
**BOARD OF HEALTH
AGENDA
MEETING No. 7**

Date of Meeting:	Monday, July 16, 2001	Enquiry:	Yvonne Davies
Time:	1:00 p.m.		Secretary
Location:	Committee Room No. 1 100 Queen Street West Toronto City Hall		416-395-7343 ydavies@city. toronto.on.ca

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – June 18, 2001.
[Sent to Members by electronic mail]

1. APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATE MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH.

Medical Officer of Health
(June 25, 2001)

Advising the Board of Health on recent appointments of Associate Medical Officers of Health (AMOH's); advising that there are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report; and **recommending** that:

- (1) the recommended designations of Associate Medical Officers of Health as outlined in this report be transmitted to City Council and to the provincial Minister of Health for approval; and
- (2) the authority be granted to introduce the necessary bill in Council to give effect to the above recommendation.

2. **RESPONSE TO THE JORDAN HEIKAMP JURY INQUEST RECOMMENDATIONS.**

Medical Officer of Health

(July 4, 2001)

Responding to those recommendations from the Jordan Heikamp Coroner's Inquest that pertain to Toronto Public Health; advising that there are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report; and **recommending** that:

- (1) Toronto Public Health advocate for additional provincial funding for additional staff to visit high-risk families and to provide staff training, outreach and targeted promotion of the Healthy Babies Healthy Children (HBHC) Program;
- (2) Toronto Public Health, in collaboration with the City's Shelter, Housing and Support Division and other key stakeholders, develop referral and service co-ordination protocols for shelters who serve homeless youth who are pregnant or parents with children under six;
- (3) the Board of Health forward this report to the Children and Youth Action Committee and to the Community Services Committee for information; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

3. **LEAFBLOWERS AND OTHER LAWN GARDEN EQUIPMENT.**

Medical Officer of Health

(July 3, 2001)

Reporting from a public health perspective on noise and air pollutant emissions from leaf blowers; an acceptable noise level for leaf blowers and other lawn/garden equipment; whether a leaf blower by-law or ban is justified based on health concerns; and by-laws and bans in major cities in North America that restrict leaf blower use; advising that there are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report; and **recommending** that:

- (1) the Board of Health request the City Solicitor to report on the extent to which the City has the authority to regulate and prohibit the operation of gas-powered leaf blowers within the City of Toronto;
- (2) the Board of Health request the General Manager of the Parks and Recreation Division, the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (Local 416) to report back on:

- (a) the implications on City operations and budget of a by-law to prohibit the operation of gas-powered leaf blowers; and
 - (b) suggested parameters for such a by-law (e.g., exemptions for use during specified times of the year), if deemed necessary to mitigate adverse impacts on operations;
- (3) the Board of Health request the Ontario Ministry of the Environment to convene a multi-stakeholder task group to develop health-protective standards for noise, exhaust and evaporative emissions to be met by manufacturers of lawn/garden equipment;
 - (4) the Board of Health forward this report to the Planning and Transportation Committee and the Works Committee for their consideration;
 - (5) the Planning and Transportation Committee seek public input on this report at Community Councils (at the same time that Community Councils give consideration to the Urban Development Services report on a harmonized Noise By-law for Toronto);
 - (6) the Medical Officer of Health forward a copy of this report for information to: the Occupational Health and Safety Coordinating Committee of the City of Toronto; Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition; City Agencies, Boards and Commissions; Environment Canada; Ontario Public Health Association; Ontario Ministry of Health; Health Canada; Ontario Ministry of Labour; Ontario Federation of Labour; Workplace Safety and Insurance Board; The Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers Inc.; Landscape Ontario; Ontario Parks Association; Canadian Hearing Society; Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety; NoiseWatch; the League for the Hard of Hearing; Industry Canada; the Canadian Standards Association; and the Noise Pollution Clearinghouse; and
 - (7) the appropriate city officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

4. HEALTH EFFECTS OF NOISE.

Medical Officer of Health

(June 27, 2001)

Reporting on the process of seeking epidemiological data on the health effects of noise, as requested by the Board of Health; advising that there are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report; and **recommending** that:

- (1) the Board of Health request the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Urban Development Services and the Medical Officer of Health to:

- (a) develop a uniform noise monitoring program that specifies the targets for monitoring (such as population subgroups or geographic locations), sampling methods, protocol for data collection, data analysis, and reporting;
 - (b) consider appropriate remedial measures when the levels of noise exceed the thresholds for adverse health effects; and
- (2) the appropriate city officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.