

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Office**

**Minutes of Board of Health**

**Meeting No. 8**

**September 23, 2002**

The Board of Health met on Monday, September 23, 2002 in Committee Room No. 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1:10 p.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Joe Mihevc, Chair	x
Councillor Augimeri	x
Councillor John Filion	x
Councillor Norman Kelly	x
Councillor Jane Pitfield	x
Councillor David Soknacki	x
Ms. Helen Chan	x
Mr. Brian Hyndman	x
Mr. Brian MacKay	x
Dr. Rosana Pellizzari	x
Ms. Nancy Peters	x
Trustee Mark Stefanini	x
Mr. Lee Zaslofsky	x

Councillor Mihevc in the Chair.

**Confirmation of Minutes.**

On motion by Mr. MacKay, the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Health held on July 29, 2002 were confirmed.

### **8.1 Staff Recognition Presentation.**

The Chair presented Staff Recognition awards to:

Lynne Raskin, Executive Director, South Riverdale Community Health Centre;  
Chris Gort, Chair of the Board, South Riverdale Community Health Centre; and

Dianne Chopping, Family Health Manager, East Region, Toronto Public Health.

The Board was advised that South Riverdale Community Health Centre, in collaboration with Toronto Public Health and the Environmental Clinic of Sunnbrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre has received a prestigious award from the Canadian Institute of Child's Health - The 2002 Health Promotion and Innovation Award of Excellence.

The Toronto Board of Health congratulated the partners involved in this initiative as this is a very critical step in increasing the capacity for pregnant women and their families to identify and minimize potential sources of environmental exposures to themselves, the developing fetus, their children and other family members.

### **8.2 Toronto – Federation of Canadian Municipalities HIV/AIDS Partnership with Botswana.**

The Chair, Councillor Mihevc, Barbara Emanuel, Senior Policy and Strategic Issues Advisor and Liz Janzen, Regional Director, gave a slide presentation of their visit to Botswana in connection with the Toronto – Federation of Canadian Municipalities HIV/AIDS partnership between the City and a municipality in Botswana. The South-East District municipality is the proposed Toronto partner and officials from the South-East District will be visiting the Board at its meeting on October 21, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Zaslofsky, the Board of Health  
received the foregoing presentation.

### **8.3 Female Condom Pilot Project.**

The Board of Health had before it a report (September 10, 2002) from the Medical Officer of Health, reporting back to the Board of Health on the findings of the Toronto Public Health Female Condom Pilot Project and making recommendations regarding the provisions of female condoms to sexual health clinics, community health centres and community social services agencies; advising that resources for distribution of female condoms in 2002/2003 will come from within the Council approved 2002 male condom distribution program budget to a maximum 5 percent (\$19,000.00) of the budget; that

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resource implications for 2004 and beyond will be considered through the 2004 budget process; and recommending that this report be received for information.

The Medical Officer of Health and Liz Janzen, Regional Director, Family Health and Healthy Lifestyle, South Region, gave a brief presentation.

The following motions by Councillor Kelly **failed**:

“It is recommended that:

- (1) the report be received and the Female Condom Pilot Project be terminated; and
- (2) Toronto Public Health be requested to contact the manufacturer of the female condoms, advise them of the effectiveness of their product and urge Toronto Public Health to seek royalty arrangements with the manufacturer of the product.”

The Board of Health:

- (1) received the report (September 10, 2002) from the Medical Officer of Health for information and endorsed the Female Condom Pilot Project; (**moved by Ms. Peters**)
- (2) requested the Minister of Health to:
  - (a) conduct a Province-wide education program on the use of female condoms; (**moved by Councillor Kelly**) and
  - (b) provide municipalities with 100 percent funding of the expenses incurred by the Boards of Health for the purchase and distribution of both male and female condoms; (**moved by Mr. Zaslofsky**) and
- (3) requested the Medical Officer of Health to report back to the Board of Health in one year’s time on the success and response of the Female Condom Pilot Project and to

comment, in particular, if the funding was used effectively. **(moved by Councillor Pitfield)**

Trustee Stefanini was recorded as voting in the negative with respect to the foregoing motions: Nos. (1), (2)(a)(b) and (3).

(Medical Officer of Health; Minister of Health and Long Term Care; c. Jane Speakman, Legal Services – September 24, 2002)

#### **8.4.1 Hepatitis A.**

Dr. Yaffe, Associate Medical Officer of Health, gave a verbal update on the Hepatitis A situation.

#### **8.4.2 West Nile Virus.**

The Medical Officer of Health gave a verbal update on the West Nile Virus situation.

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

#### **8.5 Annual Report on Compliance with the Provincial Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines.**

The Board of Health had before it a report (September 13, 2002) from the Medical Officer of Health, advising of Toronto Public Health's estimated 2001 compliance with the Mandatory Program and Services Guidelines, the projections for compliance in 2002 and 2003, requirements of the Board of Health in this year's submission and the Ministry of Health's assessed 2000 compliance; advising that there are no financial implications stemming directly from this report; and recommending that:

- (1) the Chair of the Board of Health be authorized to transmit the information contained in this report along with the Board's Comments on the performance of the Health Unit regarding compliance with the Programs and Services Guidelines 1997, for reporting period January 1 – December 31, 2001 to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care by September 27, 2002; and
- (2) that the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect hereto.

The Medical Officer of Health gave a brief presentation.

On motion by Mr. MacKay, the Board of Health:

- (1) adopted the foregoing report; and
- (2) urged the Minister of Health to:
  - (a) continue to refine the Mandatory Program Indicator Questionnaire and the compliance methodology to better reflect health unit activities; and
  - (b) ensure sufficient funding within the health care system so that the TB Mandatory Program standards can be met.

(Chair, Board of Health; Minister of Health and Long Term Care  
c. Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services –  
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## **8.6 Animal Services Advisory Committee.**

The Board of Health had before it a communication (September 9, 2002) from the City Clerk, responding to an enquiry by the Board of Health with respect to the possibility of the Board appointing a Member of Council who is no longer a Member of the Board, as Chair of the Animal Services Advisory Committee.

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

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board of Health:

- (1) appointed Councillor Irene Jones as Chair of the Animal Services Advisory Committee; and
- (2) amended the Terms of Reference of the Animal Services Advisory Committee, with respect to Membership, to read as follows:

“The Membership of the Animal Services Advisory Committee shall be as follows:  
One Member of Council, who may or may not be a Member of the Board of Health, as Chair;  
One Board of Health member (to be named);  
4 representatives from the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals: one from each of the two branches and two affiliates within the City of Toronto;  
2 citizen representatives who are not pet owners;  
1 representative of the Toronto Academy of Veterinary Medicine;  
1 representative of the Toronto Wildlife Centre;  
1 representative of the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council of Canada (PIJAC);  
1 representative of the Metro Dog Owners Association;  
1 representative of a Toronto Cat Owners Association;  
1 representative of Animal Alliance of Canada; and  
1 representative of Zoocheck Canada”

Councillor Mihevc resumed the Chair.

(Animal Services Advisory Committee; Councillor Jones; c. Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services – September 24, 2002)

## **8.7 Local Health Committee Minutes.**

The Board of Health had before it minutes of the following meetings:

- (1) Midtown Local Health Committee meeting held on February 18, 2002;
- (2) Midtown Local Health Committee meeting held on April 22, 2002;
- (3) Etobicoke Local Health Committee meeting held on March 27, 2002; and
- (4) North York Local Health Committee meeting held on May 15, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Hyndman, the Board of Health:

- (1) requested that a meeting of the Chairs of the Local Health Committees be convened to develop a standard procedure for seeking community input into Local Health Committee issues and enabling community residents to communicate with Local Health Committees; and
- (2) requested staff from Diversity Management and Community Engagements, Strategic and Corporate Policy/Healthy Office, to provide the North York Local Health Committee with information with respect to the City's programs on immigration and settlement.

(Chairs, Local Health Committees; Director, Strategic and Corporate Policy/Healthy City Office; c. Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services – September 24, 2002)

**8.8 Update on Progress in Controlling Dental Waste and Waste Amalgam in Sewers and Sewage Systems, and Designation of Revised Single Pollution Prevention Plan and Summary Form for Dental Sector.**

The Board of Health had before it a communication (September 11, 2002) from the City Clerk, advising that the Works Committee, at its meeting held on September 11, 2002:

- (1) recommended to Council:
  - (i) the adoption of Recommendations Nos. (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6) contained in the joint report dated August 30, 2002, from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Medical Officer of Health; and
  - (ii) that the form annexed to the aforementioned joint report not be designated by the City as the Pollution Prevention Plan and Plan Summary for the dental sector, and that staff review those documents in the light of any further concerns raised by the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario, as recommended in the report dated September 6, 2002, from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; and

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(2) requested that the Board of Health be advised accordingly.  
The Board of Health also had before it the following:

- (i) joint report (August 30, 2002) from the Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services and Medical Officer of Health, advising and updating the Works Committee and the Board of Health on the progress made to date in reducing, controlling and eliminating dental wastes and, most importantly, dental waste amalgam, containing approximately 50 percent by weight mercury, and to designate the revised single pollution prevention plan and summary form for the dental sector, and to provide advice on a proposed communication to dentists; advising that there are no financial implications arising from this report; and recommending that:
  - (1) the form annexed as Schedule "A" be designated by the City as constituting both the plan and plan summary for the dental sector;
  - (2) the communication to dentists previously approved by Council at its February 13, 14 and 15, 2002 meeting not be issued.
  - (3) Works and Emergency Services (WES) continue enforcement of the Sewer Use By-law which shows early indications of having reduced 40 to 68 percent of mercury loading to sewage treatment plants and sewers;
  - (4) WES conduct further research into ways of ameliorating historic dental amalgam contamination in plumbing and drains and communicate with the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Energy with regard to this issue;
  - (5) the Ontario Minister of the Environment and Energy consider designating scrap plumbing from dental practices as hazardous waste to be properly transported, recycled and disposed of; and
  - (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.
- (ii) report (September 6, 2002) from the Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services, addressed to the Works Committee, reporting on a meeting held on September 5, 2002 with the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario (the "College") and a representative of the Ministry of Health concerning the control of waste amalgam in the sewer system, and to obtain instructions with respect to the designated Pollution Prevention Plan and Plan Summary for the dental sector; advising that there are no financial implications arising from this report; and recommending that the form annexed to the August 30, 2002 report from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and Medical Officer of Health, not be designated by the City as the Pollution Prevention Plan and Plan Summary



for the dental sector, and that staff review those documents in light of any further concerns raised by the College.

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

**8.9 Draft Official Plan - Toronto Food Policy Council Resolution.**

The Board of Health had before it a communciation (undated) from the Toronto Food Policy Council, regarding the draft of Toronto's Official Plan and requesting the Board to endorse the Draft Official Plan.

Paul Bain, Project Manager, Urban Development Services, gave a brief overview of the Draft Official Plan.

Meyer Brownstone, Toronto Food Policy Council, appeared before the Board of Health in connection with the foregoing matter.

The following motions were tabled:

(A) Moved by Councillor Mihevc:

“It is recommended that the Board of Health endorse those elements of the Draft Official Plan that deal with Public Health and determinants of Public Health”;

(B) Moved by Councillor Filion:

“It is recommended that the matter be received.”

On motion by Mr. Hyndman, the Board of Health deferred consideration of this matter to its next meeting to provide non-Council Members the opportunity to review the Draft Official Plan and directed staff to ensure that such Members had access to the Draft Official Plan.

(Toronto Food Policy Council; c. Paul Bain, Project Manager, Urban Development Services; Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services – September 24, 2002)

**8.10 Medical Officer of Health  
Performance Appraisal.**

On motion by Mr. MacKay, the Board recessed to meet in-camera to discuss a personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

The matter remains in-camera.

The Board of Health recessed to meet in-camera at 4:55 p.m.;  
The Board of Health resumed to meet in public at 5:15 p.m.

The Board of Health adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

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Chair