

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of Board of Health

Meeting No. 8

Monday, September 24, 2001

The Board of Health met on Monday, September 24, 2001 in Committee Room No. 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1:12 p.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Joe Mihevc, Chair	x
Councillor Sandra Bussin	x
Councillor John Filion	x
Councillor Irene Jones	x
Councillor Jane Pitfield	x
Councillor Michael Prue, Vice Chair	x
Ms. Helen Chan	x
Mr. Brian Hyndman	x
Mr. Brian MacKay	x
Dr. Rosana Pellizzari	x
Ms. Nancy Peters	
Trustee Mark Stefanini	x
Mr. Lee Zaslofsky	x

Also Present:

Ms. Fiona Nelson

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Ms. Chan, the Minutes of the Board of Health meeting held on July 16, 2001, were confirmed.

8.1 Late Night Entertainment Events.

The Board of Health had before it a report (September 12, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health, outlining information in regard to the usefulness of the City Protocol for Late Night Entertainment Events and reviewing actions taken by the Boards of Health

in other municipalities with respect to such late night entertainment events; advising that there are no additional financial implications for Toronto Public Health stemming from this report; that all required resources are covered within the 2001 Operating Budget; and recommending that this report be received for information.

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

- (i) (August 1, 2001) from the Acting City Clerk, forwarding a motion moved by Councillor Soknacki and seconded by Councillor Chow, which was adopted by City Council at its meeting on July 24, 25 and 26, 2001; the operative paragraph of which reads:

“NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council request the Medical Officer of Health to report to the Board of Health for its meeting to be held on September 24, 2001 on:

- (1) the usefulness of the City Protocol with respect to late night entertainment events;
 - (2) if there are areas of improvement within the jurisdiction of the City of Toronto (including the enhancement of drug education as recommended by the Coroner’s Inquiry into the death of Alan Ho); and
 - (3) a review of the actions taken by the Boards of Health in other municipalities with respect to late night entertainment events.”; and
- (ii) (September 21, 2001) from Councillor Soknacki, requesting that the item be deferred until the November 26, 2001 Board of Health meeting.

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Board of Health received the foregoing report from the Medical Officer of Health.

The Board, further, advised Councillor Soknacki that it would be willing to discuss the matter further at such time as he indicates he has additional information.

(Councillor Soknacki; Medical Officer of Health; c. Jane Speakman, Legal Services; Councillor Chow – September 25, 2001)

8.2 Breastfeeding Promotion.

The Board of Health had before it a report (September 3, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing an update to the Board of Health on Toronto Public Health's comprehensive approach to breastfeeding promotion, advising on Breastfeeding Awareness Week activities, and seeking endorsement of the WHO International Code of Marketing Breastmilk Substitutes; advising that there are no financial implications resulting in the adoption of this report; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health endorse The International Code of Marketing Breast Milk Substitutes (WHO/UNICEF);
- (2) the Board of Health forward this report to the Children and Youth Action Committee and to the Community Services Committee for information; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board of Health endorsed The International Code of Marketing Breast Milk Substitutes (WHO/UNICEF) and forwarded this report to the Children and Youth Action Committee and to the Community Services Committee for information, in accordance with Recommendation No. (2).

(Children and Youth Action Committee; Community Services Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services – September 25, 2001)

8.3 Noise Mitigation Efforts for Audible Pedestrian Signals.

The Board of Health had before it a communication (July 4, 2001) from the Acting City Clerk, advising that the Works Committee, at its meeting on July 4, 2001, received the report (June 13, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, and directed that it be forwarded to the Planning and Transportation Committee and the Board of Health for information, as recommended.

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

8.4 Implementation of the Recommendations of the Food and Hunger Action Committee Phase 2 Report “The Growing Season”.

The Board of Health had before it a communication (July 3, 2001) from the Acting City Clerk, forwarding, for information, Clause No. 8 contained in Report No. 6 of The Community Services Committee, headed “Implementation of the recommendations of the Food and Hunger Action Committee Phase 2 Report ‘The Growing Season’,” which was adopted, without amendment by the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on June 26, 27 and 28, 2001

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

8.5 City of Toronto’s Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Program.

The Board of Health had before it a communication (July 3, 2001) from the Honourable Allan Rock, Minister of Health, addressed to Councillor Mihevc, Chair, Board of Health, responding to Councillor Mihevc’s letter dated April 30, 2001.

The Board of Health also had before it a communication (April 30, 2001) from Councillor Mihevc, addressed to the Minister of Health and the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, requesting a meeting to discuss the Board’s concerns regarding the City’s TB prevention and control program, particularly in the context of the refugee and refugee claimant population.

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

8.6 Toronto Public Health Capital Budget Submission.

The Board of Health had before it a report (September 17, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health presenting the proposed Public Health 2002-2006 Capital Budget and associated Operating Budget impacts; advising that the net impact of the proposed 2002-2006 Capital Budget for Toronto Public Health is \$12,243.2 thousand; Capital costs total \$10,133.3 thousand; the Operating Budget impact from this Capital request totals \$5,274.9 thousand (gross), \$2,637.45 thousand (net); projected savings resulting from these capital projects total \$3,165.0 thousand (gross), \$1,582.5 thousand (net); and recommending that the Board of Health adopt the 2002-2006 Capital Budget proposal and that this report be referred to the Budget Advisory Committee and the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration during the 2002 budget process.

The Medical Officer of Health gave an overhead slide presentation.

Councillor Pitfield, with the concurrence of the Board, requested that the “\$0”s appearing under the columns headed “2005” and “2006” in the financial charts be replaced by “-“ (line) and that the Medical Officer of Health provide the Secretary with a revised report for submission to the Budget Advisory Committee and Policy and Finance Committee.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Board of Health:

- (1) adopted the 2002-2006 Capital Budget proposal and referred this report to the Budget Advisory Committee and the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration during the 2002 budget process;
- (2) requested the Commissioner, Corporate Services, to report to the Budget Advisory Committee and the Policy and Finance Committee on:
 - (a) a policy with respect to the maintenance of City-owned buildings; and
 - (b) the State of Good Repair Study in eight City-owned facilities solely occupied by Toronto Public Health as directed during the 2001 Capital Budget process.

(Budget Advisory Committee; Policy and Finance Committee; Commissioner of Corporate Services; Medical Officer of Health; c. Jane Speakman, Legal Services; Brian Hyndman; Alan Cohen, Acting Manager, Budget Services, Finance – September 25, 2001)

8.7 Toronto Public Health Preliminary 2002 Operating Budget.

The Board of Health had before it a report (September 17, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing information regarding the 2002 City Budget Process and implications for Toronto Public Health; advising that financial implications arising from the 2002 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget will be included with the budget submission to the Board of Health on October 29, 2001; and recommending that this report be received for information.

The Medical Officer of Health gave an overhead slide presentation.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board of Health received the foregoing report; and:

- (A) adopted the following guiding principles for the 2002 Operating Budget submission:
- (1) the 2002 Public Health Operating Budget Submission will focus primarily on stabilizing and improving the efficiency of existing programs and services;
 - (2) services expansions will be limited to Council-approved cross-departmental initiatives;
 - (3) all approved Public Health staff positions should be fully funded by 2002, i.e., TB Control, Vulnerable Adults and Frail Seniors, Environmental Plan;
 - (4) Public Health gapping should be reduced to a more sustainable level of 3 percent;
 - (5) City should seek 100 percent funding by the Province of Ontario for cross-jurisdictional health issues, such as West Nile Virus;
 - (6) adjustments to the 2001 approved budget, such as economic factors, annualization of prior year approvals, and base budget changes, should not be funded at the expense of crucial public health programs and services. Any required service level adjustments should be guided by the following objectives:
 - (a) impact on service delivery in the community will be minimized;

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- (b) service reduction will not further impede ability to achieve Mandatory Program compliance;
 - (c) ability to carry out essential time-sensitive public health interventions will be maintained;
 - (d) potential for service to be conducted or funded by another organization will be further explored;
 - (e) reduction of service will not increase risk of liability;
 - (f) feasibility for cost recovery and revenue generation will be explored; and
- (B) directed that the foregoing principles be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for information; and
- (C) referred the following motion by Mr. Hyndman to the Medical Officer of Health with a request that she submit a report thereon to the Board of Health:

“It is recommended that the Board of Health:

- (a) advise the Ontario Minister of Health and Long Term Care of the Board’s concern with respect to the financial implications of meeting the expanded requirements of the revised Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines; and
- (b) partner with other organizations representing public health interests, such as the Ontario Public Health Association and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, to advocate for

increased provincial funding to support the implementation of the revised Guidelines.”

(Budget Advisory Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services; Alan Cohen, Acting Manager, Budget Services, Finance – September 25, 2001)

8.8 West Nile Virus Update.

Dr. Barbara Yaffe, Associate Medical Officer of Health, gave an overhead slide presentation providing an update on the West Nile Virus.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board of Health received the foregoing presentation.

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

8.9 2001 Smog Report Card.

The Board of Health had before it a communication (September 6, 2001) from Shelley Petrie, Acting Executive Director, Toronto Environmental Alliance, forwarding a copy of the Toronto Environmental Alliance 2001 Smog Report Card for endorsement and requesting an opportunity to address the Board.

Dr. Keith Stewart, Toronto Environmental Alliance, appeared before the Board of Health in connection with the foregoing matter, and submitted a written brief.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board of Health recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that any budgetary savings achieved through energy efficiencies be reinvested in the implementation of the City’s Environmental Plan.

(Budget Advisory Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services; Alan Cohen, Acting Manager, Budget Services, Finance; Shelley Petrie, Toronto Environmental Alliance; Dr. Keith Stewart, Toronto Environmental Alliance – September 25, 2001)

8.10 Urban Coyotes.

The Board of Health had before it a communication (September 10, 2001) from Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby, Etobicoke Centre, Ward 4, requesting an opportunity to address the Board with respect to an aggressive coyote in her ward.

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

- Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby and
- Ted Holtzheuser.

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

The Board of Health referred the matter to the Medical Officer of Health with a request that she report back to the Board of Health on:

- (1) what action can be taken to assist residents in Etobicoke; **(moved by Councillor Pitfield)**
- (2) the use of tranquillisers in the trapping of coyotes **(moved by Councillor Prue)**; and
- (3) policies of other municipalities with respect to coyotes. **(moved by Councillor Pitfield)**

Councillor Prue resumed the Chair.

8.11 Emergency Response Plan For Public Health.

On motion by Mr. Hyndman, the Board received a verbal overview of the City's emergency response plan from the Medical Officer of Health.

The Board of Health adjourned at 4:15 p.m.