
**BOARD OF HEALTH
AGENDA
MEETING 4**

Date of Meeting: Monday, June 14, 2004
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Committee Room 2
City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario

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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 – May 10, 2004

Deputations/Presentations:

Item 1 – Staff Presentation

Communications/Reports:

1. Communicable Diseases in Toronto 2002, and Trends 1992 – 2002

Report (May 31, 2004) from the Acting Medical Officer of Health, providing baseline incidence rates and trends of reportable communicable diseases in Toronto over an 11-year period (1992 to 2002), with a focus on communicable disease activities and issues during the 2002 calendar year; these data can be used by the public health community to understand how trends have evolved, and how subpopulations are affected by particular communicable diseases; data comparisons with the rest of Ontario and Canada also highlight the ways in which Toronto is uniquely affected by the burden of communicable diseases; these data are useful to inform Toronto Public Health (TPH) communicable disease control strategies, prevention and response.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health forward this report to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) for information and appropriate action;
- (2) the Board of Health forward this report to Health Canada so that areas of concern that may be specifically related to larger urban centres can be identified and addressed;
- (3) the Board of Health forward this report to key stakeholders, including: Ontario Public Health units; Toronto hospitals; Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA); Association of Public Health Epidemiologists in Ontario (APHEO); Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA); Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors of Ontario (ASPHIO); the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES); Central East Health Information Partnership (CEHIP) and Toronto District Health Council (TDHC); and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take necessary action to give effect thereto.

[Appendix 2 referred to in this report will be distributed with a supplementary agenda]

2. Program Update for the West Nile Virus (WNV) Prevention and Control Program 2004 and Review and Evaluation of the 2003 WNV Program

Report (June 1, 2004) from the Acting Medical Officer of Health, providing an update on the activities already underway for the control of the West Nile Virus (WNV) in Toronto for 2004; also responding to a motion from the Board of Health requesting the Medical Officer of Health to report to the Board on a program to monitor the effectiveness of public education and outreach activities in 2003.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Health receive this report for information.

3. Retaining Government Control of the Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO)

Report (May 31, 2004) from the Acting Medical Officer of Health, seeking Board of Health adoption of a policy position to retain government control of the LCBO and endorsement of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health position paper entitled

"Retail Alcohol Monopolies and Regulation: Preserving the Public Interest" (see Appendix 1).

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health request the Government of Ontario to maintain provincial alcohol control as a means of preventing alcohol-related problems, that public health and safety objectives be an integral part of the alcohol regulation mandate, and that the government strengthen its mandate to control and prevent alcohol problems through regulation;
- (2) the Board of Health endorse the attached position paper, "Retail Alcohol Monopolies and Regulation: Preserving the Public Interest", produced by the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health;
- (3) this report and the attached position papers be forwarded for consideration and appropriate action to the Provincial Minister of Finance, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Minister of the Attorney General, the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, the Minister of Economic Development and Trade, the Minister of Consumer and Business Services, Toronto Members of Provincial Parliament, and the Premier of Ontario;
- (4) this report and the attached position papers be forwarded to the Chief Medical Officer of Health and Assistant Deputy Minister for consideration and appropriate action;
- (5) this report and the attached position papers be forwarded for endorsement to all Ontario Boards of Health, to the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, the Ontario Public Health Association, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

4. Comprehensive Drug Strategy Initiative – Council Reference Group - Terms of Reference and Membership

Communication (May 26, 2004) from Councillor Kyle Rae, submitting the Terms of Reference and Membership of the Council Reference Group for the Comprehensive Drug Strategy Initiative.

5. 2004 Drug Prevention Grants

Report (May 28, 2004) from the Chair and Vice-Chair, Board of Health Drug Prevention Grants Review Panel, outlining the review process, funding applications and recommendations of the Board of Health Drug Prevention Grants Review Panel regarding allocations for 2004.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health request that City Council approve the allocation of \$811,460 to 58 projects as recommended by the Drug Prevention Grants Review Panel in Appendix A and Appendix B of this report;
- (2) the Board of Health request that City Council approve the listed applicants for multi-year assessment in Appendix C and Appendix D of this report; and
- (3) authority be granted to the Medical Officer of Health to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, including the execution of Letters of Understanding on behalf of the City.

6. 2004 AIDS Prevention Grants

Report (May 28, 2004) from the Co-Chairs, Board of Health AIDS Prevention Grants Review Panel, outlining the review process, funding applications and recommendations of the Board of Health AIDS Prevention Grants Review Panel regarding allocations in 2004.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health request that City Council approve the allocation of \$1,363,800 to 51 projects as recommended by the AIDS Prevention Grants Review Panel in Appendices A and B of this report;
- (2) the Board of Health approve the AIDS Review Panel recommendation that an additional \$120,000 be requested in the AIDS Prevention Grants budget through the 2005 budget process to better address unmet project needs and to support community groups in preparation for the International AIDS Conference to be held in Toronto in 2006; and

- (3) authority be granted to the Medical Officer of Health to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, including the execution of Letters of Understanding on behalf of the City.

7. Status of Student Nutrition Program

Acting Medical Officer of Health to provide a verbal update.

[No written material]

8. Alternative Methods for Problem Coyote Management

Report (May 28, 2004) from the Acting Medical Officer of Health, presenting alternative methods to the current strategy, if practical, for the management of coyote problems; including an amendment to the existing Coyote Response Strategy, which reflects the recent amendment to the firearms by-law.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

9. Local Health Committee Minutes

Minutes of the Scarborough Local Health Committee meeting held on January 21, 2004.