

February 4, 2004

To: Board of Health

From: City Clerk

Subject: Development of a Comprehensive Drug Policy
Framework and Strategy for the City of Toronto

Recommendations:

The Community Services Committee, at that portion of its meeting held on February 4, 2004, reports, for the information of the Board of Health, having recommended to Council:

- (i) **the adoption of the joint report from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Medical Officer of Health, subject to amending Recommendation No. (1) by inserting the name “Councillor Kyle Rae” in place of “a Member of Council”, so that the recommendation now reads as follows:**

“(1) Councillor Kyle Rae be designated as the political lead for the development of the comprehensive drug policy framework and strategy;”

- (ii) **that Councillor Kyle Rae, in consultation with City staff, be authorized to solicit Council membership for the project’s Council Reference Group, in accordance with Recommendation No. (2); and**
- (iii) **that the Terms of Reference for the Council Reference Group, including membership, be reported to City Council as soon as possible.**

Background:

The Community Services Committee had before it a joint report (January 21, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Medical Officer of Health respecting the proposed structure and process to develop a comprehensive drug policy framework and strategy for the City of Toronto; and recommending that:

- (1) a Member of Council be designated as the political lead for the development of the comprehensive drug policy framework and strategy;
- (2) Council establish a small Council Reference Group for the term of this initiative with the membership to be solicited by the designated lead, in consultation with City staff;
- (3) this report be forwarded to the Board of Health for consideration and appropriate action; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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Acting Medical Officer of Health
Councillor Kyle Rae, Ward 27, Centre-Rosedale