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**BOARD OF HEALTH  
AGENDA  
MEETING No. 3**

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| <b>Date of Meeting:</b> | <b>Monday, February 19, 2001</b>  | <b>Enquiry:</b> | <b>Yvonne Davies</b>                                    |
| <b>Time:</b>            | <b>1:00 p.m.</b>  |                 | <b>Secretary</b>  |
| <b>Location:</b>        | <b>Committee Room No. 2<br/>100 Queen Street West<br/>Toronto City Hall</b> |                 | <b>416-395-7343<br/>ydavies@city.<br/>toronto.on.ca</b> |

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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO  
THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT.**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – January 8 and January 22, 2001.  
[Sent to Members by electronic mail]**

**1. TORONTO PUBLIC HEALTH 2001 BUDGET SUBMISSION.**

Committee Secretary, Board of Health Budget Subcommittee  
(February 6, 2001)

Advising that the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee at its meeting on February 5, 2001:

- (1) reviewed and received the Toronto Public Health 2001 Proposed Budget and Operating Plan for information;
- (2) directed that the Toronto Public Health 2001 Operating Budget, with any revisions, be submitted to the Board for its consideration at its meeting on February 19, 2001;
- (3) requested the Medical Officer of Health to:
  - (a) report directly to the Board on additional funding requests for TB program expansion; and
  - (b) provide an information sheet for Board members briefly describing the impacts to key public health program service areas.

**2. AIR QUALITY AND THE LOW SULPHUR FUEL PURCHASING PRACTICE.**

**DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Medical Officer of Health  
(February 5, 2001)

Reporting on the success of the City's low sulphur fuel purchasing practice as a means to reduce air emissions that contribute to adverse health effect; advising that there are no financial implications for Toronto Public Health stemming directly from this report; and **recommending** that:

- (1) the Board of Health encourage municipalities across Canada to adopt corporate purchasing practices for gasoline and diesel that considers sulphur levels as well as cost, as a cost effective means of reducing air pollution and its attendant health effects in their communities;
- (2) the Board of Health forward this report to all municipalities in Canada with a population greater than 50,000, to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM);
- (3) the Board of Health request that the Energy Efficiency Office consider the ways in which it might encourage other organizations that operate large corporate fleets within the City of Toronto to adopt corporate purchasing practices for gasoline and diesel that consider sulphur levels as well as cost, and report back to the Board of Health;
- (4) the Board of Health request that the Medical Officer of Health, in consultation with the City Solicitor, investigate the means by which the City could prohibit the selling and/or use of off-road diesel within the City, and report back to the Board of Health; and
- (5) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**3. MANDATORY HEALTH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES GUIDELINES.**

Medical Officer of Health  
(February 6, 2001)

Informing the Board of Health of impending changes to five of the Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines and Toronto Public Health comments on the proposed revisions; advising that if the proposed revisions to the Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines (MHPSG) are approved, it is likely that considerably more resources will be required for Toronto Public

Health and other provincial health units to be able to meet these revised standards; that until the revisions are finalized, it is difficult to estimate the impact on the City of Toronto; the impact of the changes in the Guidelines would not occur until the year 2002; further advising that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care will be doing a financial impact analysis prior to adopting the revisions; and **recommending** that the Board of Health:

- (1) support, in principle, the general directions of the revisions to the Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines proposed by the Technical Review Committees, as these changes will support good public health practice throughout the province;
- (2) encourage the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to continue the review process with the remaining 12 programs of the Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines;
- (3) request the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to give priority to a review of the Health Hazard Investigation Program to ensure a focus on prevention of exposure to environmental hazards to health, and on adoption of pollution prevention strategies to achieve long term environmental sustainability;
- (4) recommend to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care that an “equivalency clause” be incorporated in all 17 programs of the Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines which would allow local boards of health to provide components of programs that are more appropriate and effective for their local population health needs while still meeting the provincial requirements;
- (5) request the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care assume responsibility for developing and providing 100 percent funding for the mass communication and social marketing campaigns required in both the revised and current Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines. This would ensure consistency, co-ordination and efficiency across the province and would allow health units to use their limited resources to supplement these general messages by addressing the specific needs of their local populations ;
- (6) recommend that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care assume responsibility for developing and funding a comprehensive provincial health status surveillance system to support the continued monitoring of the outcomes of public health programs;
- (7) recommend that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care adopt the Accountability Framework for Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines that was developed by the Public Health Research, Education and Development program; and
- (8) recommend the restoration of 100 percent provincial funding of the Public Health Research, Education and Development program to support applied research and

best practices assessment in the ongoing updating of the Mandatory Health Program and Services Guidelines.

**4. EARLY YEARS CHALLENGE FUND AND COMMUNITY CO-ORDINATOR PROGRAM.**

Medical Officer of Health  
(February 6, 2001)

Reporting back to the Board of Health and the Community Services Committee on the planning process related to the Early Years Challenge Fund and related Community Co-ordinator program; advising that there are no direct financial implications for the City as this program is 100 percent funded through the Provincial Children's Secretariat; that total funding for this program is \$869,604.00 for the period October 1, 2000 to March 31, 2002; and the Funding allocation for 2001 has been included in the Toronto Public Health 2001 Operating Budget submission; and **recommending** that:

- (1) this report be forwarded for information to the Community Services Committee;
- (2) Toronto Public Health staff proceed with the necessary planning and implementation of the Early Years Community Co-ordinators program in a manner that ensures co-ordination with current community and corporate initiatives;
- (3) the Board of Health write a letter to the Children's Secretariat supporting the importance of funding to address healthy growth and development of children, asking the province to address their concerns regarding the provincial process to access local funds, including: Order-In-Council appointment of City employees; ambiguous accountability of the Selection Committee and the Steering Committee; and significant duplication in planning activities regarding services for children; and further, that the Province ensure that membership selection for the Toronto Steering Committee and Challenge Fund approvals integrate with current City initiatives; and
- (4) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to continue to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**5. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE 2001 PUBLIC HEALTH GRANTS REVIEW PANELS.**

Medical Officer of Health  
(January 29, 2001)

Recommending that the Board of Health:

- (1) appoint, to the AIDS Prevention Panel, the following individuals: Councillors Rae, Prue and Augimeri; Lee Zaslofsky; Indra Ramkissoon; Trevor Gray;

LaVerne Monette; Andy Visser-deVries; Huldah Richards; Germaine Chazou; and Faudia Azeez; and,

- (2) appoint, to the Drug Abuse Prevention Review Panel, the following individuals: Councillors Bussin, Korwin-Kuczynski; Kathy Kozma; Stephen Meredith; Eduardo Castro; Khadigia Ali; Betty Miller; and Brad Melnychuk.

**6. APPOINTMENT TO THE SUSTAINABILITY ROUNDTABLE.**

City Clerk, Sustainability Roundtable

(February 2, 2001)

**Recommending** that a member of the Board of Health be appointed as the Board's representative to the Sustainability Roundtable for a term of office expiring May 31, 2002, and until their successor is appointed.

**7. ANIMAL SERVICES.**

Report not yet available.

**8. TORONTO WILDLIFE CENTRE.**

Executive Director, Toronto Wildlife Centre

(February 5, 2001)

Regarding a draft proposal with respect to Wildlife Information line.