

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Office**

**Minutes of Board of Health**

**Meeting 8**

**November 22, 2004**

The Board of Health met on Monday, November 22, 2004 in Committee Room 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1:10 p.m.

Attendance

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

|                                       | 1:10 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Councillor John Filion, Chair         | X                      |
| Trustee Sheila Cary-Meagher           | -                      |
| Cathy Crowe                           | -                      |
| 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 Brian Hyndman, the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Health on October 18, 2004, were confirmed.

**8.1 Staff Recognition Award**

The Board of Health recognized K9 Duke, the City's dog bite prevention instructor, on his retirement after nearly 12 years of service, with a presentation by the Chair of a street sign along with a collage highlighting his accomplishments during that time.

Dr. David McKeown, Medical Officer of Health, Eletta Purdy, City-wide Manager of Animal Services, and Robert Meerburg (Dukes partner), Education Officer, along with a devoted "Duke" fan, were also present to congratulate Duke.

## **8.2 Toronto Public Health - Capital Budget Variance Report as at September 2004**

The Board of Health considered a 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.

On motion by Brian Hyndman, the Board of Health received the report (November 9, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health.

## **8.3 Toronto Public Health - Operating Budget Variance as at September 2004**

The Board of Health considered a 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.

Councillor Filion appointed Councillor Fletcher as Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Filion, the Board of Health received the report (November 9, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health.

Councillor Filion resumed the Chair.

## **8.4 Toronto Public Health - 2005-2009 Capital Plan and Budget**

The Board of Health considered the following report and letter:

- (a) (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:

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- (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.
- (b) (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.

On motion by Nathan Gilbert, the Board of Health recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee 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 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; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(Budget Advisory Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health; Dela Ting, Committee Secretary, Board of Health Budget Sub-Committee – November 27, 2004)

## **8.5 Toronto Public Health - 2005 Operating Budget Submission**

**(Considered with Minutes 8.6 and 8.12)**

The Board of Health considered the following:

- (a) 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 be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration.
- (b) Letter (November 12, 2004) from the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee advising that on November 10 and 12, 2004, the Subcommittee recommended to the Board of Health:
- (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;

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- (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.
- (c) Table 2 (Revised) summarizing the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee recommendations of November 10 and 12, 2004 to the Board of Health for Toronto Public Health 2005 New and Enhanced Services.
- (d) Report (November 22, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health responding to Recommendation (2) of the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee outlined in its letter (November 12, 2004) to the Board of Health.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

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- (1) an amount of \$336.6 thousand gross and net, be added to the 2005 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget for the cost of improved Animal Shelter and Field Services;
  - (2) this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for its consideration; and
  - (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.
- (e) Report (November 18, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health responding to Recommendation (3) of the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee outlined in its letter (November 12, 2004) to the Board of Health.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) an amount of \$991.7 thousand gross and \$446.3 thousand net, be added to the 2005 Toronto Public Health Budget to implement a TB Testing Program for the Homeless/Under-housed Population;
  - (2) this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for its consideration; and
  - (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.
- (f) Letter (November 22, 2004) from Ann Dembinski, President, Local 79, CUPE.
- A. Nathan Gilbert moved that the Board of Health:
- (1) recommend to the Budget Advisory Committee that a Toronto Public Health 2005 Operating Budget of \$191,191.9 thousand gross and \$72,383.2 thousand net including a Base Budget of \$182,439.9 thousand gross and \$68,252.8 net and New and Enhanced Services of \$8,752.0 thousand gross and \$4,130.4 net, as summarized in Appendix A, be approved. **(Carried)**
  - (2) adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 10, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health, headed "Toronto Public Health – 2005 Operating Budget Submission", subject to the following amendments to Recommendation (2), outlined in the letter (November 12, 2004) from the Board of Health Budget Sub-Committee:

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- (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 Operational Planning Capital Project payroll costs of \$264.0 thousand gross and \$0 net;
  - (d) reduction of Privacy and Legislated Standard Compliance request by \$111.3 thousand gross and \$50.1 thousand net;
  - (e) reduction of Food Safety Program Compliance request by \$386.6 thousand gross and \$174.0 thousand net; and
  - (f) deletion of 3-1-1- Capital Project payroll cost for \$1,519.5 thousand gross and \$0 net; **(Carried)**
- (3) adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 9, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health [See Item 8.6], headed “Additional Public Health Service Options for Consideration”, subject to the following amendments outlined in the letter (November 12, 2004) from the Board of Health Budget Sub-Committee:
- (a) deletion of French Language Sustainability proposal for \$107.7 thousand gross and \$48.4 thousand net; and
  - (b) deletion of Youth Reunification and Adaptation proposal for \$277.3 thousand gross and \$124.8 thousand net; **(Carried)**
- (4) adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 18, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health, headed “TB Testing Program for the Homeless/Under-housed Population”; **(Carried)**
- (5) adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 22, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health, headed “Animal Shelter and Field Services”; and **(Carried)**

- (6) adopt Recommendation (1) of the TB Sub-Committee in the letter (November 10, 2004) from the TB Sub-Committee. [See Item 8.12] **(Carried)**

Councillor Filion appointed Councillor Fletcher as Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

- B. Councillor Filion moved that the Board of Health recommend to the Budget Advisory Committee that the following motion be adopted:

Moved by: Councillor John Filion

WHEREAS every major review of public health nationally and provincially has indicated the need for enhanced and sustainable public health resources, and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has committed to increasing public health resources in Operation Health Protection through increasing provincial share cost-sharing over the next four years to 75 percent provincial, 25 percent municipal,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the increased provincial funding for 2005-2008 be used to sustain and enhance public health services. **(Carried)**

Councillor Filion resumed the Chair.

- C. Councillor Fletcher moved that the Board of Health request the Medical Officer of Health to provide a preliminary report to the Board of Health Budget Sub-Committee as part of the Toronto Public Health budget request for Animal Services (\$336.6 thousand), on avenues for revenue generation within Animal Services using the experience of Calgary Animal Service as a point of reference for the report. **(Carried)**

(Budget Advisory Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health – November 27, 2004)

## **8.6 Additional Public Health Service Options**

**(Considered with Minutes 8.5 and 8.12)**

The Board of Health considered a 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.

(Budget Advisory Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health –  
November 27, 2004)

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

The Board of Health considered a 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.

On motion by Councillor Stintz, the Board of Health recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee 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; and

- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(Budget Advisory Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health – November 27, 2004)

### **8.8 Potential Impact of Car Free Day 2005**

The Board of Health considered the following reports from the Medical Officer of Health:

- (a) (November 5, 2004) 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.
- (b) revised report (November 18, 2004) 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:

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- (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) this report be forwarded to the Works Committee for information; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The following persons appeared before the Board of Health:

- Michael Noble; and
- Councillor Doug Holyday.

A. Councillor Fletcher moved that the Board of Health:

- (1) endorse the initiatives proposed by the Car Free Day Working Group and the proposed Toronto Public Health budget enhancements to support this work, outlined in the revised report (November 18, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health;
- (2) request that public transit and emission savings from Green Fleet be part of the City of Toronto's current initiatives in the focus of a Car Free Day; and
- (3) direct that the report be forwarded to the Works Committee for information; and
- (4) approve the request from the Medical Officer of Health that his report (November 5, 2004), headed "Potential Impact of Car Free Day 2005," be withdrawn. **(Carried)**

B. Councillor Stintz moved that the Board of Health adopt her motion, as follows:

WHEREAS a full street closure would significantly impact businesses on a major City street between Monday and Friday; and

WHEREAS there are other methods to promote public transit ridership; and

WHEREAS the event requires an evaluation framework;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that no major City street closures be permitted between Monday-Friday; and

the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be requested to review incentives for public-transit ridership; and provide an evaluation framework for the public health benefits;

and that such report come back to the Board of Health. **(Lost)**

(Policy and Finance Committee; Works Committee; c. Councillor Doug Holyday; Michael Noble – November 23, 2004)

### **8.9 Invasive Meningococcal Disease Vaccination Campaign - 2005**

The Board of Health considered the following reports from the Medical Officer of Health:

- (a) (November 5, 2004) on an immunization campaign against type C Invasive Meningococcal Disease.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the report be received for information.

- (b) revised report (November 17, 2004) 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.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board of Health:

- (1) recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that 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 gross/\$0 net for Grade 7 students in Toronto; and

- (2) approved the request from the Medical Officer of Health to withdraw his report (November 5, 2004), headed "Invasive Meningococcal Disease Vaccination Campaign – 2005".

(Budget Advisory Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health – November 27, 2004)

### **8.10 Health and Ecological Risk Associated with Toronto Biosolids Pellets**

The Board of Health considered a 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;

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- (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 following persons appeared before the Board of Health:

- Shelley Petrie, Toronto Environmental Alliance; and
- Karen Davies Buck.

On motion by Councillor Fletcher, the Board of Health adopted the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 4, 2004) from the Medical Office of Health, as amended, and by this action:

- (1) forwarded the report to the Works Committee for information and appropriate action with the following amendment to Appendix A:
  - (a) adding to part 'n', the words "of the *Nutrient Management Act*", after the words "Regulation 267/03"; and
  - (b) adding to part 'o', the word "reclamation" after the word "land";
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to:

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- (a) 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 to the report, as amended, if the City proceeds with reconstructing the pelletizer plant and developing markets for biosolids pellet uses within the City and beyond;
  - (b) provide a 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; and
  - (c) provide a report to the Board of Health on ways to increase effective enforcement of the Sewer Use By-law and on strategies to reduce pharmaceuticals in the water supply;
- (3) requested the Works Committee to allow the two remaining studies requested in the BRMP to be completed and made public (Health Status Study for the South Riverdale and Beaches Community and Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant Air Modelling Study) before the BRMP proceeds for public consultation;
- (4) requested the Medical Officer of Health to provide a report to the Board of Health on:
- (a) the biosolids program in the Biosolids Residual Master Plan (BRMP), in comparison to large urban areas in North America; and
  - (b) 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;
- (5) requested 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;
- (6) requested 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;
- (7) requested 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; and
- (8) authorized and directed the appropriate City officials to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(Works Committee; Minister of Health; Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food; Minister of Health and Long-Term Care; Ontario Minister of Agriculture and Food; Ontario Minister of the Environment; c. Shelley Petrie, Toronto Environmental Alliance; Karen Davies Buck – November 24, 2004)

### **8.11 Update on Reorganization of Family Health and Healthy Lifestyles Service Areas**

The Board of Health considered the following:

- (a) 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.

- (b) letter (November 22, 2004) from Ann Dembinski, President, Local 79, CUPE.



Ann Dembinski, President, CUPE Local 79 appeared before the Board of Health.

Councillor Filion appointed Councillor Fletcher as Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Filion, the Board of Health requested the Medical Officer of Health to provide a report to the Board on the concerns expressed in the letter (November 22, 2004) from Ann Dembinski, President, Local 79, CUPE, and during her deputation.

Councillor Filion resumed the Chair.

(Ann Dembinski, President, CUPE Local 79 – November 27, 2004)

## **8.12 Tuberculosis Testing – Toronto Salvation Army Men’s Shelter**

**(Considered with Minutes 8.5 and 8.6)**

The Board of Health considered the following:

- (a) letter (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/under-housed 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.
- (b) letter (November 19, 2004) from Councillor Karen Stintz, Ward 16 – Eglinton Lawrence, on a protocol for communication for active TB cases in the shelter system; and
- (c) News Release dated November 22, 2004, from Toronto Public Health, regarding the tuberculosis case identified during active case finding

On motion by Councillor Stintz, the Board of Health took the following action in addition to that listed in Item 5:

- (1) adopted Recommendation (1) in the letter (November 10, 2004) from the TB Subcommittee; and
  - (2) received the letter from Councillor Stintz and the News Release dated November 22, 2004.
- (Budget Advisory Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health – November 27, 2004)

### **8.13 Establishment of a Local Health Committee Nomination Work Group**

The Board of Health considered a 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.

On motion by Councillor Stintz, the Board of Health:

- (1) established a Local Health Committee Nomination Work Group to review applications and recommend membership for four Local Health Committees; and
- (2) appointed Nathan Gilbert; Brian Hyndman; Rhonda Roffey; and Councillor Paula Fletcher to the Work Group.

(Councillor Paula Fletcher; Nathan Gilbert; Brian Hyndman; Rhonda Roffey – November 27, 2004)

### **8.14 Reconstitution of the Animal Services Advisory Committee**

On motion by Councillor Fletcher, the Board of Health requested the Medical Officer of Health to provide a report to the Board at its next meeting on January 17, 2005 on the reconstitution of the Animal Services Advisory Committee, including Terms of Reference.

**8.15 If Low Income Women of Colour Counted in Toronto**

Councillor Filion appointed Councillor Fletcher as Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Filion, the Board of Health received an oral progress report on “If Low Income Women of Colour Counted in Toronto” from the Medical Officer of Health.

Councillor Filion resumed the Chair.

**8.16 Establishment of a Work Group on Toronto Public Health’s Strategic Plan**

On motion by Councillor Fletcher, the Board of Health:

- (1) established a Work Group to develop a strategic plan for Toronto Public Health; and
- (2) appointed Councillor Filion and Nathan Gilbert to the Work Group noting that once the meeting had been set by them, the other Members of the Board would be advised of the arrangements.

(Councillor John Filion; Nathan Gilbert – November 27, 2004)

**8.17 Use of Advanced Tasers by the Toronto Police Service**

The Board of Health considered a report (November 19, 2004) from the Chair, Toronto Police Services Board.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Toronto Board of Health authorize the Medical Officer of Health to provide a report to the Toronto Police Services Board on the health implications, if any, related to the use of Advanced Tasers by the Toronto Police Service.

Councillor Filion appointed Councillor Fletcher as Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Filion, the Board of Health adopted the recommendation in the Recommendation Section of the report (November 19, 2004) from the Chair, Toronto Police Services Board.

Councillor Filion resumed the Chair.

(Councillor Pam McConnell, Chair, Toronto Police Services Board – November 27, 2004)

**8.18 Policy on the Removal of Dead Animals from Exterior Private Property by Animal Services**

Councillor Filion appointed Councillor Fletcher as Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Filion, the Board of Health:

- (1) agreed to the introduction of a Motion dated November 22, 2004, by Councillor Karen Stintz on the granting of authority for Animal Services to remove dead animals from exterior private property; and
- (2) adopted the following Motion:

Moved by: Councillor Stintz

WHEREAS Animal Services oversees and administers the removal of dead animals on private and public property; and

WHEREAS current legislation does not allow animal services to enter private property to remove dead animals without the property owner 's consent; and

WHEREAS consent to enter private property must be provided in another provable manner if the owner of the property is not present at the time access is required; and

WHEREAS the timely removal of dead animals by animal services reduces the risk to the public health; and

WHEREAS a form letter, signed by a homeowner authorizing access by animal services to remove a dead animal from the exterior of the owner's private property, would act as proof that permission has been granted to such access;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Medical Officer of Health, in consultation with the City Solicitor, create the policy and letter necessary to provide property owners the option to allow Animal Services to enter the exterior private property to remove dead animals when the property owner is not on the premises; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Medical Officer of Health provide a report to the Board of Health in February 2005 with his recommendations.

Councillor Filion resumed the Chair.

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The Board of Health adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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Chair