

THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Minutes of Board of Health

Meeting No. 3

April 7, 2003

The Board of Health met on Monday, April 7, 2003 in Committee Room No. 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:35 a.m. Due to the large number of attendees and at the request of the Chair, the Board immediately recessed and reconvened at 9:50 a.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

Members Present:

Councillor Joe Mihevc, Chair	x
Councillor Augimeri	x
Councillor John Fillion	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

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 March 3, 2003 were confirmed.

Staff Recognition

The Board of Health recognized Wil Ng, an Epidemiologist in the Health Information section of Public Health Planning and Policy. Wil was recently presented with the Donald Fraser Award. This award is presented to the University of Toronto student with the highest academic standing in the Master's of Health Science program. This means that for all the MHSc programs (Community Health and Epidemiology, Health Promotion, Community Nutrition, Health Administration, Occupational Health, and Family Medicine), Wil had the highest overall marks.

3.1 Toronto's Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) By-Law – Designated Smoking Rooms

The Board of Health had before it a report (March 24, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, responding to a Board of Health request for the Medical Officer of Health to report back on a proposal to end the approval of new applications for Designated Smoking Room (DSRs) effective June 1, 2004 allowing existing DSRs as of that date to be grandparented and the feasibility of DSR permit revocation by the City if the owner of such DSR does not comply with permit conditions; and recommending that:

- (1) City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 709 – Smoking be amended immediately to further define a Designated Smoking Room as a room to which no patron under the age of 19 years is permitted;
- (2) City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 709 – Smoking be amended by deleting the exemption for Designated Smoking Rooms in workplaces and public places effective June 1, 2005;
- (3) the City Solicitor be given the authority to prepare and introduce a Bill to Council to give effect to recommendations 1 and 2; and
- (4) 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:

- (i) (March 25, 2003) from Robert Raycroft;
- (ii) (March 27, 2003) from Bradley J. Sax;
- (iii) (March 27, 2003) from Raynald Fleury; and
- (iv) (March 30, 2003) from Gilles Corpart.

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

- Fiona Nelson, Chair, Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition;
- Soo Wong, Project Manager, York Region Tobacco Control, and submitted a written brief;
- Steve Mastoras, Whistler's Restaurant, and submitted a written brief;
- Judy Myrvold, Council for a Tobacco-Free Ontario;
- Nick Portokalis, Greater Toronto Hotel Association;
- Dan Tait, D & G Terminals;

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- Barry F.McKay, General Manager, Pub and Bar Coalition of Canada, and submitted a written brief;
- Terry Mundell, President, Ontario Restaurant Hotel and Motel Association;
- Tom Nasterski, Manager, Artful Dodger;
- Allan MacFarlane, Ontario Lung Association;
- Ingrid Cathcart, Peterborough County Health Unit;
- Anne Dimond, obo Heart and Stroke Foundation;
- Brian Hatton, Region of Waterloo;
- Tyler Ward, Ontario Youth Tobacco Team;
- Jane Caldwell, obo West End Drop-in Network, St Stephen's Community House;
- Michael Perley, Director, Ontario Campaign for Action on Tobacco;
- Peter Oliver, Oliver Bonacini Restaurants;
- Courtney Donovan, Canadian Restaurant Food Service Association;
- Brian Scott, Smoke Management Corp.;
- Vance Campbell, President, Campbell Corporate Management Ltd.;
- Pippa Beck, Non-Smokers' Rights Association;
- Marilyn Pope, Ontario Tobacco Research Unit;
- Jonathan Dixit, Duke of Gloucester;
- Tim Lambrinos, Adult Entertainment Association;
- Norman Donaldson, Spirits Bar and Grill;
- Dino Magnatta, President, Restaurant Hotel and Motel Association of Ontario and owner of Zelda's and Living Well;
- Fran Walsh, Regional Director, Toronto Canadian Cancer Society;
- Peter Coledridge, Centre for Addiction Research and Mental Health, and submitted a written brief;
- Erica Cross;
- Sharon Moore, Retro Café;
- Irene Choi, Hoshim Restaurant;
- Wendy Whittam;
- Don Morrison, Joe Mangione's Restaurant;
- Cheryl Rook, Occupational Health Clinic for Ontario Workers;
- Bruce Davis, Urban Intelligence;
- Wayne Humphrey, General Manager, The Fish House;
- Craig Mill; and
- Steven Barrett.

Councillor Frances Nunziata and Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong were also present during consideration of this matter.

The following motions by Councillor Filion failed:

“That Recommendation No. (3) be amended to provide that no new Designated Smoking Rooms be approved effective June 1, 2004.”

“That Recommendation No. (2) be amended by deleting ‘2005’ and inserting in lieu ‘2008’.”

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Board of Health recommended to Council that:

- (1) City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 709 – Smoking be amended immediately to further define a Designated Smoking Room as a room to which no patron under the age of 19 years is permitted;
- (2) City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 709 – Smoking be amended by deleting the exemption for existing Designated Smoking Rooms in workplaces and public places effective June 1, 2005;
- (3) no new applications be approved for Designated Smoking Rooms in workplaces and public places effective immediately;
- (4) the City Solicitor be given the authority to prepare and introduce a Bill in Council to give effect to Recommendations Nos. (1), (2) and (3); and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(Clause No. 1, Report No. 2)

3.2 West Nile Virus Update

The Board of Health had before it a report (March 31, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing the Board of Health with an update on Toronto Public Health's West Nile Virus (WNV) Program for 2003 and responding to a number of outstanding issues arising from the Board of Health meetings of November 18, 2002 and January 27, 2003; and also seeking the Board of Health endorsement of the WNV protocol submitted to the January, 2003 Board of Health meeting; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health approve the attached Toronto Public Health WNV Protocol (Appendix A); and
- (2) the appropriate officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary steps to give effect thereto.

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The Board of Health also had before it a communication (April 2, 2003) from Seymour Applebaum.

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

- Seymour Applebaum, LAMP Community Health Centre; and
- Janet May, Pesticides-free Ontario.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Board of Health:

- (A) approved the Toronto Public Health WNV Protocol contained in the report (January 20, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, headed "Protocol for the Control of Mosquito Larvae to Prevent and Control West Nile Virus (WNV)" (Appendix A); and
- (B) advised Council that it endorsed the following action of the Works Committee:
 - (1) The Works Committee recommended to Council that:
 - (i) the Province of Ontario be requested to fund and coordinate a major television advertisement campaign similar to that undertaken for the flu shot, or send the information to all residents door-to-door;
 - (ii) catch basin cleaning be implemented in those areas near rivers and creeks and that the use of larvicide not be introduced if possible; and
 - (iii) funding in the amount of \$100,000.00 be reinstated in the budget for the West Nile Virus Program and the Province of Ontario be requested to match this amount; and
 - (2) the Works Committee requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to submit a

report to the Works Committee on any potential retrofit programs for catch basins.

On motion by Trustee Stefanini the Board of Health also requested the Medical Officer of Health to review the information provided by the Etobicoke Local Health Committee on the West Nile Virus Vaccine and report back to the Board of Health on developments in this field.

(City Council; c. Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services; Interested Persons – April 9, 2003)

3.3 Proposed Pesticide By-law

The Board of Health had before it a report (March 25, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, presenting a pesticides by-law similar to the Hudson, Quebec by-law, and to reporting on the experience of other jurisdictions as directed by the Board of Health; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health endorse this report and the attached by-law and forward these to City Council for approval;
- (2) the financial implications summarized in Table 2 related to the implementation of the Pesticide By-law be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee and then to the Policy and Finance Committee during the 2004 budget process for their consideration;
- (3) the City Solicitor be authorized to prepare and introduce a Bill in Council in the form or substantially in the form of the draft by-law attached to this report as Appendix "A";
- (4) the Board of Health direct the Medical Officer of Health to report back annually on progress made in achieving pesticide use reductions through the implementation and enforcement of the pesticides by-law;
- (5) City Council request the federal Minister of Health to ensure that regulations made under the *Pest Control Products Act* require annual reporting of pesticides sales data, both by active ingredient and by municipality in which the products are sold, in order to facilitate municipal efforts to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of pesticide use reduction programs;
- (6) City Council request the federal Minister of Health and the provincial Minister of the Environment to expedite programs presently underway to increase public access to reduced-risk pesticides, restrict public access to high-risk pesticides, improve access to information about the safe use of pesticides, and increase

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co-operative efforts through the Healthy Lawn Strategy in order to reduce reliance on lawn care chemicals;

- (7) City Council request the federal Minister of Health and the provincial Minister of the Environment to include the municipal sector as a partner in the Federal/Provincial/ Territorial Committee mandated to provide advice and direction to governments on programs and policies for pesticides with the aim of enhancing sustainable pest control practices;
- (8) City Council request the provincial Minister of the Environment to establish standards for Integrated Pest Management in regulations under the Pesticides Act, and provide that IPM training be required in order to be a licensed exterminator in the Province of Ontario;
- (9) the Board of Health forward this report along with the Medical Officer of Health's report dated November 7, 2002 describing the "Common Ground" strategy to the Works Committee and the Economic Development and Parks Committee for their information;
- (10) the Board of Health forward this report to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Health Canada, the Ontario Public Health Association, and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies; and
- (11) 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 confidential report (March 7, 2003) from the City Solicitor, providing comment on the proposed Pesticides By-law, such report to be considered in-camera having regard that the subject matter relates to solicitor/client privilege.

The Board of Health also had before it, during the consideration of this matter, the following reports:

- (i) (March 18, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing information on the presence of pesticide residues in the Toronto environment; and recommending that:
 - (1) the Board of Health commend the Federal and Provincial Ministers of the Environment, and the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, for undertaking a special study on surface water contamination from the use of pesticides in the Toronto area;

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- (2) the Board of Health request the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in consultation with the Medical Officer of Health and appropriate staff from Environment Canada and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, to continue sampling and undertake laboratory analysis in-house of those pesticides commonly detected in Toronto's streams and rivers;
 - (3) the Board of Health forward this report to the Works Committee and the Economic Development and Parks Committee for their consideration; and
 - (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and
- (ii) (March 7, 2003) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, addressed to the Board of Health, the Economic Development and Parks Committee, and Works Committee, forwarding a joint report (March 7, 2003) from the TIE Pesticides Sub-Committee Co-Chairs, addressed to Toronto Interdepartmental Environment (TIE) Committee, providing an update on the activities of the TIE Pesticides Subcommittee in reducing outdoor pesticide use in Toronto; there are no financial implications; and recommending that:
- (1) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services as Chair of TIE ensure that all City Divisions are made aware of the City policy to phase out pesticide use on public green spaces and report their pesticide use to TIE on an annual basis; and
 - (2) 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:

- (i) (March 19, 2003) from Anne Hansen;
- (ii) (March 31, 2003) from Laurel Harrison, Member, Hamilton Coalition on Pesticide Issues;
- (iii) (April 1, 2003) from Susan Koswan, on behalf of Get Rid of Urban Pesticides;
- (iv) (April 1, 2003) from Dorothy McGuigan;
- (v) (April 1, 2003) from Lesley Forrester;
- (vi) (April 2, 2003) from Carol Frilegh;
- (vii) (April 2, 2003) from Molly Inglis;

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- (viii) (April 2, 2003) from Luciano Martin, Executive Director, Action to Restore a Clean Humber;
- (ix) (April 3, 2003) from Carol Frilegh;
- (x) (April 3, 2003) from Nigel Tappin;
- (xi) (April 3, 2003) from Nigel Tappin;
- (xii) (April 4, 2003) from Martin Mostert;
- (xiii) (April 4, 2003) from Mike Christie;
- (xiv) (April 4, 2003) from Sinead Rafferty; and
- (xv) (April 7, 2003) from Donna Buck.

The Medical Officer of Health gave a brief presentation.

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

- Janet Kasperski, R.N., Ontario College of Family Physicians;
- Kathleen Cooper, Canadian Environmental Law Association;
- Representative, Women's Environmental Health Network;
- Barbara Camm;
- Marlene Thompson;
- Bailey Myleville, Great Lakes United;
- Michael O'Sullivan, Humane Society of Canada;
- Gideon Forman, and submitted a written brief;
- Michael Goldman, Structural Pest Management Association of Ontario;
- Janet May, Pesticides-free Ontario;
- Sarah Climenhaga;
- Tony Di Giovanni, Landscape Ontario;
- Helen Martin;
- Kyle Tobin, Lawnsavers Plant Health Care;
- Don Dankowich, Scarborough Weedman;
- Darcy Olds, Urban Pest Management Council of Ontario;
- Liz White, Animal Alliance and Environment Voters;
- Dan Passmore, Frechette Lawncare;
- Jill Fairbrother, Scotts Canada, and submitted a written brief;
- Bruce Lofquist, International Institute of Concern for Public Health;
- Debra Conlon, Urban Pest Management Council, and submitted a written brief;
- Lorne Hepworth, Crop Life Canada;

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- Lorraine Van Haastrecht;
- Ryan Van Haastrecht;
- Carlo DeFrancesca, Professional Lawncare Association of Ontario;
- Lee Ratcliffe, obo Professional Lawncare Assoc of Ontario;
- Patrick O'Toole, Landscape Ontario, and submitted a written brief;
- Neil Tucker, Nutri-Lawn;
- Teri Yamada, Royal Canadian Golf Association, and submitted a written brief;
- Lillie Ann Morris, and submitted a written brief;
- Doug Counter;
- Ben Langer, and submitted a written brief; and
- Katrina Miller, Toronto Environmental Alliance.

On motion by Coucillor Pitfield, the Board of Health took the following action:

- (A) endorsed the report (March 25, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health regarding a proposed Pesticide By-Law and the attached by-law and directed that they be forwarded to City Council for approval for its meeting on May 21, 2003 in accordance with motion J14 which was adopted by Council on February 11, 2003;
- (B) recommended to Council, for its meeting scheduled to be held on May 21, 2003, that:
 - (1) the financial implications summarized in Table 2 related to the implementation of the Pesticide By-law be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee and then to the Policy and Finance Committee during the 2004 budget process for their consideration;
 - (2) the City Solicitor be authorized to prepare and introduce a Bill in Council in the form or substantially in the form of the draft by-law attached to the aforementioned report (March 25, 2003) as Appendix "A"; subject to:
 - (i) amending subsection B(1) to read:

"A product that uses pheromones to lure pests and 'quick-kill' traps for vertebrate species considered 'pests' such as mice and rats."; and

- (ii) amending subsection B(2) by adding horticultural vinegar (acetic acid) to the list of pest control products permitted for use in the City of Toronto;
- (3) the Medical Officer of Health report back annually on progress made in achieving pesticide use reductions through the implementation and enforcement of the Pesticides By-law;
- (4) City Council request the federal Minister of Health to ensure that regulations made under the Pest Control Products Act require annual reporting of pesticides sales data, in kilograms and/or litres, both by active ingredient and by municipality in which the products are sold, in order to facilitate municipal efforts to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of pesticide use reduction programs;
- (5) City Council request the federal Minister of Health and the provincial Minister of the Environment to expedite programs presently underway to increase public access to reduced-risk pesticides, restrict public access to high-risk pesticides, improve access to information about the safe use of pesticides, and increase co-operative efforts through the Healthy Lawn Strategy in order to reduce reliance on lawn care chemicals;
- (6) City Council request the federal Minister of Health and the provincial Minister of the Environment to include the municipal sector as a partner in the Federal/Provincial/ Territorial Committee mandated to provide advice and direction to governments on programs and policies for pesticides with the aim of enhancing sustainable pest control practices;
- (7) City Council request the provincial Minister of the Environment to establish standards for Integrated Pest Management in regulations under the Pesticides Act, and provide that IPM training be required in order to be a licensed exterminator in the Province of Ontario;

- (8) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;
- (C) directed that the aforementioned reports along with Appendix A, B, and C contained in the Medical Officer of Health's report dated November 7, 2002 describing the "Common Ground" strategy be forwarded to the Works Committee and the Economic Development and Parks Committee for their information, and with a request that they consider holding a joint meeting and to submit their comments with respect to this matter directly to Council for its meeting on May 21, 2003;
- (D) directed that the aforementioned report (March 25, 2003) be forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Health Canada, the Ontario Public Health Association, and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies; and
- (E) requested the Medical Officer of Health to communicate with officials from the Federal and Provincial governments on the importance of preventing the retail sale of pesticides.

(Works Committee and Economic Development and Parks Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services; Interested Persons – April 8, 2003)

(Clause No. 1, Report No. 3)

3.4 Pesticide Use and Effect on the Environment

The Board of Health had before it a report (March 18, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing information on the presence of pesticide residues in the Toronto environment; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health commend the Federal and Provincial Ministers of the Environment, and the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, for undertaking a special study on surface water contamination from the use of pesticides in the Toronto area;
- (2) the Board of Health request the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in consultation with the Medical Officer of Health and appropriate staff from Environment Canada and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, to continue

sampling and undertake laboratory analysis in-house of those pesticides commonly detected in Toronto's streams and rivers;

- (3) the Board of Health forward this report to the Works Committee and the Economic Development and Parks Committee for their consideration; and
- (4) 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 referred this report to the Works Committee and the Economic Development and Parks Committee for consideration with the Proposed Pesticide By-law. Please refer to Minute no. 3.3.

3.5 Status Report From the Toronto Interdepartmental Environmental (TIE) Committee – Pesticides Sub-Committee

The Board of Health had before it a report (March 7, 2003) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, addressed to the Board of Health, the Economic Development and Parks Committee, and Works Committee, forwarding a joint report (March 7, 2003) from the TIE Pesticides Sub-Committee Co-Chairs, addressed to Toronto Interdepartmental Environment (TIE) Committee, providing an update on the activities of the TIE Pesticides Subcommittee in reducing outdoor pesticide use in Toronto; advising there are no financial implications; and recommending that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services as Chair of TIE ensure that all City Divisions are made aware of the City policy to phase out pesticide use on public green spaces and report their pesticide use to TIE on an annual basis; 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 referred this report to the Works Committee and the Economic Development and Parks Committee for consideration with the Proposed Pesticide By-law. Please refer to Minute no. 3.3.

3.6 Dental Laboratory Services Quotation Request No. 0502-03-0024

The Board of Health had before it a joint report (March 20, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; advising on the results of the Request for Quotation issued for Dental Laboratory Services for the City of Toronto, Toronto Public Health, Dental and Oral Health Services, for the period June 1, 2003 to May 31, 2005

with the option to renew for one (1) additional one (1) year period under the same terms and conditions, in accordance with the specifications required by Toronto Public Health, Dental and Oral Health Services and to request the authority to issue a contract to the recommended bidder; and recommending that:

- (1) the Quotation submitted by the lowest bidder, C & B Dental Laboratories Inc. in the total amount of \$804,000.00 including all charges and applicable taxes for the supply of Dental Laboratory Services be accepted for the period of June 1, 2003 to May 31, 2005;
- (2) the option to renew for one (1) additional one (1) year period, in the estimated amount of \$425,000.00 including all charges and applicable taxes for the supply of Dental Laboratory Services, under the same terms and conditions, and pricing be reviewed by the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in cooperation with the Purchasing Agent to ensure it is feasible to extend the contract, provided the supply of these services were performed at a satisfactory level, and that funds are available in the Public Health operating budget for the two renewal periods; and
- (3) provided that there is a favourable review, in accordance with Recommendation No. 2, the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated the authority to exercise the option to renew on the terms and conditions set out above and be authorized to instruct the Purchasing Agent to process the necessary contract.

On motion by Mr. Zaslofsky, the Board of Health recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee and Council:

- (1) that the joint report (March 20, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be adopted; and
- (2) that the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services; Interested Persons – April 8, 2003)

3.7 Service Agreement Contracts Awarded and Executed by the Medical Officer of Health

The Board of Health had before it a Report (April 7, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, updating the Policy and Finance Committee, through the Board of Health, about

the purchase of service contracts currently awarded and executed by the Medical Officer of Health; and recommending that the Board of Health request the Policy and Finance Committee to:

- (1) authorize the Medical Officer of Health to amend service contracts to reflect adjustments in funding amounts for the Preschool Speech and Language program, the Infant Hearing Program, the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program, the Sexual Health program, the Early Postpartum Discharge program and the Community Heart Health Partnership Initiative;
- (2) authorize the Medical Officer of Health to award and execute new purchase of service contracts for the Early Postpartum Discharge Program and the Community Heart Health Partnership Initiative within the approved budget and in accordance with corporate financial and legal protocols; and
- (3) authorize and direct the appropriate City officials to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Board of Health also had before it a communication (April 7, 2003) from Ann Dembinski, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79.

On motion by Mr. Mackay, the Board of Health recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee and Council adoption of the report (April 7, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health.

(Policy and Finance Committee c. Medical Officer of Health;
Jane Speakman, Legal Services – April 8, 2003)

3.8 Local Health Committee Minutes

On motion by Trustee Stefanini, the Board of Health received the following Minutes:

- (a) North York Local Health Committee meeting held on January 21, 2003; and
- (b) Etobicoke Local Health Committee meeting held on January 28, 2003.

3.9 Information Systems and Technology – Toronto Public Health

The Board of Health had before it a communication (April 7, 2003) from Councillor David Soknacki with respect to Toronto Public Health Information Systems and Technology.

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Board of Health requested the Director, Information and Technology, to conduct an internal review of the state of information systems and technology within Toronto Public Health, and report thereon with recommendations for the Board of Health's meeting on July 14, 2003. This review may include opportunities and recommendations with respect to shared or consolidated infrastructure.

(Director, Information and Technology; c. Medical Officer of Health;
Jane Speakman, Legal Services – April 8, 2003)

3.10 Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome

The Board of Health received a verbal update from the Medical Officer of Health.

Councillor Sherene Shaw addressed the Board of Health with respect to this matter.

The Board of Health:

- (1) strongly requested the Provincial government to establish an Assessment Clinic for SARS in the North Scarborough area as soon as possible, since this has been the area most affected by the SARS outbreak and local residents need to get quick access to an assessment clinic; **moved** by Councillor Augimeri on behalf of Councillor Shaw
- (2) requested the Medical Officer of Health to report to the Board of Health, through the Budget Subcommittee on financial and resource implications of dealing with the SARS emergency; **moved** by Councillor Filion
- (3) requested the appropriate officials from the Federal and Provincial governments to meet with Toronto Public Health staff and City finance officials to establish a mechanism to ensure there is sufficient Federal and Provincial funding to cover the City's expenses that directly arise from the Provincially declared SARS emergency; **moved** by Councillor Filion
- (4) requested Toronto Public Health and cooperating agencies concerned with the SARS outbreak to pay particular attention to the social and community impacts on the measures they take and that Toronto Public Health emphasize efforts to reduce negative social, economic, and community effects arising from inappropriate responses to the SARS outbreak; **moved** by Mr. Zaslofsky, and
- (5) extended its appreciation to the Medical Officer of Health and her staff for their hard work and dedication in response to SARS.

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(Minister of Health and long Term Care; Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health; Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Health Canada; c. Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services; Interested Persons – April 8, 2003)

(Clause No. 2, Report No. 2)

The Board of Health adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Chair

The Board of Health recessed and resumed at the following times:

4:55 p.m.

5:02 p.m.