

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Board of Health

Meeting No. 4

Monday, May 1, 2000

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

Members Present:

1:10 p.m.- 4:40 p.m.

Councillor John Filion Chair	x
Councillor Irene Jones, Vice-Chair	x
Ms. Jan Campbell	
Mr. Robert Davies	
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

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Health held on April 3, 2000, were confirmed.

4.1 Health Effects of Noise.

The Board 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 also had before it a communication (May 1, 2000) from Mr. Eric Greenspoon, President, NoiseWatch, advising that NoiseWatch endorses the aforementioned report from the Medical Officer of Health.

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

- Ms. Helen Armstrong, Bloor West Airport Watch, and submitted material with respect thereto;
- Ms. Patricia Finlay, Toronto, and submitted a communication with respect thereto;
- Ms. Rose Kurak, Etobicoke;
- Mr. Darren Copeland, Canadian Association for Sound Ecology;
- Ms. Sylvia Giovanella, President, Etobicoke Federation of Residents' and Ratepayers' Associations, and submitted a communication with respect thereto.

The Board of Health:

on motion by Councillor Jones:

- (1) adopted the recommendations contained in the aforementioned report from the Medical Officer of Health;
- (2) directed that the foregoing report be forwarded to the Noise Management Committee of the Greater Toronto Airport Authority;

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- (3) requested the Greater Toronto Services Board to facilitate the establishment of a joint committee, composed of appropriate city officials from the municipalities of Brampton, Mississauga and Toronto, representing the fields of planning, economic development, works, health and legal, to assist in the development of an accord to monitor a review of noise issues associated with the Toronto Airport;

on motion by Councillor Mihevc:

- (4) requested the Federal Government to review the CSA standards with respect to the manufacturing of tools and equipment that produce noise;
- (5) requested that the Medical Officer of Health, in consultation with the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, and the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, ensure that best practices information from other municipalities is integrated into the City's noise control strategies;
- (6) requested that leaf blowers and other garden equipment be included in the analysis and strategies of noise control;
- (7) requested the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, the Medical Officer of Health and the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, to submit a report to the Board of Health with respect to timelines for the development of the noise by-law highlighting opportunities for public participation; and

on motion by Councillor Johnston:

- (8) requested the Medical Officer of Health to submit a report to the Board of Health on a process of seeking epidemiological data on the effects of noise.

(Federal Minister of Health; Commissioner of Urban Development Services; Commissioner of Corporate Services; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Works Committee; Planning and Transportation Committee; Chair, Greater Toronto Services Board; Chair, Noise Management Committee, Greater Toronto Airport Authority; Sustainability Round Table; Medical Officer of Health; c. Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services; Interested Persons - May 1, 2000)

4.2 Public Health Program and Service Review.

The Board had before it a joint report (March 23, 2000) from the Chief Administrative Officer, 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 recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health forward this report to the Policy and Finance Committee for its consideration as directed by Council;
- (2) Toronto Public Health finalize its terms and definitions, similar to those in Appendix 2, and use the terminology consistently in both internal and external documents;
- (3) programs be described whenever feasible by their level (Mandatory Health Program, Toronto Public Health Sub-Program or Toronto Public Health component/service grouping), their mandatory or non-mandatory nature, whether they were provincially or locally determined, and their funding source(s);
- (4) Toronto Public Health continue to undertake program analysis by intervention-based groupings, such as age groups, all school-based programs, and all stand-alone programs, in order to inform the assessment of their program standards and to identify implications for internal program management models;
- (5) Toronto Public Health document by July, 2000, its community partnerships and collaborative activities to inform analysis of the extent to which TPH meets mandatory requirements and supplements its non-mandatory programs;
- (6) the role of Toronto Public Health in coalitions, community and professional collaborations, be identified by July, 2000, to document the relationships and utility of community development and advocacy strategies, to fulfilling mandatory programs;
- (7) Toronto Public Health present the relative priorities between mandatory and non-mandatory programs, and within and among mandatory programs for the 2001 budget cycle; and
- (8) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Chief Administrative Officer gave a verbal overview with respect to the review.

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The Board:

(A) on motion by Ms. Lindsay, recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee adoption of Recommendations Nos. (2) through (8) of the aforementioned joint report respecting the review conducted on Toronto Public Health programs and services; subject to:

(a) amending Recommendation No. 6 by adding the words:
“and the extent to which Toronto Public Health benefits from and/or requires the partnership for effective service to citizens”;

so that such recommendation shall now read as follows:

“the role of Toronto Public Health in coalitions, community and professional collaborations, be identified by July, 2000, to document the relationships and utility of community development and advocacy strategies, to fulfilling mandatory programs, and the extent to which Toronto Public Health benefits from and/or requires the partnership for effective service to citizens”;

(b) amending Recommendation No. 7 by adding the words:

“within the context of health needs in Toronto”;

so that such recommendation shall now read as follows:

“Toronto Public Health present the relative priorities between mandatory and non-mandatory programs, and within and among mandatory programs for the 2001 budget cycle within the context of health needs in Toronto”; and

(B) on motion by Councillor Jones, requested the Medical Officer of Health to submit a report to the Board on a process of Board and public participation when developing the relative priorities between mandatory and non-mandatory programs for the 2001 budget cycle.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. Chief Administrative Officer; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services - May 1, 2000)

4.3 Health Impacts Resulting from the Fire at 75 Commissioners Street.

The Board had before it a report (March 23, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health providing an update on conditions at Harkow Recycling Site at 75 and 85 Commissioners Street and 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 report (April 28, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health on various matters related to the aftermath of the fire at 75 Commissioners Street; and recommending that:

- (1) the Medical Officer of Health consult with officials with the provincial Ministry of the Environment, Toronto Fire Services and others as applicable, on measures that can be taken to prevent such fires in the future;
- (2) any leases involving lands owned by the City or its agencies, boards and commissions contain provisions requiring the lessee to comply with all applicable municipal, provincial and federal legislation;
- (3) this report be forwarded to the Works Committee for information; and
- (4) that the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the actions necessary to give effect thereto.

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The Board also had before it the following communications:

- (i) (March 1, 2000) from Councillor Jack Layton, Don River, respecting February 19, 2000 fire at the Harkow Recycling Facility at 75 Commissioners Street; and requesting:
 - (a) that the City take immediate action to remove the garbage from the site;
 - (b) that the Medical Officer of Health report on any health impacts from the fire; and
 - (c) that 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; and
- (ii) (April 3, 2000) from Mr. Steve Ellis, Barrister and Solicitor, Toronto, expressing concern with respect to the recent fire at Harkow Recycling; and urging a thorough investigation by Toronto Public Health, with the costs of doing so being charged to Harkow Recycling.

On motion by Councillor Mihvec, the Board:

- (1) adopted the aforementioned report dated March 23, 2000, from the Medical Officer of Health subject to amending Recommendation No. (1) by adding the words “or the underlying landowner, Toronto Economic Development Corporation (TEDCO), do”, before the words “not comply”, and deleting the word “does”; so that such Recommendation shall now read as follows:

“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. or the underlying landowner, Toronto Economic Development Corporation (TEDCO), do not comply with a public health order to eliminate a rat infestation and accumulation of debris and decomposing garbage on site.”;

- (2) adopted Recommendations Nos. (1), (3) and (4) embodied in the aforementioned report dated April 28, 2000, from the Medical Officer of Health; and
- (3) recommended to the Administration Committee that any leases involving lands owned by the City or its agencies, boards and commissions contain provisions requiring the lessee to comply with all applicable municipal, provincial and federal legislation and that the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the appropriate action to give effect thereto.

(Administration Committee; Works Committee; Medical Officer of Health; TEDCO; c: Councillor Jack Layton; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief; Harkow Recycling Ltd.; Mr. Steve Ellis; Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services - May 1, 2000)

4.4 Health Impacts from Fire at 15 Wallsend Drive, Scarborough.

The Board had before it a report (April 19, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health updating the Board of Health on the impacts of the fire at the U.S.E. Hickson Ltd. plant located at 15 Wallsend Drive in Scarborough and recommending that the report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board received the foregoing report.

4.5 Air Quality: Update on Canada-Wide Standards for Particulate Matter and Ground Level Ozone.

The Board had before it a report (April 18, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health providing a status report on the development of the Canada-wide standards for particulate matter and ground level ozone and Toronto Public Health's participation in the consultation process; and recommending that the Board of Health receive this report for information.

On motion by Councillor King, the Board referred the foregoing report to the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment, for its meeting scheduled to be held in May 2000, together with a letter expressing the Board's disappointment with the proposed Standards for Particulate Matter and Ozone and the timeframe for the implementation of such standards, and requesting the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment to demonstrate strong

leadership by, at a minimum, adopting the Ontario objectives by using 2005 as the timeframe for implementation.

(Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment; c. Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services - May 1, 2000)

4.6 Federal and Provincial Commitments and Funding for Public Health.

The Board had before it a report (March 23, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health requesting the Board of Health to join Haliburton, Kawartha, and 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:

- (1) the Board of Health 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) the Board of Health 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 Councillor Jones, the Board adopted the foregoing report.

(The Honourable Allan Rock, Minister's Office – Health Canada; The Honourable Elizabeth Witmer; c. Medical Officer of Health of the Haliburton, Kawartha, and Pine Ridge District Board of Health; Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services - May 1, 2000)

4.7 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:

- (1) urge the provincial Minister of Environment to 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; and
 - (c) incorporates caps that continually reduce total air emissions in Ontario.

- (2) urge the provincial Minister of Environment to 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 Jones, the Board recommended to Council adoption of the foregoing report.

(Clause No. 1, Report No. 2)

4.8 Availability of Female Condoms.

The Board 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 Mr. Zaslofsky, the Board adopted the foregoing report subject to adding the following words after “campaign” to Recommendation No. (1): “with selected health clinics and/or agencies that will provide, temporarily, free female condoms”, so that such recommendation shall now read as follows:

“design and implement a social marketing campaign with selected health clinics and/or agencies that will provide, temporarily, free female condoms, about the use and benefits of female condoms targeting both men and women, health care providers, educators, and pharmacies, etc.;”.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services - May 1, 2000)

4.9 Dental Care for Homeless People.

The Board 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) 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 a communication (April 28, 2000) from Joel Rosenbloom DDS, Coordinator, Dental Program, Queen West Community Health Centre, urging the Board to support the recommendations outlined in the report from the Medical Officer of Health.

On motion by Mr. Zaslofsky, the Board:

- (1) recommended to Council adoption of Recommendations Nos. (1) and (4) of the aforementioned report from the Medical Officer of Health;
- (2) adopted Recommendations Nos. (2) and (3) of the aforementioned report from the Medical Officer of Health;
- (3) requested the Chair of the Board of Health and the Medical Officer of Health to convene a meeting with the Minister of Health and Long- term Care and representatives from Community Health Centres and the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto, to discuss the delivery of dental services for homeless people; and
- (4) forwarded the aforementioned report to the Community Services Committee and the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons for information.

(Community Services Committee; Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons; Association of Community Health Centres; Ontario Hospital Association; Chair, Board of Health; Medical Officer of Health; c: Councillor Jack Layton; Minister of Health and Long Term Care; Community Health Centres; Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto; Dr. Joel Rosenbloom, Queen West Community Health Centre; Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services - May 1, 2000)

(Clause No. 2, Report No. 2)

**4.10 Public Health "Contracting-in" Community
Follow-Up for Shortened Length of
Post Partum Hospital Stay.**

The Board had before it a report (April 18, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health requesting approval for Toronto Public Health to enter into legal agreements with hospitals for the provision of post-partum community follow-up for women with shortened length of hospital stay; advising that there are no financial implications as program costs will be recovered by financial agreements with the hospitals on a fee-for-service basis; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health approve the development of agreements between Toronto Public Health and hospitals for the delivery of public health nursing services in response to community needs created by shortened length of hospital postpartum stay; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Board, on motion by Councillor Mihevc:

- (1) adopted the foregoing report; and

on motion by Ms. Lindsay:

- (2) directed that any costs incurred as a result of this program not be passed on to the women or families needing care, i.e., that there be no user fees.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Ms. Jane Speakman - May 1, 2000)

4.11 Reducing Indoor Pesticide Spraying in the Residential Sector.

The Board had before it a report (April 18, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health describing an action plan developed and implemented by Toronto Public Health to reduce pesticide spraying in the residential sector by promoting Integrated Pest Management in the manner developed and evaluated in Toronto Public Health's 'Roach Coach' Project; advising that there are no financial implications for the City of Toronto and that health promotion activities were financed by a grant from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; and recommending that the Board of Health request the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services, through its Municipal Licensing and Standards division, to:

- (a) ensure that Property Standards Officers consistently promote Integrated Pest Management methods for cockroach control when they respond to cockroach complaints in the City; and
- (b) give consideration to revising the Housing Standards By-law of the Toronto Municipal Code (Chapter 210, Section 9D) so as to require landlords to specify the use of Integrated Pest Management to keep premises pest-free.

Mr. Rich Whate, Toronto Environmental Alliance, appeared before the Board in connection with the foregoing matter.

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

(Commissioner of Urban Development Services; c: Medical Officer of Health; Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards Division; Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services; Interested persons - May 1, 2000)

4.12 Comprehensive Tobacco Control Strategy.

The Board had before it a report (April 18, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health presenting the initiatives implemented by Toronto Public Health as part of its comprehensive tobacco control strategy; advising that, in addition, the report highlights those activities for which Toronto Public Health has secured expanded program funding through the Ontario Tobacco Strategy Renewal Project sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care; and recommending that the report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board received the foregoing report.

4.13 Update on Proposed Sewer Use By-Law for Toronto.

The Board had before it a report (April 28, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health confirm its endorsement of 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;
- (2) Works and Emergency Services adhere to its general discharge limit development protocol for deriving discharge limits for organics not identified for phase out under the Canada Ontario Agreement (COA) respecting the Great Lakes;
- (3) Works and Emergency Services retain, for the time being, the discharge limits (in draft No. 6) for nonylphenols, nonylphenol ethoxylates, di-n-butyl phthalates and bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate, and request Environment Canada/Ontario Ministry of the Environment to evaluate the new aquatic toxicity data for these substances and revise the Canadian Water Quality Objectives/Provincial Water Quality Objectives in light of these data;
- (4) the By-law require industry to prepare facility-specific pollution prevention plans;
- (5) Works and Emergency Services provide in a guidance manual a list of basic information common to all industry sectors that needs to be included in the pollution prevention plans and plan summaries, including evidence of employee notification and involvement;
- (6) the City add dental clinics to the list of subject sectors (appendix 1 of the By-law) that are required to submit a pollution prevention plan and a plan summary to the Commissioner by a designated date;
- (7) section 12 of draft No. 6 be amended to indicate that the Corporate Access and Privacy Office of the City of Toronto will determine whether the industry has made a credible case for submitted information to be withheld from public release due to its confidential or proprietary nature;

- (8) the By-law disallow the discharge of sharps and pharmaceuticals into the sewage system;
- (9) Works and Emergency Services perform periodic audits of individual facilities in different industrial sectors to determine compliance and assess the needs for further education and action;
- (10) Works and Emergency Services conduct an education campaign to raise awareness of the impact of discharged substances on health and the environment, and the importance of pollution prevention measures, with an emphasis on situations where the By-law requirements are difficult to enforce, such as with toxic discharges from small home business establishments;
- (11) the Board of Health forward this report to the Works Committee and the Economic Development and Parks Committee in time for consideration at their next joint meeting in May, 2000; and
- (12) the Board of Health encourage the Works Committee and the Economic Development and Parks Committee to support the proposed Sewer Use By-law, subject to the aforementioned recommendations.

Mr. Bruce Davis, Urban Intelligence Inc., appeared before the Board and provided a written submission, in connection with the foregoing matter, on behalf of the World Wildlife Fund.

Councillor Jones moved adoption of the foregoing report subject to amending Recommendation No. (3) by deleting the number “6” after the word “draft”, inserting in lieu thereof the number “4”, which carried.

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

The Board recommended to the Joint Meeting of the Works Committee and the Economic Development and Parks Committee that:

- (1) Works and Emergency Services adhere to its general discharge limit development protocol for deriving discharge limits for organics not identified for phase out under the Canada Ontario Agreement (COA) respecting the Great Lakes;
- (2) Works and Emergency Services retain, for the time being, the discharge limits (in draft No. 4) for nonylphenols, nonylphenol ethoxylates, di-n-butyl phthalates and bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate, and request Environment

Canada/Ontario Ministry of the Environment to evaluate the new aquatic toxicity data for these substances and revise the Canadian Water Quality Objectives/Provincial Water Quality Objectives in light of these data;

- (3) the By-law require industry to prepare facility-specific pollution prevention plans;
- (4) Works and Emergency Services provide in a guidance manual a list of basic information common to all industry sectors that needs to be included in the pollution prevention plans and plan summaries, including evidence of employee notification and involvement;
- (5) the City add dental clinics to the list of subject sectors (appendix 1 of the By-law) that are required to submit a pollution prevention plan and a plan summary to the Commissioner by a designated date;
- (6) section 12 of draft No. 6 be amended to indicate that the Corporate Access and Privacy Office of the City of Toronto will determine whether the industry has made a credible case for submitted information to be withheld from public release due to its confidential or proprietary nature;
- (7) the By-law disallow the discharge of sharps and pharmaceuticals into the sewage system;
- (8) Works and Emergency Services perform periodic audits of individual facilities in different industrial sectors to determine compliance and assess the needs for further education and action;
- (9) Works and Emergency Services conduct an education campaign to raise awareness of the impact of discharged substances on health and the environment, and the importance of pollution prevention measures, with an emphasis on situations where the By-law requirements are difficult to enforce, such as with toxic discharges from small home business establishments.

The Board also:

- (1) confirmed its endorsement of 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, subject to the aforementioned recommendations.

(Joint Meeting of the Works Committee and the Economic Development and Parks Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services; Mr. Bruce Davis, Urban Intelligence Inc. - May 1, 2000)

4.14 Sustainability Roundtable Membership.

The Board had before it a report (April 20, 2000) from the City Clerk recommending that the Board appoint a representative to the Sustainability Roundtable and that the said appointment be in effect to the end of the current term of Council.

On motion by Trustee Gershon, the Board appointed Councillor Jones as its representative to the Sustainability Roundtable.

(Sustainability Roundtable; c. Councillor Irene Jones; Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services - May 1, 2000)

4.15 Venomous Snake.

The Board adopted the following resolution by Councillor Filion and recommended Council's endorsement of same, and, further, recommended that the resolution be forwarded to other municipalities:

“WHEREAS Toronto City Council has enacted a by-law that prohibits the keeping of any animal that may cause a risk to public health and safety, including poisonous and venomous animals (By-law No. 28.1999); and

WHEREAS poisonous and venomous animals that pose a potential risk to public health and safety can legally be brought into Ontario under federal and provincial law; and

WHEREAS the municipalities which enact and enforce local by-laws against these animals merely transfer the problem to a neighbouring municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health endorse the position expressed on March 7, 2000 by Mayor Mel Lastman and thereby request the federal and provincial governments to enact legislation to prohibit the import, keeping, or sale of poisonous and venomous animals.”

(Clause No. 3, Report No. 2.)

The Board adjourned its meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Chair.