

**BOARD OF HEALTH  
AGENDA  
MEETING No. 3**

**Date of Meeting:** May 10, 2004  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Committee Room 1  
City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, Ontario

**Enquiry:** Yvonne Davies  
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Under the *Municipal Act 2001*, the Board of Health must adopt a motion to meet In-camera (privately) and the reason must be given.

Declarations of Interest Under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*

Confirmation of Minutes – February 23, 2004

Deputations/Presentations:

Item 9

Communications/Reports

**1. Toronto's No Smoking By-law (Municipal Code Chapter 709-Smoking) - Implementation Update**

Report (April 26, 2004) from the Acting Medical Officer of Health, providing an update on Toronto's No Smoking By-law and the communications and enforcement activities related to the implementation of the third phase of the By-law.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health urge the Provincial Government to permit no new Designated Smoking Rooms (DSRs) following enactment of province-wide no smoking

legislation, and that all existing Designated Smoking Rooms (DSRs) in Ontario be closed as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007;

- (2) the Board of Health recommend that, should the Provincial Government not implement province-wide legislation by June of 2005 that requires closure of all DSRs by June 1, 2007, the Medical Officer of Health report further on amending Toronto's No Smoking By-law so that all DSRs in Toronto are closed by June 1, 2007; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

## **2. Toronto's Health Status: Focus on Tobacco and Toronto Public Health's Tobacco Control Program**

Report (April 26, 2004) from the Acting Medical Officer of Health, providing current information regarding the effects of tobacco use and exposure to second-hand smoke on the health status of Toronto's 2.4 million residents, along with current estimates of the use of tobacco industry products by Toronto residents; also providing a summary of Toronto Public Health's comprehensive response to these issues and illustrates how health status information is used to plan, monitor, and evaluate programming as directed by the Provincial Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines.

### Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health urge the provincial government to take action to fulfill its promise to make all public places and workplaces in Ontario smoke-free within three years;
- (2) the Board of Health encourage the provincial government to reinstate an agreement with Health Canada to make federal funding available to local public health initiatives to reduce youth access to tobacco;
- (3) the Board of Health urge the federal and provincial levels of government to increase their per-capita spending on tobacco control;
- (4) the Board of Health forward this report to key stakeholders including: Canadian Cancer Society (Ontario Division), Cancer Care Ontario, Central East Health Information Partnership, Centre For Addiction and Mental Health, Council For Tobacco-Free Toronto, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOH&LTC), Health Canada – Ontario and Nunavut Regions, Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition, Toronto District Health Council, Toronto Heart Health Partnership, Public Health Units in Ontario, Association of Local Public Health

Agencies (alPHa), Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA), Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, Non-Smokers Rights Association, Ontario Lung Association, Ontario Tobacco Research Unit, Program Training and Consultation Centre of MOH&LTC, University of Toronto Department of Public Health Sciences, University of Waterloo Centre For Behavioural Research and Program Evaluation;

- (5) the Board of Health forward this report to: Federal Members of Parliament and Provincial Members of Parliament for Toronto; and,
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

### **3. Low Birth Weight**

Report (April 26, 2004) from the Acting Medical Officer of Health, describing the issues pertaining to Low Birth Weight (LBW) in Toronto; comparing Toronto data with the rest of Ontario and discussing the overall complexity of this significant health issue as well as the potential link between periodontal infections in pregnant women and the risk of preterm birth (PTB); in addition, Toronto Public Health (TPH) programs, strategies, and initiatives related to LBW are described.

#### Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health advocate with the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of State for Public Health, to ensure that health promotion programs are included within the new Canadian Public Health Agency and specifically to maintain and enhance Federal Government support for the Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program (CPNP);
- (2) the Board of Health write to Health Canada to express its support for the CPNP and advocate for increased funds for CPNP, in particular to support priority access for teens at CPNP sites;
- (3) the Board of Health advocate to the Ontario Minister of Children and Youth Services for adequate funding for the Healthy Babies Healthy Children (HBHC) program to provide service to high-risk pregnant women in the City of Toronto;
- (4) the Board of Health request that the Office of the Registrar General (ORG) outline their plan for ensuring timely, complete, and accurate birth data that is useful for public health program planning and that links to the development and implementation of the Niday Perinatal Database for the Greater Toronto Area (GTA);

- (5) the Board of Health request the Ontario Minister of Children and Youth Services to provide resources to the Central East Health Information Partnership to continue developing the Niday Perinatal Database for the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) to enable health units to conduct timely analysis of comprehensive birth data;
- (6) the Board of Health urge the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR) to fund research which will contribute to an increased understanding of the differential effects of socioeconomic disparities on LBW and the biological mechanisms and modifiable factors associated with differences in rates of LBW among ethno-racial communities in Toronto;
- (7) the Medical Officer of Health keep the Board of Health informed of the findings pertaining to the potential link between periodontal disease and preterm birth, with a view to identifying possible strategies for public health dental services, and share these findings with Shelter, Housing and Support Division and Toronto City Council;
- (8) the Board of Health advocate to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care that there be a change to the care of pregnant women so that dental care becomes an integral component of obstetrical care covered by OHIP; and
- (9) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**4. Inclusion of Corn Gluten Meal in the City of Toronto Pesticide By-law (Municipal Code Ch. 612)**

Report (April 21, 2004) from the Acting Medical Officer of Health, giving the rationale for including corn gluten meal on the list of pest control products exempted from further control under the pesticide by-law.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health endorse this report and forward it to City Council for approval;
- (2) City Council amend Ch. 612-1B(2) of the Toronto Municipal Code:
  - (i) to delete the words “any of” and replace them with the word “only”; and,
  - (ii) to add subclause “(k) Corn gluten meal.”

- (3) the Board of Health forward this report to the Works Committee, the Economic Development and Parks Committee, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, and Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency for their information and appropriate action; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

## **5. Service Agreement Contracts Awarded and Executed by the Medical Officer of Health**

Report (April 23, 2004) from the Acting Medical Officer of Health, update 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.

### Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Board of Health request the Policy and Finance Committee to:

- (1) authorize the Medical Officer of Health to amend service contracts as necessary to reflect adjustments in funding and contingent on City Council approval of the Toronto Public Health 2004 Operating budget for the Preschool Speech and Language program, the Infant Hearing Program, the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program, the Early Postpartum Discharge program, the Sexual Health 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 these programs 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.

## **6. Comments on the Canada Health Protection Act – A Proposal to Renew Federal Health Protection Legislation**

Report (April 20, 2004) from the Acting Medical Officer of Health, informing the Board about the Health Protection Legislation Renewal process undertaken by Health Canada and to solicit Board of Health endorsement of the comments made to Health Canada by Toronto Public Health.

### Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health commend Health Canada on the proposed plan to modernize and strengthen Canada's health protection legislation, and
- (2) the Board of Health endorse the Acting Medical Officer of Health's comments on the Proposed Canada Health Protection Act; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**7. Local Health Committee Minutes**

- (a).** Minutes of the Scarborough Local Health Committee meeting held on November 19, 2003;
- (b).** Minutes of the North York Local Health Committee meeting held on November 26, 2003;
- (c).** Minutes of the Toronto/East York Local Health Committee meeting held on December 8, 2003; and
- (d).** Minutes of the North York Local Health Committee Meeting held on March 3, 2004.

**8. Attendance at ALPHA meeting, June 13-15, 2004, in Stratford, Ontario**

The Board is requested to approve the attendance of Brian MacKay as the Board's representative at the above noted meeting and direct that sufficient funds be allocated to cover the costs incurred.

*(No written material)*

**9. SARS and Public Health**

Acting Medical Officer of Health to give a presentation on the Walker and Campbell reports.

*(No written material)*

**10. Toronto Public Health 2004 Operating and Capital Budgets**

Acting Medical Officer of Health to provide a verbal update.

*(No written material)*



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**SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS**

**9(a). SARS and Public Health**

Executive Summary of “The SARS Commission Interim Report – SARS and Public Health in Ontario” (April 15, 2004) by the Honourable Mr. Justice Archie Campbell, Commissioner.

*(Distributed to Members only)*

*Please note this report may be downloaded from the following web site:*

[www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/pub/ministry\\_reports/campbell04/campbell04.html](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/pub/ministry_reports/campbell04/campbell04.html)

**9(b). Executive Summary of “For the Public’s Health: A Plan of Action – Final Report of the Ontario Expert Panel on SARS and Infectious Disease Control (April 2004).**

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[www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/pub/ministry\\_reports/walker04/walker04\\_mn.html](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/pub/ministry_reports/walker04/walker04_mn.html)



**ADDED ITEMS**

**11. Medical Officer of Health Selection Panel**

The Board of Health to appoint two citizen Board Members to the selection panel to recruit a Medical Officer of Health.

**11(a). (In-camera – personnel matters)**

The Chair to give a verbal update of the selection process, such information is to be considered in-camera having regard that the subject matter may contain personnel matters about identifiable individuals.