Bussin and Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski; Cathy Kozma; Marianne Kobus-Matthews; Eduardo Castro and Khadigia Ali;

Nominating:

Councillor John Filion; Councillor Irene Jones, Councillor Joe Mihevc;

School Health Services:

Sharon Bate; Trustee Elizabeth Boyd (alternate Mr. Frank Meagher); Madeleine Brazeau; Diane Jamieson; Trustee Gerri Gershon (Board representative); Norman Ahmet (or designate);

- (2) deferred consideration of the membership of the Substance Abuse Committee to its meeting scheduled to be held on April 3, 2000; and
- (3) appointed Councillor King as the Board's representative to the TB Committee and requested that the appropriate organizations be contacted with a request that they submit names of their representatives to the Board.

(Medical Officer of Health; AIDS Review Panel; Animal Services Advisory Subcommittee; Budget Advisory Subcommittee; Drug Abuse Prevention Review

Panel; Nominating Subcommittee; School Health Services Subcommittee; Substance Abuse Subcommittee; TB Subcommittee - February 21, 2000)

2.10 Community Roundtables on Health.

The Board of Health had before it a joint communication (February 7, 2000) from Councillor Irene Jones and Lee Zaslofsky recommending that the Board of Health hold Community Roundtables on Health on April 8, 2000.

On motion by Councillor King, the Board of Health adopted the foregoing recommendation; and, further directed that representatives from community groups, hospitals, and other health service providers, be invited to attend the Community Roundtables on Health.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Councillor Irene Jones; Mr. Lee Zaslofsky - February 21, 2000)

2.11 Appointment of Associate Medical Officer of Health.

The Board of Health had before it a communication (January 26, 2000) from the Director of Secretariat, Printing and Distribution, forwarding, for information, a communication dated January 21, 2000, from the Honourable Elizabeth Witmer, Minister of Health and Long Term Care, regarding the approval of the appointment of Dr. Lori Kiefer to the position of Associate Medical Officer of Health for the City of Toronto Public Health Unit.

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

2.12 Health Aspects of Biosolid Pellets.

The Board of Health had before it the following communications:

- (i) (November 29, 1999) from Councillor Joe Mihevc, York Eglinton, requesting the Works Committee and the Board of Health to direct staff to provide a report for an on-going

monitoring system with respect to the City's biosolids agreement, such report to be directed to both the Board of Health and Works Committee; and

- (ii) (February 7, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Works Committee, at its meeting on February 7, 2000, referred the aforementioned communication to the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services for a report to the Committee on all biosolid applications.

On motion by Councillor King, the Board of Health referred the foregoing communications to the Medical Officer of Health with the request that she submit a report thereon to the Board, such report to also include comment on the health aspects of direct land application of biosolids.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Councillor Joe Mihevc; Ms. Karey Shinn; Administrator, Works Committee - February 21, 2000)

2.13 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 appointed Mr. Brian MacKay as its representative to the Association of Local Public Health Agencies.

(Ms. Marilen Miguel, Administrative Assistant, Association of Local Public Health Agencies; c. Mr. Brian MacKay; Medical Officer of Health – February 21, 2000)

2.14 TIE Pesticides Subcommittee Status Report for 1999.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board of Health deferred consideration of this matter to its meeting scheduled to be held on April 3, 2000.

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

Vice-Chair.