

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Office**

**Minutes of Board of Health**

**Meeting 7**

**October 18, 2004**

The Board of Health met on Monday, October 18, 2004 in Committee Room No. 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 2:14 p.m.

Attendance

Members were present for some or all of the time periods indicated.

|                                       | 2:14 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Councillor John Filion, Chair         | X                      |
| Trustee Sheila Cary-Meagher           | X                      |
| Cathy Crowe                           | X                      |
| Councillor Janet Davis                | X                      |
| Councillor Paula Fletcher, Vice-Chair | X                      |
| Nathan Gilbert                        | X                      |
| Brian Hyndman                         | X                      |
| Councillor Joe Mihevc                 | X                      |
| Fiona Nelson                          | X                      |
| Rhonda Roffey                         | X                      |
| Valerie Sterling                      | X                      |
| Councillor Karen Stintz               | X                      |
| Councillor Michael Thompson           | X                      |

Councillor Filion in the Chair.

**Confirmation of Minutes**

On motion by Fiona Nelson, the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Health on September 20, 2004, were confirmed.

**7.1 Recognition of New Members and Outgoing Citizen Members**

On behalf of the Board of Health, the Chair acknowledged the presence of the new citizen members and welcomed them to the Board. He also recognized the work and contribution of the outgoing citizen members and presented a plaque to Nancy Peters and Lee Zaslofsky.

On motion by Councillor Fletcher, the Board of Health requested the Secretary to forward a plaque to Helen Chan and Brian MacKay, the outgoing citizen members who were unable to attend the meeting.

(Helen Chan; Brian S. MacKay – October 20, 2004)

## **7.2 Strategies to Address the Increase in Sexually Transmitted Infections in Toronto**

The Board of Health considered a report (October 4, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health responding to a request from the Board of Health on June 14, 2004, for a report on current, planned and proposed strategies to address the rising rates of sexually transmitted infections in Toronto and the associated impact of these strategies; advising that additional resource implications of the proposed strategies will be included in the 2005 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget request and Community Partnership and Investment Program submissions and reports, which will be presented to the Board of Health at the November 22, 2004 meeting.

### Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Medical Officer of Health include funds for enhancements to all components of sexual health programming to decrease Sexually Transmitted Infections, as outlined in the report, in the 2005 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget submission;
- (2) the Medical Officer of Health include funds for enhancements required for AIDS Prevention Grants in the 2005 Community Partnership & Investment Program Operating Budget submission;
- (3) the Board of Health request the Ministry of Education to require that school boards fully implement the comprehensive sexual health curriculum;
- (4) the Board of Health request Toronto's four local school boards to fully implement the comprehensive sexual health curriculum; and
- (5) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Medical Officer of Health made an overhead presentation.

A. Fiona Nelson moved that the Board of Health:

- (1) adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (October 4, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health; and

- (2) refer the report to the Mayor's Roundtable on Children and Youth, for its meeting on October 21, 2004. **(Carried as amended by motion B. by Trustee Cary-Meagher)**
- B. Trustee Cary-Meagher moved that Motion A. by Fiona Nelson be amended by deferring consideration of Recommendations (3) and (4) until the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the Board of Health and the Medical Officer of Health meet with staff of the School Boards to discuss the delivery of the sexual health curriculum and the Medical Officer of Health has prepared a report to the Board of Health on how it can best collaborate with the School Boards to ensure best practices in the delivery of these programs. **(Carried)**
- C. Councillor Davis moved that a copy of the requests in Recommendations (3) and (4) be forwarded to all student and school councils along with a copy of the report from the Medical Officer of Health. **(Not put)**

(Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education; Medical Officer of Health; c. Councillor John Filion, Chair, Board of Health; Councillor Paula Fletcher, Vice-Chair, Board of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services – October 19, 2004)

### **7.3 Learning from SARS: Recommendations for Toronto Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery**

The Board of Health considered a report (October 4, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health submitting the Toronto Public Health report, "Learning from SARS: Recommendations for Toronto Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery;" and advising that any additional resources required to implement the Toronto Public Health Recommendations will be considered in the 2005/6 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget process.

#### Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health forward the report to the Ontario Public Health Association, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, Ontario Boards of Health, The Commission to Investigate the Introduction & Spread of SARS in Ontario and the Provincial and Federal Governments for information and appropriate action;
- (2) the Board of Health urge the Ontario Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care to move forward with the implementation of Operation Health Protection announced in June 2004;

- (3) the Medical Officer of Health report in 2005 on progress in Toronto Public Health emergency preparedness; and
- (4) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board of Health referred the report (October 4, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health back to the Medical Officer of Health and requested that he conduct additional consultations with City departments and report back to the Board of Health as soon as possible.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Jane Speakman, Legal Services – October 21, 2004)

#### **7.4 Impact of the Toronto Pearson International Airport on Air Quality in Toronto**

The Board of Health considered a report (October 4, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health responding to a request from the Board of Health on April 8, 2002, for a report on the impact of the Greater Toronto Airports Authority operations on air quality in Toronto.

##### Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health request the Ontario Ministry of the Environment to:
  - (a) conduct community-based air quality monitoring of nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, particulate matter and other pollutants of concern identified in this report in those residential areas around the Toronto Pearson International Airport with the greatest predicted impact; and
  - (b) develop an emissions inventory for the community surrounding the airport for pollutants of concern identified in this report, including carbonyl compounds, especially acrolein;
- (2) the Board of Health request Environment Canada to expand the National Air Pollutant Surveillance program by establishing a monitoring station to monitor for carbonyl compounds, particularly acrolein, in those residential areas with the greatest predicted impact;
- (3) the Board of Health request the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA), in consultation with the Medical Officers of Health for the City of Toronto and the Region of Peel, Transport Canada, the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Environment Canada, to:

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- (a) ensure that, at a minimum, the future air monitoring program at the Toronto Pearson International Airport includes assessment of nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, particulate matter and carbonyl compounds, particularly acrolein;
  - (b) maintain the Airport ambient air monitoring program for at least 15 years over the period of the airport expansion to assess the potential air quality impacts associated with changes in Toronto Pearson International Airport operations;
  - (c) report annually on the results of the monitoring program to the GTAA Noise Management Committee, Air Quality Subcommittee, and the Medical Officers of Health for the City of Toronto and Peel Region;
  - (d) commission a human health risk assessment for particulate matter when the aviation related emissions models are revised; and
  - (e) implement ongoing measures to reduce on-site nitrogen oxide emissions such as working with the airline companies to make emissions reduction a priority, particularly in considering the purchase of new aircraft;
- (4) the Board of Health forward this report to Peel Regional Council for information;
  - (5) the Board of Health forward this report to the Region of Peel and City of Toronto Councillors representing wards adjacent to Pearson Airport; and
  - (6) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Fletcher, the Board of Health adopted the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (October 4, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health.

(Federal Minister of the Environment; Ontario Minister of the Environment; Greater Toronto Airport Authority; Medical Officer of Health, Region of Peel; Minister of Transport; Regional Clerk, Region of Peel; Councillor Eve Adams, Ward 5, Peel Region; Councillor Rob Ford, Ward 2, City of Toronto; Councillor Peter Milczyn, Ward 5, City of Toronto; c. Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services – October 28, 2004)

**7.5 Legislative and Educational Strategies to Reduce Hot Tap Water Temperature in Homes**

The Board of Health considered a report (October 4, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health providing an update on a recent change to the Ontario Building Code as follow-up to a report dated April 29, 2003, from the Medical Officer of Health, entitled "Amendment of Building Codes to Reduce Hot Tap Water Temperature in Homes" [May 12, 2003 Board of Health Meeting, Minute 4.10]; and describing the implementation of a health communication campaign by Toronto Public Health to reduce hot tap water temperature in homes.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health and Toronto City Council write to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing commending the Minister for amending the Ontario Building Code to reduce hot tap water temperatures;
- (2) the Board of Health forward this report for information and appropriate action to the Planning and Transportation Committee; and
- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board of Health:

- (1) requested that:
  - (a) a letter be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing commending him for amending the Ontario Building Code to reduce hot tap water temperatures; and
  - (b) the report be forwarded for information and any appropriate action to the Planning and Transportation Committee; and
- (2) recommended that City Council write to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing commending him for amending the Ontario Building Code to reduce hot tap water temperatures; and
- (3) authorized and directed the appropriate City Officials to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(Planning and Transportation Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services – October 25, 2004)

**(Report 7, Clause 2)**

## **7.6 Citizen Appointments to Board of Health Subcommittees**

The Board of Health considered a communication (October 6, 2004) from the Secretary, Board of Health, advising of vacancies on the following Subcommittees as a result of City Council's appointment of new citizen members to the Board of Health on September 28, 29 and 30, 2004:

- Budget Subcommittee (two members to replace Brian MacKay and Lee Zaslofsky);
- Substance Abuse Subcommittee (one member to replace Lee Zaslofsky);
- Tuberculosis (one member to replace Helen Chan); and
- Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA) (one member to replace Brian MacKay).

On motion by Councillor Fletcher, the Board of Health appointed the following Members to the Association of Local Public Health Agencies and the Budget, Substance Abuse and Tuberculosis Subcommittees of the Board of Health:

- Association of Local Public Health Agencies: Valerie Sterling;
- Substance Abuse Subcommittee: Rhonda Roffey;
- Budget Subcommittee: Nathan Gilbert; and
- Tuberculosis Subcommittee: Fiona Nelson.

(Andy Papadopoulos, Executive Director; Association of Local Public Health Agencies; Board of Health Budget Subcommittee; Board of Health Substance Abuse Subcommittee; Board of Health TB (Tuberculosis) Subcommittee; c. Valerie Sterling, Nathan Gilbert; Rhonda Roffey; Fiona Nelson; Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services – October 27, 2004)

## **7.7 City Council Action – Peer Nutrition Program, 2004 Budget Enhancement**

The Board of Health considered a communication (October 4, 2004) from the City Clerk forwarding, for information or appropriate action, Policy and Finance Committee Report 7, Clause 13, entitled "Peer Nutrition Program, 2004 Budget Enhancement," which was adopted, without amendment, by City Council on September 28, 29, 30 and October 1, 2004.

On motion by Councillor Davis, the Board of Health received the communication (October 4, 2004) from the City Clerk.

**7.8 City Council Action - Proposed Exemption from the Smoking By-law for Retail Tobacco Stores**

The Board of Health considered a communication (October 5, 2004) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on September 28, 29, 30 and October 1, 2004, referred to the Board of Health a Motion, entitled “Proposed Exemption from the Smoking By-law for Retail Tobacco Stores,” by Councillor Karen Stintz, with a Fiscal Impact Statement; and containing the following Operative Paragraph:

“... NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT an exemption to the City of Toronto Smoking By-law be granted for Retail Tobacco Stores and that they be defined as a retail establishment whose sales are comprised primarily of tobacco and related products.”

Mirsad Jakubovic, Chief Financial Officer, Havana House, appeared before the Board of Health.

Councillor Stintz moved that the Motion by Councillor Stintz be adopted and the appropriate City Officials be authorized to introduce the necessary Bills in Council to give effect thereto. **(Lost)**

By taking the above action, the Board of Health did not endorse the Motion requesting an exemption to the City of Toronto Smoking By-law, by Councillor Karen Stintz, contained in the communication (October 5, 2004) from the City Clerk.

(Mirsad Jakubovic, Chief Financial Officer, Havana House; Medical Officer of Health; c. Councillor Karen Stintz, Ward 16 – Eglinton-Lawrence; Councillor Frances Nunziata, Ward 11, York South-Weston; Jane Speakman, Legal Services – October 28, 2004)

**7.9 City Council Action – Mobile and Wireless Application Development**

The Board of Health considered a communication (October 4, 2004) from the City Clerk forwarding, for information, Administration Committee Report 6, Clause 14, entitled “Mobile and Wireless Application Development,” which was adopted, without amendment, by City Council on September 28, 29, 30 and October 1, 2004.

On motion by Councillor Fletcher, the Board of Health received the communication (October 4, 2004) from the City Clerk.



## **7.10 Shade Policy and Technical Considerations for the City of Toronto**

The Board of Health considered a report (October 13, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health seeking Board of Health and City Council approval and support of the proposed Shade Policy and Technical Considerations for the City of Toronto.

### Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health and City Council endorse the proposed Shade Policy and Technical Considerations for the City of Toronto (Attachment 1) developed by a multi-disciplinary committee comprised of appropriate City of Toronto departments and community partners in conjunction with the Ultraviolet Radiation Working Group of the Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition (Attachment 2);
- (2) City Council direct the Commissioners of Community and Neighbourhood Services, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Urban Development Services, Corporate Services and Works and Emergency Services, in collaboration with the Medical Officer of Health, to develop implementation plans for the Shade Policy and Technical Considerations for the City of Toronto and report back to City Council by April 2005;
- (3) the Medical Officer of Health report to the Board of Health on the progress of implementation plans by the end of 2005; and
- (4) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Board of Health also considered the following communications:

- (i) (October 6, 2004) from Fiona Nelson, Chair, Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition;
- (ii) (October 7, 2004) from Lynn From, Professor of Medicine & Pathobiology, University of Toronto;
- (iii) (October 7, 2004) from George Thomas Kapelos, Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Architectural Science, Ryerson University;
- (iv) (October 12, 2004) from Eva Ligeti, Executive Director, Clean Air Partnership;
- (v) (October 14, 2004) from Richard Christie, District-wide Coordinator, Environmental Education, Toronto District School Board;
- (vi) (October 15, 2004) from Seana Irvine, Program Director, Evergreen; and

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- (vii) (October 15, 2004) from Verna Mai, Director, Division of Preventive Oncology, Cancer Care Ontario.

The following persons addressed the Board of Health:

- Dr. Lynn From, Women's College Hospital; and
  - George Kapelos, Ryerson University.
- A. Councillor Thompson moved that the report be deferred to the Board of Health meeting on November 22, 2004. **(Lost)**
- B. Councillor Davis moved that the Board of Health:
- (1) endorse the "Shade Policy and Technical Considerations for the City of Toronto" in Attachment 1 to the report (October 13, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health;
  - (2) recommend that City Council:
    - (a) endorse the "Shade Policy and Technical Considerations for the City of Toronto" in Attachment 1 to the report (October 13, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health;
    - (b) request the Commissioners of Community and Neighbourhood Services, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Urban Development Services, Corporate Services and Works and Emergency Services, in collaboration with the Medical Officer of Health, to develop implementation plans for the "Shade Policy and Technical Considerations for the City of Toronto" and prepare a report to City Council, through the Board of Health, by June 2005;
    - (c) request the Medical Officer of Health to prepare a report to the Board of Health on the progress of implementation plans by the end of 2005; and
    - (d) authorize and direct the appropriate City Officials to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.
  - (3) request the Medical Officer of Health to prepare an interim information report to the Board of Health on the progress of the implementation plans for the shade policy. **(Carried)**

**(Report 7, Clause 1)**

**7.11 Action of the Policy and Finance Committee - 2004 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget – Report on Pending Items**

The Board of Health considered a communication (September 15, 2004) from the Policy and Finance Committee forwarding, for information, the report dated August 27, 2004, from the Medical Officer of Health, headed “2004 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget – Report on Pending Items”. [Please Note: City Council on September 28, 29, 30 and October 1, 2004, adopted, without amendment, Policy and Finance Committee Report 7 Clause 12, headed “2004 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget – Report on Pending Items.”]

On motion by Brian Hyndman, the Board of Health received the communication (September 15, 2004) from the Policy and Finance Committee.

**7.12 Action of the Community Services Committee - *Personal Health Information Protection Act 2004***

The Board of Health considered a communication (October 7, 2004) from the Community Services Committee forwarding, for information, the report dated September 17, 2004, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, headed “*Personal Health Information Protection Act 2004*”.

On motion by Councillor Fletcher, the Board of Health received the communication (October 7, 2004) from the Community Services Committee.

**7.13 Schedule of Meetings – November 2004 and 2005**

The Board of Health considered a communication (October 12, 2004) from the Secretary, Board of Health, advising, for information, that the last regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for November 22, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Toronto City Hall; and submitting a schedule of meetings for 2005.

On motion by Councillor Fletcher, the Board of Health received the communication (October 12, 2004) from the Secretary, Board of Health.

**7.14 Local Health Integrated Networks**

The Board of Health considered a report (October 18, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health responding to a request from the Board of Health on July 12, 2004, for a report regarding Local Health Integration Networks.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Medical Officer of Health continue to monitor the Province's health transformation agenda and provide updates to the Board of Health with particular focus on implications for Toronto Public Health and the City of Toronto;
- (2) the Board of Health, where appropriate, actively participate in the local public health capacity review of Operation Health Protection and consultations on Local Health Integration Networks to ensure that City of Toronto and public health perspectives are included;
- (3) this report be forwarded to City Council for information and appropriate action;
- (4) this report be forwarded to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and the Chief Medical Officer of Health as well as to the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, the Ontario Public Health Association and all Ontario Boards of Health; and
- (5) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board of Health:

- (1) established a subcommittee comprised of Councillor John Filion, Chair, Councillor Paula Fletcher, Vice-Chair and Councillor Joe Mihevc, Past Chair of the Board of Health and Brian Hyndman, Fiona Nelson and the Medical Officer of Health, to address issues arising from the Province of Ontario's proposed health transformation agenda; and
- (2) referred the report (October 18, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health to the subcommittee for a report to the Board of Health on a strategy to address any issues arising.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Councillor John Filion; Councillor Paula Fletcher; Councillor Joe Mihevc; Brian Hyndman; Fiona Nelson; Jane Speakman, Legal Services – October 25, 2004)

#### **7.15 Establishment of a Dental Clinic at the North York Civic Centre**

The Board of Health considered the following motion (undated) by Councillor Paula Fletcher:

WHEREAS the dental program in North York was established on a school based model;  
and

WHEREAS the school based model presents several limitations in terms of being able to offer programming to seniors, adults and family units; and

WHEREAS the model adopted in all other communities offers a public space model more adapted to the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS elsewhere civic dental facilities are located in public buildings; and

WHEREAS there is a need to review the model for delivery of service in the North District.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this matter be referred to the Board of Health;  
and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health consider the feasibility of establishing a dental clinic in the North York Civic Centre.

On motion by Councillor Fletcher, the Board of Health referred the Motion to the Medical Officer of Health for a feasibility report to the Board of Health.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Councillor Paula Fletcher; Councillor Shelley Carroll; Jane Speakman, Legal Services; – October 25, 2004)

The Board of Health adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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Chair