

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Board of Health

Meeting No. 3

Monday, April 3, 2000

The Board of Health met on Monday, April 3, 2000, in Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 2:13 p.m.

Members Present:

	<u>2:13 p.m.-5:00 p.m.</u>	<u>In-camera 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 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		
Mr. Steven Pinnock	X	X
Councillor Michael Prue	X	X
Mr. Lee Zaslofsky		

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

Two Minute Delay.

Councillor Jones moved that the proceedings be varied in order to delay the commencement of the meeting by two minutes in respect for members of CUPE Local 79 on strike, **carried**

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Mr. Mackay, the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Health held on February 21, 2000, were confirmed.

3.1 1999 Cyclospora Outbreak in the Greater Toronto Area.

The Board of Health had before it a report (March 22, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing a summary of the outbreak of Cyclosporiasis which occurred in June 1999 in the Greater Toronto Area and an update on the current status of importation of fresh raspberries and blackberries from Guatemala, and recommending that:

- (1) the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and Health Canada continue to restrict the importation of fresh Guatemalan raspberries during the spring importation season (March 15 - August 15) and place a similar restriction on fresh Guatemalan blackberries during the same season;
- (2) the CFIA and Health Canada only permit the importation of Guatemalan raspberries and blackberries from farms that are rated as 'low risk' or better during the fall importation season (August 16 - March 14);
- (3) the CFIA and Health Canada continue the importation restriction on Guatemalan raspberries and blackberries until:
 - (a) reliable evidence of the mechanism by which Cyclospora contaminate fresh produce is available;
 - (b) reliable mechanisms exist to trace back each packaging unit imported to Canada to the country and the farm from which the berries originated;
 - (c) there is a working group formed including, but not limited to, stakeholders from the CFIA, the Ministry of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Health Canada, the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, and local public health representation to review and make recommendations on the Model Plan of Excellence (MPE); and
 - (d) there is independent audit evidence of compliance by individual farms with the MPE.

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

(Canadian Food Inspection Agency; Minister of Health; c. Minister of Agriculture, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care; Medical Officer of Health; Ms. J. Speakman, Legal Services – April 3, 2000)

3.2 Update on Restaurant Inspection Blitz and Process for Food Premises Disclosure System.

The Board of Health had before it a report (March 24, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing an overview of the restaurant inspection blitz and outlining the public consultation process for the food premises disclosure and rating system and recommending that:

- (1) given the high level of public interest in this matter, the Board of Health hear deputations from a range of interested stakeholders at its meeting on May 1, 2000 regarding options for a restaurant disclosure and rating system; and
- (2) the Board of Health refer this report to City Council for information.
 - A. Councillor King moved:
 - (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.

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

- B. Councillor Filion moved:
 - (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;

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- (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 the City of Toronto's Licensing By-law be amended to incorporate public health requirements for ongoing compliance with the Health Protection and Promotion Act and the Food Premises Regulation, along with food handler certification and re-certification, into the City's conditions for the issuance of initial business licences and subsequent licence renewals; and
- (iv) 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;
- (v) that the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto;

Councillor Filion resumed the Chair.

- C. Ms. Lindsay moved that the Medical Officer of Health be requested to submit a report to the Board of Health when this matter is considered detailing the service impacts of the restaurant blitz with respect to implementing mandatory legislative requirements and local City by-laws. **Carried**
- D. Councillor King moved that the foregoing motions, with the exception of Motion B(iii) by Councillor Filion and Motion C. by Ms. Lindsay, be deferred pending consideration of the forthcoming report from the Medical Officer of Health. **Carried**
- E. Councillor Jones moved adoption of the foregoing report (March 24, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health, as amended; and, further, that deputations be held at an evening session of the Board to start at 7:00 p.m. on May 1, 2000 (subject to Members being polled as to their availability). **Carried**

In summary, the action of the Board of Health is as follows:

- (A) The Board of Health recommended to City Council, for its meeting on April 11, 2000:
- (1) that the City of Toronto's Licensing By-law be amended to incorporate public health requirements for ongoing compliance with the Health Protection and Promotion Act and the Food Premises Regulation, along with food handler certification and re-certification, into the City's conditions for the issuance of initial business licences and subsequent licence renewals; and
 - (2) that the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.
- (B) The Board also:
- (1) concurred with the recommendations of the Medical Officer of Health contained in her report dated March 24, 2000;
 - (2) directed that the forthcoming report from the Medical Officer of Health with respect to options for a restaurant disclosure and rating system be scheduled for deputations at an evening session of the Board tentatively set for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2000, subject to Members being polled as to their availability;
 - (3) requested the Medical Officer of Health to submit a report to the Board of Health when this matter is considered detailing the service impacts of the restaurant blitz with respect to implementing mandatory legislative requirements and local City by-laws; and
 - (4) directed that the following motions be tabled and considered with the forthcoming report from the Medical Officer of Health:
 - (a) Moved by Councillor Filion that:
 - (i) 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) 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) 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) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto;

(b) Moved by Councillor King that:

- (v) 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
- (vi) 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.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Interested Persons; Chinese Restaurant and Food Association; Ontario Restaurant Association; Interested Persons; Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services)

(Clause No. 1, Report No. 1)

**3.3a Response to Information Requests on
Public Health Inspection Staff in Public Health.**

The Board of Health had before it the following:

- (i) communication (March 22, 2000) from the City Clerk, Board of Health Budget Subcommittee, submitting recommendations with respect to the Food Safety Program;
- (ii) joint report (March 21, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, addressed to the Budget Advisory Committee and the Board of Health, responding to information requests from the City's Budget Advisory Committee related to inspection services, with particular regard to Food Safety, Retirement Homes and Communicable Disease Control; and submitting recommendations with respect thereto;
- (iii) joint report (March 21, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, addressed to the Budget Advisory Committee and the Board of Health, responding to the Budget Advisory Committee's requests, on February 22, 2000, for additional information with respect to selected services; and recommending that the report be received for information; and
- (iv) report (March 27, 2000) from the City Auditor, addressed to the Board of Health and the Budget Advisory Committee, reporting, for information, on the status of the audit of the Food Inspection Program, Toronto Public Health.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board of Health:

- (A) advised the Budget Advisory Committee and the Policy and Finance Committee that the Board strongly supports the provision of expanded funding of the Food Safety Program sufficient to meet local needs and recommended that the Budget Advisory Committee set aside funds for the six month implementation of this expansion in the Year 2000, in the amount of \$1,265,800.00 (gross) and \$632,900.00 (net); and
- (B) recommended adoption of the joint report (March 21, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, addressed to the Budget Advisory Committee and the Board of Health, wherein it is recommended that:

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- (1) food premises be charged the full cost of re-inspections which arise due to non-compliance with the Health Protection and Promotion Act, the Food Premises Regulation and/or the Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines;
- (2) additional municipal revenues arising from the recovery of costs of re-inspections and fines levied under the Provincial Offences Act be put back into the Public Health Operating Budget for inspections;
- (3) the Medical Officer of Health, in consultation with the City Solicitor, the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, and the appropriate provincial officials, report back on the implementation plan to charge fees for public health inspection services;
- (4) the Medical Officer of Health, in consultation with the appropriate provincial officials and other interested parties, report back on an implementation plan and associated resource requirements for a rating system for Toronto restaurants;
- (5) the Medical Officer of Health and the City Auditor report back on the need and justification for additional resources for the Food Safety program following completion of the Auditor's program review; and
- (6) a policy option be selected as to the level of service and associated resources required for continuation of the City's response to retirement homes for the balance of 2000, pending longer term policy decisions by City Council.

(Budget Advisory Committee; Policy and Finance Committee;
c. Medical Officer of Health; City Solicitor; Commissioner of Urban Development Services; City Auditor; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Ms. J. Speakman, Legal Services – April 3, 2000)

3.3b. Toronto Humane Society Contract.

The Board of Health had before it a joint report (February 17, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health, Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, and the Chief Administrative Officer recommending that:

- (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 THS;
- (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; and
- (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 a communication (February 21, 2000) from the Secretary, Board of Health, advising that the Board, on February 21, 2000, 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:

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

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

The Board also had before it during consideration of this matter the following communications:

- (March 28, 2000) from Mr. Jack Slibar, Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Humane Society;
- (April 3, 2000) from Ms. Liz White, Director, Animal Alliance of Canada and Mr. Barry MacKay, International Programme Director, Animal Protection Institute; and
- (April 3, 2000) from Mr. Brian Cochrane, President, Toronto Civic Employees Union, Local 416.

The following persons addressed the Board in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Ms. Liz White, Director, Animal Alliance of Canada; and
- Mr. Allan Andrews, Wynville-Erse Associates Inc.

At this point in the proceedings, Councillor Jones moved that the Board meet privately to discuss the matter with respect to the Toronto Humane Society Contract, for the purpose of receiving advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege and to discuss matters regarding the security or property of the municipality, **carried**

The Board resumed its public session.

On motion by Councillor King, the Board of Health recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee and the Policy and Finance Committee, the adoption of 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 City’s purchase of service contract for

animal sheltering with the Toronto Humane Society.

(Budget Advisory Committee; Policy and Finance Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health; Ms. J. Speakman, Legal Services; Interested Persons - April 3, 2000)

3.4 Health Impacts Resulting from the Fire At 75 Commissioners Street.

The Board of Health had before it a report (March 23, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing an update on conditions at Harkow Recycling Facility at 75 and 85 Commissioners Street; advising of actions taken by Toronto Public Health and other agencies in response to community concerns regarding public health and environmental issues resulting from the recent fire; and recommending that:

- (1) Toronto Public Health take all necessary action in accordance with Sections 13, 14 and 15 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act to eliminate the health hazard of debris resulting from the fire at 75 Commissioners Street, in the event that Harkow Recycling Ltd. does not comply with a public health order to eliminate a rat infestation and accumulation of debris and decomposing garbage on the site; and
- (2) the Board of Health urge the Toronto Economic Development Corporation (TEDCO) to ensure that the continued leasing of this site be contingent upon the removal of decomposing waste and the elimination of the related rodent infestation.

The Board also had before it a communication (March 1, 2000) from Councillor Jack Layton, Don River, Ward 25, respecting a fire which occurred on February 19, 2000, at the Harkow Recycling Facility at 75 Commissioners Street, and requesting that:

- (1) the City take immediate action to remove the garbage from the site;
- (2) the Medical Officer of Health report on any health impacts from the fire; and
- (3) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Medical Officer of Health provide a full report on who is responsible for the fire, who will pay for the damages and how this can be prevented in the future.

On motion by Councillor King, the Board deferred consideration of the foregoing matter until its meeting scheduled to be held on May 1, 2000.

(Medical Officer of Health; Toronto Economic Development Corporation;
c. Councillor Jack Layton; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Ms.
J. Speakman, Legal Services – April 3, 2000)

3.5 Federal and Provincial Commitments and Funding for Public Health.

The Board of Health had before it a report (March 23, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health, requesting the Board of Health to join Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Board of Health in calling upon the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Health to significantly increase commitments and funding to public health; and recommending that the Board of Health:

- (1) urge the Federal Minister of Health to establish a national program for disease prevention and health promotion, including national standards and provision of 50 percent funding to provinces for new and expanded services and programs to achieve the national standards; and
- (2) request the Ontario Minister of Health and Long-term Care to redress the existing imbalance between prevention programs and treatment services by immediately investing significant additional dollars to boards of health and other community health agencies.

On motion by Ms. Lindsay, Board of Health deferred consideration of this matter to its meeting scheduled to be held on May 1, 2000.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Ms. J. Speakman, Legal Services – April 3, 2000)

3.6 Public Health Program and Service Review.

The Board of Health had before it a joint report (March 23, 2000) from the Chief Administrative Officer, the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, and the Medical Officer of Health reporting on the review conducted on Toronto Public Health Programs and Services and making recommendations with respect thereto.

On motion by Ms. Lindsay, the Board of Health deferred consideration of this matter to its meeting scheduled to be held on May 1, 2000, and, further, directed that the Chief Administrative Officer be invited to attend when this matter is being considered.

(Chief Administrative Officer; Medical Officer of Health; c. Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Ms. J. Speakman, Legal Services – April 3, 2000)

3.7 Sexual Health Clinic Review.

The Board of Health had before it a report (March 20, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health, outlining a redesigned service delivery model for sexual health clinics affiliated with Toronto Public Health; reporting on findings from Phases I and II of the review; and recommending that:

- (1) designated sexual health clinic hours be maintained at 177.5 hours per week;
- (2) sexual health clinical services continue to be delivered through a mixed model including Public Health clinics, contracted clinics and partnership clinics, and that all clinics work towards the provision of comprehensive services;
- (3) sexual health clinical services be consolidated into fewer sites that better match the allocation of resources with the distribution of needs across the City, and;
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect hereto.

Mr. MacKay declared an interest in this matter in that he is the Vice President of LAMP Community Health Centre.

On motion by Ms. Lindsay, the Board of Health adopted the foregoing report.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Ms. J. Speakman, Legal Services – April 3, 2000)

3.8 Health Effects of Noise.

The Board of Health had before it a report (March 23, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health responding to the Board's request for a literature review on health effects of noise and implementation of a public awareness program and recommending that:

- (1) the Medical Officer of Health, the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, and the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services collaborate on their respective public outreach activities regarding the health effects of noise and measures to prevent or minimize noise in the community; and

- (2) the Board of Health forward this report for information to the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, the Commissioner of Corporate Services, the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, the Sustainability Round Table, the Works Committee, and the Planning and Transportation Committee.

The Board of Health:

on motion by Councillor Prue:

- (1) deferred consideration of this matter to its next meeting scheduled to be held on May 1, 2000, and directed that it be scheduled for the first item of business; and

on motion by Councillor Johnston:

- (2) requested the Medical Officer of Health to submit a report to the Board, when this matter is considered, with respect to helicopters as a potential source of noise.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Commissioner of Urban Development Services; Commissioner of Corporate Services; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Sustainability Round Table; Works Committee; Planning and Transportation Committee; Councillor Dick O'Brien; Ms. Sylvia Giovanella; Ms. Helen Armstrong; Mr. Eric Greenspoon; Ms. Rose Curac; Ms. J. Speakman, Legal Services – April 3, 2000)

3.9 Air Emissions Caps and Emissions Trading Framework Announced by the Ontario Minister of Environment.

The Board of Health had before it a report (March 23, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health responding to City Council's request for a report on the health impacts of air emissions caps and emissions trading scheme announced by the Provincial Minister of the Environment for Ontario's electrical sector and recommending that the Board of Health and City Council urge the provincial Minister of the Environment to:

- (1) establish an emissions trading system that:
 - (a) encourages development of low impact and renewable technologies in the electrical sector;
 - (b) incorporates air emissions caps that continually reduce the total air emissions from Ontario's electrical sector;
 - (c) incorporates caps that continually reduce total air emissions in Ontario;
- (2) ensure that:
 - (a) air emissions caps set for the electrical sector apply to all companies providing electricity to Ontario's market;
 - (b) a target date is established by which the air emissions caps recommended for the electrical sector by the Ontario Clean Air Alliance (OCAA) and endorsed by Toronto City Council will be achieved;
 - (c) the air emissions rate for nitrogen oxides proposed for electrical companies operating outside of Ontario is reduced to match the more protective air emissions rate contained in the recently affirmed rule developed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA);
 - (d) the air emissions rate recommended for electrical companies operating outside of Canada is applied to companies operating inside the province; and
 - (e) air emissions caps are also established for carbon dioxide, mercury and other air toxics emitted from coal- and oil-fired power plants.

On motion by Councillor King, the Board of Health deferred consideration of this matter to its meeting scheduled to be held on May 1, 2000.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services;
Ms. J. Speakman, Legal Services – April 3, 2000)

3.10 Proposed Sewer Use By-law for Toronto.

The Board of Health had before it a report (March 23, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health requesting the Board of Health to support the draft Toronto Sewer Use By-law in principle and the requirement for pollution prevention planning, in particular, and submitting recommendations with respect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Jones:

The Board of Health:

- (1) endorsed the commitment to reduce the discharge of persistent toxics into the Toronto sewage system and the pollution prevention planning requirements that are contained in the proposed Sewer Use By-law; and
- (2) encouraged the Works Committee and the Economic Development and Parks Committee to support the proposed Sewer Use By-law.

(Joint Meeting of the Works Committee and the Economic Development and Parks Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health; Ms. J. Speakman, Legal Services – April 3, 2000)

3.11 Status Report from the Toronto Inter-Departmental Environment Team (TIE) Pesticides Subcommittee.

The Board of Health had before it a report (March 16, 2000) from the Chief Administrative Officer forwarding for information a status report on the reduction of pesticide use by the City of Toronto and recommending that this report be received for information.

The Board also had before it:

- (i) a report (February 7, 2000) from Mr. John Macintyre and Ms. Connie Clement, Co-Chairs, Toronto Inter-departmental (TIE) Team Pesticides Sub-Committee, addressed to the TIE Team, providing a progress report to the TIE Team about the phasing out of pesticide use on City-owned lands and describing activities planned for 2000; and

- (ii) a communication (March 22, 2000) from the City Clerk, Works Committee, addressed to the Budget Advisory Committee, recommending that the Budget Advisory Committee provide funds for the continued phasing-in of the Integrated Plant Health Care (IPHC) program to reduce the use of pesticides by the City of Toronto, as set out in the status report (March 16, 2000) from the Chief Administrative Officer.

On motion by Councillor King, the Board of Health endorsed the recommendation of the Works Committee, viz:

“that the Budget Advisory Committee provide funds for the continued phasing-in of the Integrated Plant Health Care (IPHC) program to reduce the use of pesticides by the City of Toronto, as set out in the status report (March 16, 2000) from the Chief Administrative Officer.”

(Budget Advisory Committee; Policy and Finance Committee; c. Chief Administrative Officer; Medical Officer of Health; TIE Pesticide Subcommittee; Economic Development and Parks Committee; Works Committee; Ms. J. Speakman, Legal Services – April 3, 2000)

3.12 Availability of Female Condoms.

The Board of Health had before it a report (March 16, 2000), from the Medical Officer of Health assessing the availability of female condoms and the need to advocate for bulk purchasing to reduce costs to community agencies; and recommending that Toronto Public Health:

- (1) design and implement a social marketing campaign about the use and benefits of female condoms targeting both men and women, health care providers, educators, and pharmacies, etc.;
- (2) ensure that health care providers have access to educational resources e.g., video, promotional materials to assist with client acceptability and usage;
- (3) conduct a pilot study with selected sexual health clinics and/or agencies to provide temporarily free female condoms, in order to document education and instruction efforts, feedback from clients on acceptability, and factors associated with initial and continued condom use; and

- (4) report back to the Board of Health once the pilot study is completed on options to provide female condoms at no-charge or on a cost-sharing basis with clinics/agencies.

On motion by Ms. Lindsay, the Board of Health deferred consideration of this matter to its meeting scheduled to be held on May 1, 2000.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Ms. J. Speakman, Legal Services – April 3, 2000)

3.13 Dental Care for Homeless People.

The Board of Health had before it a report (March 23, 2000), from the Medical Officer of Health responding to a request from the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee for Toronto Public Health to report on strategies to develop a program to meet the dental needs of people who are homeless; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health or City Council advocate to the Ministry of Health to provide funding for dental services for homeless people and other marginalized groups through Community Health Centres and other agencies serving this population;
- (2) the Board of Health write to the Association of Community Health Centres to offer support in advocating strongly for developing capacity for dental services directed to the needs of marginalized populations such as homeless people within Community Health Centres;
- (3) the Board of Health write to the Ontario Hospital Association to urge hospitals to work with agencies serving homeless people and other marginalized people to ensure access to dental care; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Board also had before it, for information, a communication (March 9, 2000) from the City Clerk advising of City Council's adoption on February 29, March 1 and 2, 2000, as amended, of Clause No. 2 contained in Report No. 2 of The Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee, headed "Toronto Report Card on Homelessness 2000".

On motion by Trustee Gershon, the Board of Health deferred consideration of this matter to its meeting scheduled to be held on May 1, 2000.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Ms. J. Speakman, Legal Services – April 3, 2000)

**3.14 Board of Health Subcommittees:
Substance Abuse and TB.**

The Board of Health had before it a report (April 3, 2000) from the Committee Secretary, Substance Abuse Sub-Committee, recommending that the Board appoint the following representatives to the Substance Abuse Sub-Committee:

- Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, Member of Council;
- Councillor Michael Prue, Member of Board of Health;
- Mr. Robert Davies, Member of Board of Health;
- Mr. Lee Zaslofsky, Member of Board of Health;
- Ms. Karen Positano, Youthlink Inner City, Coalition of Agencies Serving Downtown Youth;
- Representative from the Toronto District School Board;
- Representative from the Toronto Catholic District School Board;
- Ms. Andrea Stevens-Lavigne, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (alternate Ms. Marianne Kobus-Matthews);
- Ms. Felicia Houtman, Labour Council of Metropolitan Toronto;
- Representative from the Toronto Board of Trade;
- Father Massey Lombardi, Ontario Multi-Faith Task Force on Substance Abuse (replacing Council of Churches);
- Ms. Diane Buhler, Parent Against Drugs;
- Ms. Paula Neves, Alcohol Policy Network – Ontario Public Health Association;
- Ms. Lella Cirone, Brewers of Ontario;
- Representative from the Association of Canadian Distillers; and
- Representative from the Wine Council of Ontario and Vintners Quality Alliance.

The Board of Health also had before it a report (March 24, 2000) from the Committee Secretary, TB Sub-Committee, respecting the membership of the TB Sub-Committee; and recommending that the report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor King, the Board of Health adopted the foregoing report from the Substance Abuse Sub-Committee and, further, appointed Councillor Michael Prue as Chair.

(Substance Abuse Sub-Committee; Councillor Michael Prue; c. Medical Officer of Health – April 3, 2000)

3.15 Personal Matter.

At this point in the proceedings, Councillor Jones moved that the Board meet privately for the purpose of considering a personal matter about an identifiable individual. **Carried**

The matter remains in camera.

The Board adjourned its meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Chair.