

**BOARD OF HEALTH  
AGENDA  
MEETING 8**

**Date:** November 22, 2004  
**Time :** 1:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Committee Room 2  
City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, Ontario

**Enquiry:** Mary Carroll  
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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 – October 18, 2004

Deputations/Presentations:

1:00 p.m. Item 1

Communications/Reports:

**1. Staff Recognition Award**

(Presentation – 1:00 p.m.)

An award will be presented to Duke, the City's education dog.

**2. Toronto Public Health - Capital Budget Variance Report as at September 2004**

Report (November 9, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health on Toronto Public Health's Capital Budget Variance as at year-to-date September 2004.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the report be received for information.

**3. Toronto Public Health - Operating Budget Variance as at September 2004**

Report (November 9, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health on Toronto Public Health's Operating Budget Variance as at year-to-date September 2004.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the report be received for information.

**4. Toronto Public Health - 2005-2009 Capital Plan and Budget**

Report (November 9, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health providing an overview of the Toronto Public Health 2005-2009 Capital Budget submission.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the 2005-2014 Public Health Capital Plan and Budget be endorsed;
- (2) a 2005 Capital Budget for Toronto Public Health with a cash flow of \$3,655 thousand be approved consisting of \$1,070 thousand from previously approved commitments, \$1,112 thousand for new and change in scope projects and \$1,473 thousand of carry-forward budget from 2004 into 2005 related to a previously approved project;
- (3) the report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration; and
- (4) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**5. Toronto Public Health - 2005 Operating Budget Submission**

Report (November 10, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health outlining Toronto Public Health's 2005 Operating Budget request.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) a Toronto Public Health 2005 Operating Budget of \$191,297.0 thousand gross and \$71,510.9 thousand net including a Base Budget of \$182,439.9 thousand gross and \$68,252.8 thousand net and New and Enhanced Services of \$8,857.1 thousand gross and \$3,376.9 thousand net, be approved;
- (2) the list of adjustments included in the Toronto Public Health 2005 Operating Budget and summarized in Table 1, "Summary of 2005 Base Changes from 2004 Approved Budget" of the report, totalling a reduction of \$1,957.2 thousand gross and \$4,674.4 thousand net, be approved;
- (3) the list of adjustments included in the Toronto Public Health 2005 Operating Budget and summarized in Table 2, "Summary of 2005 New and Enhanced Services", totalling \$8,857.1 thousand gross and \$3,258.1 thousand net, be approved; and
- (4) the report is forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration.

## **6. Additional Public Health Service Options**

Report (November 9, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health responding to a request from the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee on October 26, 2004, for a report to the Board identifying additional service options to strengthen public health programs and services for consideration in the 2005 Operating Budget, in light of changes in the provincial cost sharing formula.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the service options as identified in Table 1: "Summary of 2005 Additional Services Options" of the report, totalling \$2,302.8 thousand gross and \$1,036.1 thousand net, be approved;
- (2) the report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration; and
- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**7. Community Partnership and Investment Program Budget  
- Toronto Public Health Grants Service Envelope**

Report (November 4, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health on the 2005 budget request for grant programs reporting through the Board of Health.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the 2005 budget request for the Grants Service Envelope under the purview of the Board of Health in the amount of \$5.258 million gross and net which is comprised of a base budget of \$4.258 million gross and net and new and enhanced service requests of \$1.000 million, be approved;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration; and
- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**8. Potential Impact of Car Free Day 2005**

Report (November 4, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health addressed to the Board of Health and the Policy and Finance Committee responding to a request from City Council on July 20, 21 and 22, 2004, for a report, through the Policy and Finance Committee, on behalf of a working group established for this purpose, on the potential impacts of Car Free Day 2005 on air pollution, TTC ridership and public awareness of sustainable transportation; and providing financial implications and impact statement.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health endorse the initiatives proposed by the Car Free Day Working Group and the proposed Toronto Public Health budget enhancements to support this work;
- (2) the report be forwarded to the Works Committee for information and to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

## **9. Invasive Meningococcal Disease Vaccination Campaign - 2005**

Report (November 5, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health on an immunization campaign against type C Invasive Meningococcal Disease (IMD-C) for youth 15 to 19 years of age and Grade 7 students in Toronto.

### Recommendation:

It is recommended that the report be received for information.

## **10. Health and Ecological Risk Associated with Toronto Biosolids Pellets**

Report (November 4, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health on the human health and ecological risks associated with land application of Toronto biosolids pellets.

### Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Board of Health request:

- (1) that if the City proceeds with reconstructing the pelletizer plant and developing markets for biosolids pellet uses within the City and beyond, the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services ensure the viability and safety of pellet utilization through adequate monitoring of the pelletizing process and testing of pellet quality, and through the adoption of precautionary measures regarding the use and storage of pellets, as detailed in Appendix A of the report;
- (2) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to report to the Works Committee on amendments to the Toronto Sewer Use By-law to restrict the disposal of waste pharmaceuticals and untreated blood and blood products, including those from funeral homes and animal slaughter houses (abattoirs), into the sewage system;
- (3) the Federal Minister of Health, Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, and the Ontario Minister of Agriculture and Food to ensure implementation of actions to prevent possible contamination of the sewer system from prions by:
  - (a) preventing animals showing symptoms of mad cow disease or similar illnesses transmitted through prions from being slaughtered in abattoirs, and to dispose of such animals in an appropriate manner; and
  - (b) requiring the placement of fine screens in abattoir drains so that prion-containing particles, if present, will not be able to pass into the sewer system;

- (4) the Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food to:
  - (a) undertake studies, including laboratory-based research to address the potential bioavailability, phytotoxicity and/or ecotoxicity from chromium and copper with long-term use of biosolids pellets on urban parks and residential properties, so as to facilitate the development of appropriate new standards for chromium and copper in fertilizers; and
  - (b) establish standards for maximum permissible levels of chromium and copper in all fertilizers, for inclusion in the federal Fertilizers Act;
- (5) the Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to conduct, in consultation with the Ontario Minister of the Environment, a health study regarding the potential risks to human health from the use of biosolids cakes;
- (6) the Medical Officer of Health report to the Board of Health on the findings of the Health Status Study for the South Riverdale and Beaches Community, as well as the Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant Air Modelling Study, upon their completion;
- (7) that this report be forwarded to the Works Committee for information and appropriate action; and
- (8) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

*(The Technical Summary, "Health and Ecological Assessment of Toronto Biosolids Pellets", has been distributed to Members of the Board of Health only. Both the summary and technical reports are available at <[www.toronto.ca/health](http://www.toronto.ca/health)>.*

## **11. Reorganization of Family Health and Healthy Lifestyle Service Areas**

*Report from the Medical Officer of Health to follow. (NOW AVAILABLE)*



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**4. Toronto Public Health - 2005-2009 Capital Plan and Budget**

- 4(a).** Communication (November 12, 2004) from the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee recommending that the capital project for Facilities State of Good Repair – Renovations in the amount of \$76,000.00 be transferred from the 2005 Toronto Public Health Capital Budget Request to the 2005 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget Request in the amount of \$76,000.00 gross / \$34,200.00 net, based on the City’s capital thresholds and Toronto Public Health eligibility for 55 percent provincial cost-sharing.

**5. Toronto Public Health - 2005 Operating Budget Submission**

- 5(a).** Communication (November 12, 2004) from the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee advising that on November 10 and 12, 2004, the Subcommittee considered various background reports and financial documents, including a report (November 9, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health, headed “Additional Public Health Service Options”[see Agenda Item 6], and a previous report (February 9, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health, headed “Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Services for Homeless/Underhoused Persons and Inmates of Correctional Facilities”; and recommending:

- (1) approval of the 2005 Operating Budget request including the new and enhanced requests and additional Public Health service options with the following exceptions:
  - (a) deletion of gapping adjustment from 4 percent to 3 percent for \$1,104.4 thousand gross and \$565.0 thousand gross net;

- (b) deletion of Timely Payroll Processing request for \$41.4 thousand gross and \$18.6 thousand net;
  - (c) deletion of French Language Sustainability proposal for \$107.7 thousand gross and \$48.4 thousand net;
  - (d) deletion of Operational Planning Capital Project payroll costs of \$264.0 thousand gross and \$0 net;
  - (e) reduction of Privacy and Legislated Standard Compliance request by \$111.3 thousand gross and \$50.1 thousand net;
  - (f) deletion of Youth Reunification and Adaptation proposal for \$277.3 thousand gross and \$124.8 thousand net;
  - (g) reduction of Food Safety Program Compliance request by \$ 386.6 thousand gross and \$ 174.0 thousand net; and
  - (h) deletion of 3-1-1- Capital Project payroll cost for \$1,519.5 thousand gross and \$0 net;
- (2) addition of an improved service response proposal relating to Animal Service's Field Shelter and Court Response with a total cost of \$336.6 thousand (gross and net) in 2005 and an incremental annualization cost of \$278.5 thousand (gross and net) in 2006, to be included in the 2005 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget Request; and
- (3) addition of a TB Testing Program for the Homeless Population proposal for a cost of \$991.7 thousand gross and \$446.3 thousand net and an incremental annualization cost of \$29.7 thousand gross and \$13.4 thousand net in 2006, to be included in the 2005 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget.

**5(b).** Revised Table 2 summarizing the Budget Subcommittee recommendations for Toronto Public Health 2005 New and Enhanced Services.

**5(c).** *Report from the Medical Officer of Health to be distributed at the meeting on animal services improved field and shelter service response.*

**5(d).** *Report from the Medical Officer of Health to be distributed at the meeting on tuberculosis testing program for the homeless population.*

*(Also see Item 6, "Additional Public Health Service Options")*



**9. Invasive Meningococcal Disease Vaccination Campaign - 2005**

- 9(a).** Revised report (November 17, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health on an immunization campaign against type C Invasive Meningococcal Disease (IMD-C) for youth 15 to 19 years of age and Grade 7 students in Toronto, with financial implications and impact statement.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) an amount of \$1,037,000.00 gross / \$0 net, be added to the 2005 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget to support the immunization campaign against Type C Invasive Meningococcal Disease (IMD-C) including \$850,000.00 gross / \$0 net in one time 2005 funding for youth 15 to 19 years of age and ongoing funding of \$187,000.00 gross / \$0 net for grade 7 students in Toronto; and
- (2) the report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for its consideration with the proposed 2005 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget.

**11. Update on Reorganization of Family Health and Healthy Lifestyles Service Areas**

**(Deputation – 1:00 p.m., or as soon as possible thereafter)**

Report (November 17, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health responding to a request from the Board of Health for a report on the staff-related implementation issues emerging from the restructuring of Family Health and Healthy Lifestyles.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the report be received for information.

**12. Tuberculosis Testing – Toronto Salvation Army Men’s Shelter**

Communication (November 10, 2004) from the Board of Health TB Subcommittee advising that the Subcommittee on November 9, 2004, received an oral update from Dr. Barbara Yaffe and Dr. Tamara Wallington, Associate Medical Officers of Health, Toronto Public Health, on the recent outbreak of shelter workers contracting active tuberculosis at the Maxwell Meighen Hostel, Toronto; and that the Subcommittee:

- (1) recommended to the Board of Health that funding for tuberculosis prevention and control services in homeless/underhoused populations be enhanced with a focus on active case finding; and

- (2) decided to revisit the recommendations contained in the October 2002 report from the Homeless/Corrections Working Group and report to the Board of Health on those that are applicable.

**13. Establishment of a Local Health Committee Nomination Work Group**

Report (November 16, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health establish a Local Health Committee Nomination Work Group to review applications and recommend members for the four Local Health Committees; and
- (2) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**14. Reconstitution of the Animal Services Subcommittee**

*(There is no material attached for this item.)*

**15. If Low Income Women of Colour Counted in Toronto**

*(There is no material attached for this item.)*

**16. Establishment of a Workgroup on Toronto Public Health's Strategic Plan**

*(There is no material attached for this item.)*