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**BOARD OF HEALTH  
AGENDA  
MEETING 1**

**Date of Meeting:** January 17, 2005  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Committee Room 1  
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 – November 22, 2004**

**Staff Recognition**

**Speakers/Presentations - A complete list will be distributed at the meeting.**

10:30 a.m. - Item 10

2:00 p.m. - Item 12

**Communications/Reports:**

**1. Election of Chair**

**1(a). Election of Vice-Chair**

**2. Appointment of 2005 Public Health Grants Review Panels**

Report (January 4, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, recommending the appointment of individuals to the 2005 Public Health Grants Review Panels for AIDS and Drug Prevention.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Board of Health:

- (1) appoint the individuals listed in Attachment 3 to the AIDS Prevention Grants Review Panel for 2005;
- (2) appoint the individuals listed in Attachment 4 to the Drug Prevention Grants Review Panel for 2005; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

*(Attachments 3 and 4 sent to Board Members only under confidential cover)*

**3. Community Right-to-Know Strategy for the City of Toronto**

Report (January 4, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health, reporting on the Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition case study on public access to information on toxic substances in the South Riverdale/Beaches community.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Medical Officer of Health report on practical and effective Community-Right-to-Know strategies to increase public access to information on toxic substances in Toronto, including consideration of the feasibility of a Community Right-to-Know bylaw, in consultation with appropriate City Departments and community stakeholders; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**3(a).** Communication (December 24, 2004) from Safoura Moazami, Coordinator, Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition, submitting letters of support from the following persons:

- Syed Naqui, Ergonomist, Occupational Health Clinic for Ontario Workers, Inc. (Toronto);
- Dr. Noel Kerin, Occupational Health Physician, Occupational Health Clinic for Ontario Workers, Inc. (Toronto);
- Kim Varey, Occupational Health Clinic for Ontario Workers, Inc. (Toronto);

- Jiamping Lui, Industrial Hygienist, Occupational Health Clinic for Ontario Workers, Inc. (Toronto);
- Cheryl Rook, Occupational Health Nurse, Occupational Health Clinic for Ontario Workers, Inc. (Toronto);
- Fiona Nelson, Chair, Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition; and
- Sarah Miller, Co-ordinator, Canadian Environmental Law Association.

**4. Board of Health Member Attendance at 2005 Meetings of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies**

Report (January 4, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, requesting Board of Health approval to pay expenses for the participation of Board of Health members at Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) meetings in 2005.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health approve the participation of Valerie Ann Sterling or alternate at all alPHa board meetings, alPHa Board of Health Section meetings and alPHa conferences in 2005 and cover all expenses associated with this participation; and
- (2) the Board of Health encourage the participation of its members at alPHa Board of Health Section meetings and the two Toronto based conferences in 2005 and pay all expenses associated with this participation; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**5. Strategic Planning Process**

Verbal update.

**6. Update on TB in the Homeless/Underhoused**

Verbal update.

**7. 2002 Compliance with the Provincial Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines**

Report (January 4, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing information to the Board of Health on Toronto Public Health's compliance with Ontario's Mandatory Health Program and Services Guidelines, as assessed by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for 2002.

Recommendation:

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

**8. Animal Services Advisory Committee Reconstitution**

Report (January 4, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing recommendations regarding the reconstitution of the Animal Services Advisory Committee including Terms of Reference.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Animal Services Advisory Committee (ASAC) be reconstituted;
- (2) the new Terms of Reference for the Animal Services Advisory Committee (Attachment 1) be approved; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**9. Toronto Public Health 2005 Operating Budget – Update on Executive Management Team (EMT) Recommendations and Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) Funding**

Report (January 5, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, comparing the Executive Management Team (EMT) and the Board of Health (BOH) recommendations for the 2005 Toronto Public Health (TPH) Operating Budget, and provides an update on confirmed 2005 funding from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS).

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the TPH 2005 Operating Budget be increased by \$1,536.0 thousand gross and revenue / \$0 net to reflect increased funding from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services for the Preschool Speech and Language (PSL) Initiative and the Infant Hearing Program (IHP);
- (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.

**9(a).** Communication (January 7, 2005) from the Committee Secretary, Board of Health Budget Subcommittee, recommending that the Board reaffirm approval of its recommendations adopted at its meeting on November 22, 2004 regarding the 2005 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget submission, and requesting the Medical Officer of Health to submit, for the Board's consideration, a report providing a three-year outlook for delivery of Public Health services, the costs of unmet needs and in comparison with other municipalities.

## **10. Further Issues Relating to the Implementation of the Pesticide By-law**

**(Speakers – 10:30 a.m.)**

Report (January 10, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, reporting further on implementation of the Pesticide By-law including setting action thresholds and implementing inspection guidelines.

### Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health adopt this report and forward it to City Council;
- (2) the Board of Health and Council endorse that:
  - (a) no properties within the municipal boundary of the City of Toronto be exempted from the Pesticide By-law;
  - (b) the preferred means of complying with the Pesticide By-law is through applying the methods of Plant Health Care (PHC);
  - (c) if the use of non-exempted pesticides is justified, its use should conform to the principles of Integrated Pest Management (IPM);
- (3) with respect to "Action Thresholds", the Board of Health and Council:

- (a) reaffirm the previous recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) that there be no action thresholds established for fungicides or herbicides on residential lawns, cemeteries and general parkland;
  - (b) request that the Medical Officer of Health adopt the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAF) action thresholds for chinch bugs and grubs as guidelines in the enforcement of the by-law on residential, commercial and institutional turf;
  - (c) request that the Medical Officer of Health monitor the emergence of new action thresholds on an ongoing basis;
  - (d) endorse that golf courses, bowling greens, and transportation and utility rights of way be subject to proactive inspections on a regular basis, in addition to complaint response inspections by Toronto Public Health;
  - (e) direct the Medical Officer of Health to request golf courses, bowling greens, and transportation and utility rights of way to submit an annual report on pesticide use and strategies to reduce pesticide use;
- (4) with respect to properties managed by Parks and Recreation (in addition to golf courses and bowling greens), the Board of Health and Council:
- (a) direct the General Manager of Parks and Recreation to employ Plant Health Care methods in the management of City-owned turf (including general parkland, sports fields and destination parks), horticultural areas, hard surfaces and natural areas to reduce the likelihood of pest infestations and the need for pesticides to control them;
  - (b) direct that the Parks and Recreation properties listed in recommendation 5(i) be subject to proactive inspections, in addition to complaint response inspections, by Toronto Public Health;
  - (c) direct the General Manager of Parks and Recreation to provide the MOH with annual reports of pesticide use and strategies to reduce pesticide use;
- (5) the Board of Health direct the Medical Officer of Health to include, in his report on the evaluation of the pesticide by-law, options for requiring users of non-exempt pesticides to post signs detailing the use of such pesticides; and options for a notification system requiring owners to notify the City of their intention to apply non-exempt pesticides;
- (6) the Board of Health forward this report to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, and Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency for their information; and

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

## **11. Reports requested respecting Potential Amendments to Pesticide By-law**

### **(In-camera – solicitor-client privilege)**

Confidential report (December 20, 2004) from the City Solicitor, responding to a request on options for requiring those using pesticides restricted by the City's Pesticide By-law to posts signs and notify the City of impending pesticide use; and because the advice is subject to solicitor-client privilege, under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, discussions be held In-camera.

## **12. Preventing Vicious Dog Attacks in Toronto**

### **(Speakers – 2:00 p.m.)**

Report (January 5, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing policy recommendations and strategies to prevent vicious dog attacks in the City of Toronto.

### Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Medical Officer of Health report to the Board of Health, in consultation with the City Solicitor, on amendments to the Municipal Code Chapter 349 to strengthen prevention of dog attacks and on related enhancements to prevention and enforcement programs, as soon as possible after proposed provincial legislation amending the Dog Owners' Liability Act is passed;
- (2) the Medical Officer of Health report to the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee within six months with a detailed strategy for increasing revenue generation from Animal Services;
- (3) the Attorney General be requested to include in the proposed amendments to the Dog Owners' Liability Act a requirement to microchip all restricted pit bulls;
- (4) the Attorney General be requested to ensure that any regulations regarding the final disposition of pit bulls be applied equally to municipalities, humane societies and contracted services;
- (5) the Attorney General be requested to fund 100% of municipal implementation costs related to proposed amendments to the Dog Owners' Liability Act for a three year transitional period;

- (6) this report be forwarded to the Attorney General with a request to consider adopting those strategies with province wide implications; and
- (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.