

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Division**

**Minutes of Board of Health**

**Meeting No. 2**

**Monday, January 22, 2001**

The Board of Health met on Monday, January 22, 2001 in Committee Room 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1:10 p.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Joe Mihevc	x
Councillor Sandra Bussin	x
Councillor John Filion	x
Councillor Irene Jones	
Councillor Jane Pitfield	x
Councillor Michael Prue	x
Ms. Jan Campbell	
Mr. Robert Davies	x
Trustee Gerri Gershon	x
Ms. Gail Lindsay	x
Mr. Brian MacKay	x
Mr. Steven Pinnock	x
Mr. Lee Zaslofsky	x

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

Also Present:

Ms. Fiona Nelson.

**Confirmation of Minutes.**

On motion by Mr. Davies, the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Health held on September 25, 2000, were confirmed.

**2.1 Appointment of Members of Council to the Board of Health.**

The Board of Health had before it a communication (December 8, 2000) from the City Clerk, advising that Council at its meeting held on December 5, 6 and 7, 2000, adopted, as amended, Clause No. 1 of Report No. 1 of the Striking Committee, entitled, "Appointment of Members of Council to Special Positions, Standing Committees, Other Committees, and Special Purpose Bodies", and appointed the following 6 Members of Council to the Toronto Board of Health, for a term of office expiring on May 31, 2002, and until their successors are appointed:

Councillor Sandra Bussin  
Councillor John Filion  
Councillor Irene Jones  
Councillor Joe Mihevc  
Councillor Jane Pitfield  
Councillor Michael Prue

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Board of Health received the aforementioned communication.

**2.2 The Path Ahead: A Report on the State of the City's Health – Toronto 2001.**

The Board of Health had before it a report (January 9, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing an overview of the health of people in Toronto along with the issues, challenges and opportunities that face the Toronto Board of Health.

The Medical Officer of Health gave an overhead slide presentation with respect to the report on the State of the City's Health, 2001.

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

- Ms. Fiona Nelson, Toronto; and
- Alderman Marvin Caplan, Chair, Public Health Committee, City of Hamilton/Region of Hamilton-Wentworth.

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

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services; Interested Persons – January 23, 2001)

### **2.3 Capital and Operating Budget Requests for Toronto Public Health for 2001.**

Mr. Lee Zaslofsky declared an interest with respect to that portion of the Toronto Public Health Operating Budget as it relates to sexual health clinics. The nature of the conflict being that he is a Board Member of the Hassle Free Clinic and is employed by the Aids Committee of Toronto.

The Board of Health had before it a report (January 15, 20001) from the Medical Officer of Health, identifying pressures on the base operating budget for Toronto Public Health in 2001, presenting the Public Health 2001 Capital and Operating Budget requirements, and outlining the need for additional resources required for Toronto Public Health to meet mandatory requirements and local health needs in specified priority program areas and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health adopt the 2001-2005 Public Health Capital Works submission and that the financial implications be considered by the Budget Advisory Committee through the 2001 budget process;
- (2) the Board of Health adopt the 2001 Public Health Operating Budget proposed by the Medical Officer of Health and that this submission be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration, including the following:
  - (a) Annualization of the costs of the Children and Youth Action Committee (CYAC) initiatives, Control of Infectious Diseases Program, the Raccoon Rabies Control Program, the Child Nutrition Program and Emergency Response, all at the service levels approved by Council in 2000, totalling \$3.2 million gross/\$1.6 million net;
  - (b) Public Health Information Technology costs for 2001 of prior year commitments totalling \$3.4 million gross/\$1.7 million net;
  - (c) The base changes in the approved 2000 Public Health Operating Budget associated with salary and other payroll increases resulting from new collective agreements and compensation policies for non-union staff and management totalling \$3.4 million gross/\$1.7 million net;
  - (d) Other base changes in existing programs totalling \$0.6 million gross/\$0.3 million net, including:
    - (i) Redesign of Courier Services
    - (ii) Program Support for Vaccine Preventable Diseases
    - (iii) Program Support for Communicable Disease Control, Healthy Environments and Family Health/Healthy Lifestyles
    - (iv) Communicable Disease Surveillance Unit - Epidemiologist

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- (v) Recruitment and Retention Incentives; and
  - (vi) Information Technology – Leasing of New Computers/Printers;
- (e) Funding for program expansion involving Council directed initiatives, service harmonization and increased demand, totalling \$4.3 million gross/\$1.4 million net, including:
- (i) Healthy Babies/Healthy Children
  - (ii) Preschool Speech & Language
  - (iii) Cold/Hot Weather Alert
  - (iv) Animal Services
  - (v) Retirement Homes
  - (vi) ETS By-law Enforcement
  - (vii) TB Control
  - (viii) Sexual Health – Hassle Free Clinic
  - (ix) Sexual Health Clinics redesign implementation
- (f) New Services in response to local health needs and provincially mandated requirements totalling \$6.9 million gross/\$2.3 million net, including:
- (i) Community Flu Clinics
  - (ii) Early Years Community Co-ordinator Initiative
  - (iii) Cancer Prevention
  - (iv) Infant Hearing Screening Program
  - (v) Information/Performance Measurement Framework
  - (vi) Reportable Disease Information System (RDIS) Amalgamation – Phase 2
  - (vii) Rapid Risk Factor Surveillance
  - (viii) Toronto Healthy Environments Information System – Impact from Capital Budget
  - (ix) Food Safety
  - (x) Healthy Environments Quality Assurance Program, and
  - (xi) Air Quality and Pesticide Control (Environmental Task Force recommendations)
- (3) the Board of Health endorse the priority ranking of budget proposals as recommended by the Medical Officer of Health;
- (4) the Chief Financial Officer confirm the availability of funds from the Transition budget for the completion of RDIS amalgamation and report back through the 2001 budget process;
- (5) the Commissioners of Community and Neighbourhood Services, Corporate Services and Finance resolve outstanding issues related to interdepartmental

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charges, including but not limited to the coverage of information technology mainframe costs, and report back through the 2001 budget process; and

- (6) the Medical Officer of Health report back on the impact of additional revenue generation for non-mandatory public health inspection services if provided on a full cost recovery basis.

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

- (i) (January 12, 2001) from the Committee Secretary, Board of Health, Budget Subcommittee, recommending that the Toronto Public Health 2001 Capital and Operating Budget submissions be referred to the Board of Health for its endorsement, and that corporate information and technology support for public health services be reaffirmed as a high priority; and
- (ii) (October 6, 2000) from the Committee Secretary, Board of Health Tuberculosis (TB) Subcommittee, forwarding, for the Board's endorsement, a Resolution with respect to TB control and prevention.

The Medical Officer of Health gave an overhead slide presentation.

Councillor Mihevc appointed Councillor Prue Acting Chair, and vacated the Chair.

Councillor Mihevc moved that the Board of Health adopt the foregoing report from the Medical Officer of Health as amended by:

- (1) amending Recommendation No. (1) by:
  - (a) inserting the words "in principle" after the words "the Board of Health adopt";
  - (b) renumbering Recommendation No. (1) to 1(a) and adding the following new Recommendation No. (1)(b):

"the Board of Health adopt, in principle, the 2001 recommended Public Health Transition Capital Program for Toronto Healthy Environments Information system Phase II for \$1.154 million;"

- (2) amending Recommendation No. 2 by inserting the words “in principle” after the words “the Board of Health adopt”; and
- (3) adding the following new Recommendation No. (7):

“that this report be referred to the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee with the request that it review the priority ranking described in this report in concert with any reduction proposals contained in the Chief Administrative Officer’s recommended budget and submit a report with respect thereto to the meeting of the Board of Health scheduled to be held on February 19, 2001.”

Councillor Mihevc resumed the Chair.

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

***The Board:***

- (1) (a) *adopted, in principle, the 2001-2005 Public Health Capital Works submission and that the financial implications be considered by the Budget Advisory Committee through the 2001 budget process;*
- (b) *adopted, in principle, the 2001 recommended Public Health Transition Capital Program for Toronto Healthy Environments Information system Phase II for \$1.154 million;*
- (2) *adopted, in principle, the 2001 Public Health Operating Budget proposed by the Medical Officer of Health and that this submission be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration, including the following:*
  - (a) *annualization of the costs of the Children and Youth Action Committee (CYAC) initiatives, Control of Infectious Diseases Program, the Raccoon Rabies Control Program, the Child Nutrition Program and Emergency Response, all at the service levels approved by Council in 2000, totalling \$3.2 million gross/\$1.6 million net;*
  - (b) *Public Health Information Technology costs for 2001 of prior year commitments totalling \$3.4 million gross/\$1.7 million net;*

- (c) *the base changes in the approved 2000 Public Health Operating Budget associated with salary and other payroll increases resulting from new collective agreements and compensation policies for non-union staff and management totalling \$3.4 million gross/\$1.7 million net;*
- (d) *other base changes in existing programs totalling \$0.6 million gross/\$0.3 million net, including:*
  - (v) *Redesign of Courier Services*
  - (vi) *Program Support for Vaccine Preventable Diseases*
  - (vii) *Program Support for Communicable Disease Control, Healthy Environments and Family Health/Healthy Lifestyles*
  - (viii) *Communicable Disease Surveillance Unit - Epidemiologist*
  - (ix) *Recruitment and Retention Incentives; and*
  - (x) *Information Technology – Leasing of New Computers/Printers;*
- (e) *funding for program expansion involving Council directed initiatives, service harmonization and increased demand, totalling \$4.3 million gross/\$1.4 million net, including:*
  - (i) *Healthy Babies/Healthy Children*
  - (x) *Preschool Speech & Language*
  - (xi) *Cold/Hot Weather Alert*
  - (xii) *Animal Services*
  - (xiii) *Retirement Homes*
  - (xiv) *ETS By-law Enforcement*
  - (xv) *TB Control*
  - (xvi) *Sexual Health – Hassle Free Clinic*
  - (xvii) *Sexual Health Clinics redesign implementation*
- (f) *new Services in response to local health needs and provincially mandated requirements totalling \$6.9 million gross/\$2.3 million net, including:*
  - (xii) *Community Flu Clinics*
  - (xiii) *Early Years Community Co-ordinator Initiative*
  - (xiv) *Cancer Prevention*
  - (xv) *Infant Hearing Screening Program*
  - (xvi) *Information/Performance Measurement Framework*
  - (xvii) *Reportable Disease Information System (RDIS) Amalgamation – Phase 2*
  - (xviii) *Rapid Risk Factor Surveillance*
  - (xix) *Toronto Healthy Environments Information System – Impact from Capital Budget*
  - (xx) *Food Safety*
  - (xxi) *Healthy Environments Quality Assurance Program, and*

*(xxii) Air Quality and Pesticide Control (Environmental Task Force recommendations)*

- (3) endorsed the priority ranking of budget proposals as recommended by the Medical Officer of Health;*
- (4) requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to confirm the availability of funds from the Transition budget for the completion of RDIS amalgamation and report back through the 2001 budget process;*
- (5) requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to resolve outstanding issues related to interdepartmental charges, including but not limited to the coverage of information technology mainframe costs, and report back through the 2001 budget process;*
- (6) requested the Medical Officer of Health to report back on the impact of additional revenue generation for non-mandatory public health inspection services if provided on a full cost recovery basis; and*
- (7) referred this report to the Board of Health Budget Sub-committee with the request that it review the priority ranking described in this report in concert with any reduction proposals contained in the Chief Administrative Officer's recommended budget and submit a report with respect thereto to the meeting of the Board of Health scheduled to be held on February 19, 2001.*

(Board of Health Budget Sub-committee; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Corporate Services; Medical Officer of Health; c. Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services; Ms. Shirley Macpherson, Budget Services; Interested Persons – January 23, 2001)

**2.4 Community Roundtable on Health  
September 11, 2000.**

The Board of Health had before it a joint report (January 8, 2001) from Councillor Irene Jones and Mr. Lee Zaslofsky, reporting on the four Community Roundtables on Health held on September 11, 2000 and to recommend the integration of identified health needs into Divisional planning and the next steps to implementing an integrated model for community participation with 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 endorse this report and recommend the integration of the community identified health needs into Divisional planning;
- (2) the Board of Health approve in principle the establishment of an integrated model for community participation which includes community health boards, community roundtables, task forces and town halls;
- (3) the Board of Health establish a work group to finalize the model, determine mandate for the Community Health Boards and develop an implementation plan, to be presented at the next Board of Health meeting;
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Councillor Filion suggested that there be more community participation.

Councillor Pitfield suggested that every effort be made to include tenants participation in instances where there are health concerns in their buildings.

On motion by Councillor Filion, the Board of Health adopted the foregoing report; and, further appointed Councillor Irene Jones, Mr. Brian Mackay, and Mr. Lee Zaslofsky to the work group in accordance with Recommendation No. (3).

(Councillor Jones; Mr. Lee Zaslofsky; c. Medical Officer of Health; Mr. Brian Mackay; Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services – January 23, 2001)

## **2.5 AIDS and Drug Prevention Grant Review.**

The Board of Health had before it a report (December 5, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health, informing the Board of Health about the process and outcome of the community consultations for the AIDS and Drug Abuse Prevention Grants; advising that there are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report; and recommending that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Board of Health received the foregoing report.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services – January 23, 2001)

## **2.6 Toronto's Air: Let's Make it Healthy.**

The Board of Health had before it a report (December 15, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health, informing the Board of Health of a new report summarizing the impact of air pollution on health and of initiatives taken by the City to improve air quality; advising that there are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report; and recommending that the Board of Health receive this report for information.

The Board of Health also had before it a communication (October 16, 2000) from the City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee, recommending that the Board of Health endorse the communication (October 2, 2000) addressed to Premier Mike Harris from the Toronto Cycling Committee requesting air quality improvements in the City of Toronto.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Board of Health:

- (1) received the foregoing report (December 15, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health; and
- (2) endorsed the action taken by the Toronto Cycling Committee in forwarding the communication (October 2, 2000) to the Premier of Ontario requesting air quality improvements in the City of Toronto.

(Medical Officer of Health; City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee; c. Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services – January 23, 2001)

## **2.7 Overview of "Taking Action on Asthma" Report.**

The Board of Health had before it a report (December 15, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing an overview of key recommendations in "Taking Action on Asthma" the 2000 report of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care; advising that there are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report; and recommending that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Board of Health received the foregoing report for information.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services – January 23, 2001)

**2.8 Air Quality and the Low Sulphur  
Fuel Purchasing Policy.**

The Board of Health had before it a report (January 9, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health, reporting on the success of the City's low sulphur fuel purchasing policy as a means to reduce air emissions that contribute to adverse health effect.

The Board of Health also had before it a communication (December 12, 2000) from the City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee, advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee, at its meeting held on December 4, 2000, requested the Board of Health to:

- (1) strongly urge the Government of Canada to:
  - (i) address the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions here rather than by trading for credits with third world countries. Canada is now among the world's biggest polluters. Citizens using cycles in Toronto feel most intensely the effects of the poor air quality, suffering burning throats and chests, and require the clean air in order to continue to efficiently cycle for recreation and transport, which creates a virtuous circle providing still more clean air;
  - (ii) put the health of citizens foremost – the Board of Health has estimated that 1,000 citizens of Toronto die prematurely from the effects of smog each year – and to take steps to control greenhouse gas emissions within Canada to meet the Kyoto targets; and
- (2) forward the concerns of the Toronto Cycling Committee to the Right Honourable Jean Chretien, P.C., M.P., and Mr. Lloyd Axworthy, Canada's representative to The Hague Conference, and to relevant government agencies and departments, for appropriate action.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Board of Health:

- (1) deferred consideration of the report (January 9, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health to its meeting scheduled to be held on February 19, 2001; and
- (2) concurred with the request of the Toronto Cycling Committee embodied in the communication (December 12, 2000) from the City Clerk.

(Medical Officer of Health; Prime Minister of Canada; Minister of the Environment c. City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee; Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services – January 23, 2001)

**2.9 Environmental Plan “Clean, Green and Healthy:  
A Plan for an Environmentally Sustainable Toronto”:  
Implications for Public Health.**

The Board of Health had before it a report (January 2, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health, outlining the implications for Public Health in implementing the Environmental Plan “Clean, Green and Healthy: A Plan for an environmentally Sustainable Toronto” recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health support the key role of Public Health in the implementation of the City’s Environmental Plan;
- (2) the Board of Health support the addition of \$201,327.00 (gross) and \$100,663.00 (net) in the 2001 Public Health budget operating budget to implement the first phase of priority recommendations identified in the Chief Administrative Officer’s report on the Resource Implications of the Environmental Plan;
- (3) the Board of Health approve in principle the three-year budget plan as described in this report;
- (4) this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for their consideration during the operating budget process;
- (5) this report be forwarded to the Sustainability Roundtable for information; and
- (6) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Board of Health also had before it the following communications expressing support and forwarding comments with respect to recommendations contained in the Environmental Plan:

- (i) Ms. Beth Savan, Ph.D., MCIP, Director, Environmental Programs, Innis College, University of Toronto;
- (ii) Dr. B. Ted Boadway, Executive Director, Health Policy, Ontario Medical Association;
- (iii) Ms. Michelle Dixon Parent, Manager, Market Intelligence, Enbridge, Consumers Gas;
- (iv) Ms. Cheryl Shour, B.Sc. M.B.A., Chief Environmental Officer, Healthy Home Services Inc., President, The Organic Landscape Alliance;

- (v) Ms. Miriam Diamond, Associate Professor, University of Toronto, Department of Geography;
- (vi) Mr. John Wellner, Director, Air Programme, Pollution Probe;
- (vii) Ms. Janet May, Pesticide Campaign Director, Toronto Environmental Alliance; and
- (viii) Ms. Hilda Mackow, President and Chief Operating Officer, Toronto Hydro.

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

- (i) Dr. Miriam Diamond, Department of Geography, University of Toronto;
- (ii) Mr. John Wellner, Pollution Probe;
- (iii) Ms. Janet May, Toronto Environmental Alliance;
- (iv) Mr. Richard Waite, Toronto Environmental Alliance; and
- (v) Ms. Michelle Dixon Parent, Manager, Market Intelligence, Enbridge Consumer Gas.

Councillor Mihevc appointed Councillor Prue Acting Chair, and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board of Health:

- (1) adopted the recommendations embodied in the aforementioned report from the Medical Officer of Health; and
- (2) requested the Medical Officer of Health to monitor the outcome of the Supreme Court of Canada's consideration of municipal by-laws that ban pesticide use on private property and to submit a report to the Board of Health with respect to options for enacting such a by-law in Toronto.

Councillor Mihevc resumed the Chair.

(Budget Advisory Committee; Sustainability Roundtable; Medical Officer of Health c. Jane Speakman, Legal Services; Ms. Shirley Macpherson, Budget Services; Interested Persons – January 23, 2001)

**2.10 Police Reference Checks for Toronto  
Public Health Volunteers Working  
Directly with Children.**

The Board of Health had before it a report (January 4, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health, requesting City Council approval for Toronto Public Health to enter into an agreement with the Toronto Police Service to conduct reference checks for volunteers who are working directly with children; advising that there are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health recommend that City Council direct Toronto Public Health to enter into an agreement with Toronto Police Service to conduct reference checks on potential volunteers working directly with children; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Board of Health recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing report.

**(Clause No. 1, Report No. 1)**

**2.11 Early Years Community  
Co-ordinators Initiative.**

The Board of Health had before it a communication (September 25, 2000) from the Minister Responsible for Children, advising of the government's initiative to provide funding to Local Boards of Health, to recruit and to hire Early Years Community Co-ordinators; and advising that \$869,604.00 is provided to the Board of Health for the period October 1, 2000 to March 31, 2002.

The Board of Health also had before it a communication (October 26, 2000) from the City Clerk, forwarding, for information, Clause No. 4 contained in Report No. 7 of the Board of Health, headed "Early Years Community Co-ordinators initiative", which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Toronto at its regular meeting held on October 3, 4 and 5, 2000, and its Special Meetings held on October 6, 2000 and October

10 and 11, 2000 and October 12, 2000; and drawing the Board's attention to the amendment, by Council, at the beginning of the Clause.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Board of Health received the foregoing for information.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services – January 23, 2001)

## **2.12 75 Commissioners Street – Lease Provisions.**

The Board of Health had before it a communication (October 23, 2000) from the City Clerk, forwarding, for information, Clause No. 4 contained in Report No. 18 of The Administration Committee, headed "75 Commissioners Street – Lease Provisions", which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Toronto at its regular meeting held on October 3, 4 and 5, 2000 and its Special Meetings held on October 6, 2000, October 10 and 11, 2000 and October 12, 2000; and noting that both general "boiler plate" provisions with respect to compliance with applicable laws, as well as certain specific compliance provisions, were included in the lease between TEDCO and Harkow Aggregate and Recycling Limited.

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

## **2.13 Food Safety.**

The Medical Officer of Health gave a verbal update report on inspections of food premises.

On motion by Mr. Mackay, the Board of Health received the foregoing verbal update.

The Board of Health adjourned its meeting at 3:55 p.m.

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Chair