

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Office**

**Minutes of Board of Health**

**Meeting No. 1**

**January 27, 2003**

The Board of Health met on Monday, January 27, 2003 in Committee Room No. 2, 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, Vice Chair	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

Secretary in the Chair.

**Confirmation of Minutes.**

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Health held on November 18, 2002 were confirmed.

**1.1 Election of Chair and Vice Chair.**

The Secretary asked for nominations for Chair of the Board of Health.

Councillor Filion nominated Councillor Mihevc, who accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Councillor Filion moved that nominations be closed, which carried.

The Board of Health unanimously elected Councillor Joe Mihevc as Chair of the Board of Health for a one-year term.

Councillor Mihevc assumed the Chair.

The Chair called for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board of Health.

Councillor Mihevc nominated Councillor Pitfield, who accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared that nominations be closed, which carried.

The Board of Health unanimously elected Councillor Jane Pitfield as Vice Chair of the Board of Health for a one-year term.

(Administrator, Nominations and Appointments Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health; Councillor Mihevc; Councillor Pitfield; Jane Speakman, Legal Services – January 28, 2003)

## **1.2 Protocol for the Control of Mosquito Larvae to Prevent and Control West Nile Virus.**

The Board of Health had before it a report (January 20, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, recommending a protocol for the control of mosquito larvae to prevent and control the spread of West Nile Virus (WNV); advising that financial impacts from the adoption of this report were outlined in the November 13, 2002 report which was adopted by the Board of Health, the budget for which was referred to Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2003 Operating Budget process; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health endorse the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) protocol for the control of West Nile Virus (WNV) as outlined in this report;
- (2) the Board of Health forward a copy of this report to City Council and to the Works Committee for their information;
- (3) the Board of Health forward copies of this report to the Ontario Public Health Association, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, the Ontario

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Ministry of Environment and the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care for their information; and

- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

- Rich Whate, Toronto Environmental Alliance;
- Janet May, Pesticide-free Ontario; and
- Councillor Irene Jones.

The Board of Health:

- (1) referred the report (January 20, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health to the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services for comment; **(moved by Councillor Augimeri)**
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to report to the next meeting of the Works Committee on how Works and Emergency Services can assist Toronto Public Health in creating a public education program to address areas on private property where mosquitoes breed and how the public can deal with them; **(moved by Councillor Augimeri)**
- (3) requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to review the existing communication vehicles to determine how they can be revised to assist Toronto Public Health goals for reducing the spread of West Nile Virus; **(moved by Councillor Augimeri)**
- (4) requested that the Medical Officer of Health, the Chair of the Board of Health, the Water Advocate, the Chair of the Works

Committee, the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, and the General Manager, Water and Wastewater Services, Works and Emergency Services, meet to review the recommendations and suggest further improvements to the proposed Integrated Pest Management protocol and report thereon to the Works Committee and the Board of Health; **(moved by Mr. MacKay)**

- (5) recommended to Budget Advisory Committee and Council that the resources provided for the prevention and control of West Nile Virus public education programs be strengthened; **(moved by Mr. Zaslofsky)**
- (6) advised Budget Advisory Committee that \$1.5 million gross is required to combat West Nile Virus in 2003; **(moved by Councillor Augimeri)**
- (7) recommended that the approval of funds in the amount of \$750,000.00 net to be allocated to the prevention and control of West Nile Virus be deferred until the 2003 Budget wrap-up meeting to ensure provincial funding and that a concerted GTA-wide approach is taken to combat West Nile Virus; **(moved by Councillor Pitfield)**
- (8) recommended that Toronto Public Health seek resources from the City and the Province to fund research and pilot programs into alternative non-chemical control mechanisms for the prevention and control of West Nile virus and report back to the Board of Health on progress; **(moved by Mr. Zaslofsky)**
- (9) recommended that Toronto Public Health, together with Works and Emergency

Services, pilot a mechanical/biological control plan; **(moved by Mr. Zaslofsky)**

- (10) recommended that Council be informed prior to the implementation of the proposed Tier 3 control measures, outlined in the aforementioned report, by Toronto Public Health staff; **(moved by Councillor Augimeri)**
- (11) recommended that the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the Waterfront Regeneration Trust be consulted for their input on watershed issues with respect to the aforementioned report from the Medical Officer of Health; **(moved by Councillor Augimeri)**
- (12) recommended that every effort be made to explore all possible strategies as outlined in Tier 1 and Tier 2 of the proposed Integrated Pest Management protocol before Tier 3 is enacted; **(moved by Councillor Pitfield)**
- (13) recommended that the Tier 1 control strategy in the proposed Integrated Pest Management protocol be expanded to include continued research and piloting of non-chemical control mechanisms for West Nile Virus. **(moved By Councillor Pitfield)**

(Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services; Medical Officer of Health; Chair, Works Committee; Budget Advisory Committee; Water Advocate; Chair, Board of Health; General Manager, Water and Wastewater Services; Works and Emergency Services; Toronto and Region Conservation Authority; Waterfront Regeneration Trust; c. Jane Speakman, Legal Services – January 28, 2003)

### 1.3 Toronto's Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) By-law – Implementation Date.

The Board of Health had before it a report (January 20, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing an update on implementation and enforcement activities related to Phase 2 of Toronto's ETS By-law and highlighting ongoing successes and challenges; outlining other issues related to the by-law in preparation for the implementation of Phase 3 to begin June 1, 2004; responding to City Council direction that the Medical Officer of Health report back to the Board of Health on mechanisms to ensure that the Smoking By-law is enforced on an egalitarian basis and that all establishments are treated fairly and that enforcement be carried out through the existing 2002/2003 budget; advising that there are no financial implications arising from this report; and recommending that the Board of Health and City Council receive this report for information.

The Board of Health requested the Medical Officer of Health in consultation with the City Solicitor, to report back to the next meeting of the Board of Health on:

Councillor Mihevc appointed Councillor Filion Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

- (1) after consultation with neighbouring health units, options for the planned phase-out of Designated Smoking Rooms from City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 709 – Smoking; **(moved by Councillor Mihevc)**

Councillor Mihevc resumed the Chair.

- (2) possible amendments to the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 709 – Smoking with respect to:
  - (a) minors not being permitted in Designated Smoking Rooms under any circumstances;
  - (b) possible revocation of permission to operate a Designated Smoking Room if there are repeated infractions of their use;

- (c) charging owners/operators for the costs involved in repeated inspections;
  - (d) any new measures for Toronto Public Health staff to take to protect workers in Designated Smoking Rooms; **(moved by Councillor Filion)** and
- (3) forwarded the report to Council for information.

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

**1.4 Evaluation of the Food Premises Inspection and Disclosure System.**

The Board of Health had before it a report (January 9, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, reporting on the outcome of a comprehensive evaluation of the Food Premises Inspection and Disclosure System (The DineSafe Program) after one full year of implementation; advising that there are no financial implications arising from this report; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health reaffirm support for the current Food Premises Inspection and Disclosure System (DineSafe Program) subject to the refinements outlined in this report;
- (2) the Quality Assurance Program continue to monitor consistency and provide integrity to all programs within the Healthy Environment Service, including the Food Safety program; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Mr. MacKay, the Board of Health adopted the foregoing report.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Jane Speakman, Legal Services –  
January 3, 2003)

**1.5 Food Safety Program, Toronto Public Health (June 2000) Follow-up Review.**

The Board of Health had before it a communication (December 2, 2002) from the City Clerk, forwarding Clause No. 3 of Report No. 9 of The Audit Committee, headed "Food Safety Program, Toronto Public Health (June 2000) Follow-up Review", which was adopted without amendment, by the Council of the City of Toronto at its regular meeting held on November 26, 27 and 28, 2002 and noting that Council requested the Board of Health to institute a regular reporting process whereby the Board of Health is made aware of the actual rotation of Public Health Inspectors as part of their role.

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

**1.6 Progress Report on the Toronto Food Policy Council.**

The Board of Health had before it a report (January 6, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing an update to the Board of Health on the activities of the Toronto Food Policy Council; advising that there are no financial implications; and recommending that this report be received for information.

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

**1.7 Reducing the Harms of Alcohol Related Collisions – Lowering the Legal Blood Alcohol Content Limit.**

The Board of Health had before it a report (January 6, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, seeking the Board of Health adoption of a policy position on reducing the harms of alcohol related collisions; advising that there are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health endorse the position paper entitled 'CAMH Position on Reducing the Harms of Alcohol Related Collisions' (July 2002) (see Appendices 1 and 2) which proposes the following:
  - (a) amending the Criminal Code of Canada to lower the current legal blood alcohol content (BAC) level from 80 mg% to 50 mg%;

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- (b) commend the Ontario Ministry of Transportation's recent legislation related to the installation of ignition interlock devices in vehicles of those charged and convicted of drinking and driving;
  - (c) recommend to the Ontario Ministry of Consumer and Business Services that effective server training become mandatory for all alcohol servers in licensed establishments, with a particular emphasis on preventing the sale of alcohol to minors and intoxicated persons; and
- (2) this report and the attached position paper be forwarded to the Ontario Ministers of Transportation, Consumer and Business Services, Health and Long-Term Care, and Public Safety and Security, and to the Attorney General of Ontario, the Premier of Ontario, the Solicitor General of Canada, and the Minister of Justice and Attorney-General of Canada;
  - (3) this report and the attached position paper be forwarded to local boards of health in Ontario, as well as to the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA), the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Toronto Police Services Board, that they be encouraged to endorse the attached position paper;
  - (4) this report and the Board of Health's position on this be forwarded to the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) for information; and
  - (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Medical Officer of Health gave a presentation.

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

- Joanne Campbell, Vice-President, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health;
- Robert Mann, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health; and
- Andrew Murie, National Executive Director, MADD Canada.

On motion by Mr. MacKay, the Board of Health adopted the foregoing report, as amended, by amending Recommendation No. (3) to include the Ontario Provincial Police.

(Premier of Ontario; Minister of Transportation; Minister of Consumer and Business Services; Minister of Health and Long Term Care; Minister of Public Safety and Security; Solicitor

General of Canada; Minister of Justice; Centre for Addiction and Mental Health; Association of Local Public Health Agencies; Ontario Public Health Association; Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Local Boards of Health in Ontario; Toronto Police Services; Ontario Provincial Police; c. Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services – January 28, 2003)

## **1.8 Reducing Emissions from Residential Wood-Burning Appliances.**

The Board of Health had before it a report (December 24, 2002) from the Medical Officer of Health, summarizing the impact of emissions from fireplaces and wood stoves on health on the City of Toronto and investigating policy options available to reduce air pollution from wood-burning appliances; advising that there are no financial implications associated with this report; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health:
  - (a) commend the Federal and Ontario Ministers of Environment for their commitment to significantly reduce emissions from residential wood-burning appliances, and request implementation of the Joint Initial Actions agreed upon under the Canada-wide Standards for Particulate Matter (PM) and Ozone, by 2005;
  - (b) request the Federal Minister of Environment to include the characterization of emissions from burning artificial logs, and assessment of their performance as a clean fuel for residential wood-burning appliances, as an additional focus of the Intergovernmental Working Group on Residential Wood Combustion (IGWGRWC);
  - (c) request the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to include provisions in the Ontario Building Code that require that newly installed residential fireplaces and wood stoves meet the low-emission certification requirements of the Canadian Standards Association or the US Environmental Protection Agency;
  - (d) request the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, as Chair of the Toronto Inter-departmental Environment Committee, to ensure that the City's Air Quality Strategy includes consideration of measures that can be taken to reduce emissions of, and exposure to, residential wood smoke; and

- (e) request the Medical Officer of Health to continue to support educational initiatives that aim to reduce air pollution and health impacts from residential wood burning;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Federal and Ontario Ministers of Environment, the Federal Minister of Natural Resources, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario and Canadian Lung Associations, the Ontario Public Health Association, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, and the City's Department of Works and Emergency Services, for their information and action as appropriate; and
- (3) 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 a communication (October 30, 2002) from Air Pollution Coalition of Ontario.

Lela Gary appeared before the Board of Health in connection with the foregoing matter.

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

(Medical Officer of Health; Minister of the Environment of Ontario; Minister of the Environment of Canada; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Minister of Natural Resources; Ontario Public Health Association; President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Executive Director, Association of Local Public Health Agencies; Federation of Canadian Municipalities; Ontario Lung Association; The Lung Association; Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services; Chair, Toronto Inter-departmental Environment Committee; c. Jane Speakman, Legal Services; Interested Parties – January 28, 2003)

## **1.9 Dissemination of PCB Storage Site Information to the Public.**

The Medical Officer of Health had before it a report (December 27, 2002) from the Medical Officer of Health, reporting on a mechanism to allow the public at large to have access to information on the locations of PCB storage sites in Toronto, and to request the province to ensure that PCB destruction methods meet new international obligations; advising that there are no financial implications arising from this report; and recommending:

- (1) the Board of Health urge the Ontario Minister of the Environment, in keeping with international obligations under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, to move expeditiously to amend Ontario Regulation 362 to mandate the destruction of PCBs in storage and to ensure that the following criteria for destruction are met: destruction efficiency of effectively 100% of all PCBs; complete containment of all residues and wastes; and no uncontrolled releases to the environment; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Mr. MacKay, the Board of Health  
adopted the foregoing report.

(Minister of Environment of Ontario; c. Medical Officer of Health;  
Jane Speakman, Legal Services – January 28, 2003)

**1.10 National Conference on Migration  
Health “Towards a Migration Health  
Framework for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”.**

The Medical Officer of Health had before it a report (January 7, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing information on a national conference addressing migration and health in Canada sponsored by Toronto Public Health and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies in Ottawa, Ontario on March 25 and 26, 2003; advising that costs to the City are limited to staff time for a Board of Health representative and travel costs estimated at \$1,200.00 to be provided in the 2003 operating base budget; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health approve the attendance of the Chair (or designate) to the National Conference on Migration Health, in Ottawa, March 25 and 26, 2003; 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 adopted the foregoing report.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Jane Speakman, Legal Services –  
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**1.11 Appointments to the 2003 Public Health Grants Review Panels.**

The Board of Health had before it a report (January 28, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, reporting on appointing members to the Public Health Grants Review Panels for AIDS and Drug Prevention; advising that there are no financial implications resulting from this report; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health appoint the following persons to the AIDS Prevention Grants Review Panel: Councillors Kyle Rae, Maria Augimeri and Brad Duguid; Board of Health member Lee Zaslofsky; and citizen members Seth Clarke, John Maxwell, Karine Morin, Indra Ramkissoon, Myra Stephen, and Durvall Ventura, with Wendy Komiotis and Notisha Massaquoi being appointed as alternates;
- (2) the Board of Health appoint the following individuals to the Drug Prevention Grants Review Panel: Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski; Board of Health members Brian Hyndman and Brian MacKay; and citizen members Eduardo Castro, Neguss Demoz-Goshu, Cathy Kozma, Brad Melnychuck and Stephen Meredith;
- (3) the updated terms of reference for these grant review panels be approved; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Board of Health adopted the foregoing report.

(AIDS Prevention Grants Review Panel; Drug Prevention Grants Review Panel; c. Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services – January 28, 2003)

**1.12 Fines for Dogs Off Leash.**

The Medical Officer of Health had before it a report (January 8, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing information on fines for dogs off-leash, the current by-law and enforcement levels as they relate to compliance with the by-law; advising that there are no direct financial implications resulting from this report; and recommending that this report be received for information.

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

- Linda Robinson; and

- Councillor Moeser.

On motion by Mr. Hyndman, the Board of Health requested the Medical Officer of Health to report to the Board on recommended strategies to fund the improved enforcement of existing animal control by-laws, such report to comment on the options for increasing efforts to enforce compliance with the off-leash by-law and increasing financial penalties for failure to comply with the by-law; and

On motion by Trustee Stefanini, the Board further suggested that police officers inform the public of the Animal Control By-law as it relates to dog bites and attacks, as appropriate.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Interested Persons; Jane Speakman,  
Legal Services – January 28, 2003)

### **1.13 Coyote Response Strategy.**

The Board of Health had before it a report (January 8, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing a coyote response strategy for the City of Toronto; advising that there are no financial implications resulting from this report; and recommending that this report be received for information.

Councillor Lindsay Luby appeared before the Board of Health in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Board of Health requested the Medical Officer of Health to report to the Board yearly regarding coyote sightings and activities reported to Animal Services and any subsequent actions taken in response by Animal Services.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Jane Speakman, Legal Services –  
January 28, 2003)

**1.14 Municipal Act 2001, Implementation.**

The Board of Health had before it a report (January 8, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, describing the status of activities to prepare the City for the implementation of the Municipal Act, with specific reference to matters of interest to the Board of Health; advising that there are no financial implications stemming directly from this report; and recommending that the Board of Health receive this report for information.

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

**1.15 Ontario Select Committee on Alternative Fuel Sources.**

The Board of Health had before it a communication (January 8, 2003) from the Acting Co-Chair, Toronto Food Policy Council, forwarding a statement on the Select Committee's report that was adopted by the Toronto Food Policy Council, at its meeting in November, 2002.

Councillor Mihevc appointed Councillor Filion Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board of Health:

- (1) expressed its appreciation to members of the Ontario Select Committee on Alternative Fuel Sources for their work on developing recommendations that can lead to improved air and water quality and improved food security;
- (2) requested the Provincial Ministers of Agriculture and Food, Environment, Energy, and Municipal Affairs and Housing to cooperate in sponsoring a conference that brings together public sector purchasers and partners in private sector production of alternative fuels; and
- (3) requested the Toronto Interdepartmental Environment Committee (TIE) and the Sustainability Roundtable to consider developing a plan whereby Toronto can

commit to purchasing a portion of its fuel from alternative sources identified by the Ontario Select Committee on Alternative Fuel Sources.

Councillor Mihevc resumed the Chair.

(Toronto Food Policy Council; Ontario Select Committee on Alternative Fuel Sources; Minister of Agriculture and Foods; Minister of Energy; Minister of the Environment; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Toronto Interdepartmental Environment Committee; Sustainability Roundtable; c. Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services – January 28, 2003)

#### **1.16 Local Health Committee Minutes.**

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

- (a) Midtown Local Health Committee meeting held on June 24, 2002;
- (b) Etobicoke Local Health Committee meeting held on September 16, 2002;
- (c) Etobicoke Local Health Committee meeting held on October 3, 2002;
- (d) Humber-York Local Health Committee meeting held on September 19, 2002;
- (e) North York Local Health Committee meeting held on September 25, 2002;
- (f) North York Local Health Committee meeting held on November 26, 2002; and
- (g) Scarborough Local Health Committee meeting held on September 17, 2002.

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

- (i) (January 21, 2003) from Helen Chan; and
- (ii) (January 21, 2003) from Donna Buck.

On motion by Ms. Chan, as amended by Mr. Zaslofsky, the Board of Health requested the Medical Officer of Health to submit a report to the Board on the harmful effect of caffeine in children

and what action the Board could take to address this issue, such report to include comment on action taken by authorities in California in this regard.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. North York Local Health Committee  
– January 28, 2003)

**1.17 Children and Youth Action Committee's  
2003 Action Plan for Children.**

The Board of Health had before it a communication (January 13, 2003) from the City Clerk, advising that the Community Services Committee at that portion of its meeting on January 9, 2003, supported and endorsed the recommendations contained in the attached 2003 Action Plan for Children, submitted by Councillor Pam McConnell, Chair, Policy Sub-Committee, Children and Youth Action Committee; and further:

- (i) recommended to Council the adoption of those recommendations without financial implications; and
- (ii) directed that those recommendations with financial implications be forwarded to all relevant Standing Committees, Boards and the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration and support during the 2003 Operating Budget process.

Nancy Peters declared an interest in this matter in that the agency for which she works may benefit from the recommendations in the Action Plan.

On motion by Mr. Hyndman, the Board of Health supported and endorsed the recommendations contained in the attached 2003 Action Plan for Children, submitted by Councillor Pam McConnell, Chair, Policy Sub-Committee, Children and Youth Action Committee.

(Budget Advisory Committee; c. Councillor Pam McConnell; Jane  
Speakman, Legal Services – January 28, 2003)

**1.18 Dental Laboratory Service Quotation  
Request No. 0502-01-0026  
Open Contract No. 47004332.**

The Board of Health had before it a joint report (January 20, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services,

requesting the extension of the contract for dental laboratory services with C & B Dental Laboratory to May 31, 2003; advising that there is no increase in the allocated budget for this contract and therefore, there is no additional financial impact arising from this report; that the change in the budget from \$350,000 to \$700,000 for a two year contract with the supplier, is as a result of clients paying their half of dental laboratory fees to Toronto Public Health (TPH) instead of to the dental laboratory; that the gross budget appears to be increased however, there is no net increase in the budget; that the Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and concurs with the financial impact statement; and recommending that:

- (1) City Council authorize the extension of the current contract for dental laboratory services with C & B Dental Laboratory until May 31, 2003; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

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**1.19 Romanow Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada.**

The Board of Health had before it a copy of a joint communication (January 20, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health and Chair of the Board of Health addressed to the Prime Minister of Canada, expressing support for the Government's stated intention to move forward with an agenda of health care reform in response to the Report on the Romanow Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada.

Dr. Pellizzari submitted the following Resolution:

“Whereas oral health is an essential component of general health throughout life;

Whereas dental caries/cavities is the single most common chronic disease of childhood occurring five times more often than asthma;

Whereas people with periodontal/gum disease are 1.5 to 2.7 times at greater risk for heart disease and 1.48 – 2.80 times at greater risk for stroke;

Whereas in 1964 the Commission on Health Services recommended that dental care be included as a component of MediCare;

Therefore be it resolved that the Board of Health and City Council request the Federal Government, as part of its Health Care Reform agenda, include policies and national standards that require Provincial Governments to develop basic dental programs for those Canadians who cannot afford to pay for dental care themselves.”

On motion by Dr. Pellizzari, the Board of Health:

- (1) directed that the foregoing letter be forwarded to City Council and appropriate stakeholders; and
- (2) recommended to Council adoption of the foregoing Resolution by Dr. Pellizzari.

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#### **1.20 Deficiencies in Relation to the Financial Reports from SAP.**

The Board of Health had before it a report (January 23, 2003) from the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee, referring the report (January 20, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, advising Budget Advisory Committee, and the Board of Health Budget Sub Committee, about deficiencies in relation to Public Health's financial management needs based on reports available from SAP and the extent of the Public Health computer systems budget to be assigned towards the identified deficiencies, to the Executive Director, Information and Technology Division for comment.

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

#### **1.21 Attendance at Alpha Meeting, January 30/31, 2003.**

The Board of Health had before it a communication (January 23, 2003) from the Board of Health , Budget Subcommittee, advising the Board of having approved the attendance of Brian MacKay, as the Board’s representative, at the ALPHA meeting, to be held on January 30 and 31, 2003, in Toronto, Ontario, and directing that sufficient funds be allocated to cover the cost of same.

On motion by Ms. Chan, the Board of Health approved the foregoing.

**1.22 Service Level Agreements for Healthy Babies  
Healthy Children Integrated Services for  
Children Information System Release 2.0.**

The Board of Health had before it a confidential joint report (January 23, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, City Solicitor and the Executive Director, IT Division.

The Board of Health also had before it a joint report (January 23, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, City Solicitor and the Executive Director, IT Division, requesting authority to enter into Services Level Agreements with Smart Systems for Health Agency (SSHA) and to authorize the Medical Officer of Health to authorize conversion of Toronto Public Health Healthy Babies, Healthy Children data to Integrated Services for Children Information System, Release 2.0 of Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, Integrated Services for Children Divisions (MOHLTC(ISCDD)); advising that there are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report and recommending:

- (1) the City execute Information Management and Technology Service Level Agreements described in this Report with Smart Systems for Health Agency (SSHA), a Crown agency, for the purposes of managing the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children data base, provided that these Service Level Agreements have terms and conditions substantially in accordance with this Report and otherwise have terms and conditions in the interests of the City that are satisfactory to the Medical Officer of Health and the Executive Director of Information and Technology Division, and be in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (2) the Medical Officer of Health be authorized to permit the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, Integrated Services for Children Division (MOHLTC (ISCDD)) to convert Toronto Public Health's data to the Integrated Services for Children Information System Release 2.0, provided that MOHLTC (ISCDD) agrees to observe all privacy and security safeguards to protect the data as may be required by law and as may be reasonably required by the City; and
- (3) the City authorize and direct the appropriate City officials to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Medical Officer of Health submitted a Briefing Note with respect to the foregoing matter.

On motion by Mr. Hyndman, because of the time sensitivity, the Board of Health forwarded this matter directly to Council and recommended adoption of the joint report (January 23, 2003) from the Medical Officer of

Health, the City Solicitor and the Executive  
Director, Information and Technology Division.

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The Board of Health adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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Chair