
**BOARD OF HEALTH
AGENDA
MEETING 8**

Date of Meeting: September 26, 2005
Time: 1:00 p.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 – July 11, 2005

Speakers/Presentations:

1:00 p.m. – Item 1
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Communications/Reports:

- 1. Presentation by Dr. David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer, Public Health Agency of Canada**

(no written material)

- 2. Toronto Public Health 2006 Operating Budget**

Report not yet available.

3. Toronto Public Health - Capital Budget Variance Report as at June 30, 2005

Report (September 9, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, informing the Board of Health of Toronto Public Health's (TPH) Capital Budget Variance for the six-month period ended June 30, 2005.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

4. Toronto Public Health 2005 Operating Budget Variance Report as at June 30, 2005

Report (September 9, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, informing the Board of Health of Toronto Public Health's (TPH) Operating Budget Variance for the six-month period ended. June 30, 2005.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

5. The Cost of the Nutritious Food Basket in Toronto 2005

(Presentation and Speakers)

Report (September 12, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing information on the Cost of the Nutritious Food Basket in Toronto for 2005.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Medical Officer of Health report on the implications of the 16.7% increase in the cost of nutritious foods since 1999 on Toronto public health programs which provide food to vulnerable populations;
- (2) the General Manager of Shelter Housing & Support, the General Manager of Children's Services, and the General Manager of Homes for the Aged report to the Board of Health on the implications of the 16.7% increase in the cost of nutritious food since 1999 on the nutritional quality of food provided in City programs to vulnerable populations, including children in day nurseries, residents of homes for the aged, and shelters for homeless people;
- (3) the Board of Health request the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to revise the document "Monitoring the Cost of a Nutritious Food Basket Protocol" to be

consistent with recommendations in Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating to be released in 2006 and to address the methodological issues raised in this report;

- (4) the Board of Health forward this report to the Ontario Minister of Community, Family and Children's Services, the Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Ontario Minister of Health Promotion, the Ontario Minister of Children and Youth, and to the Office of Nutrition Policy & Promotion at Health Canada, as well as the City of Toronto's Community Services Committee, the Food and Hunger Action Committee, and Toronto Food Policy Council;
- (5) the Board of Health forward this report to the Ontario Public Health Association Community Food Security Workgroup, all Ontario Boards of Health, the Association of Ontario Health Centres, the Ontario Society of Nutrition Professionals in Public Health and the Dietitians of Canada; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

6. Student Nutrition Program: Meeting Current Nutrition Needs of Toronto's Children and Youth

Report (September 9, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, responding to a request by the Board of Health to provide a plan to expand the Student Nutrition Programs for 2006 and beyond, and report on the effectiveness of adding teen nutrition programs in neighbourhoods which are identified as priorities in the Community Safety Strategy.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Board of Health:

- (1) endorse, as a minimum, 2006 municipal funding for the programs serving children in grades JK-8 of \$2,574,320 to incorporate current food costs, restore the \$200,000 reallocated in 2005 to address youth programs, and restore the \$100,000 funding reduction from 2004 (a net increase of \$374,980);
- (2) endorse planned growth of the student nutrition program serving 12,000 additional children in the neediest elementary schools at an additional municipal cost of \$465,120;
- (3) endorse municipal funding for the nutrition programs currently serving youth in Toronto at \$496,954 (an additional net increase of \$296,954);
- (4) endorse planned growth of the student nutrition program serving youth to reach 1 in 10 youth by 2008 at an additional municipal cost of \$993,991;

- (5) request the Minister of Children and Youth Services to contribute to program sustainability by calculating provincial funding based upon current food costs and increasing its support from 8% to the 10-15% committed to student nutrition programs in their Program Guidelines for Communities, December 2004;
 - (6) request the federal government to fund a national universal student nutrition program as a component of the National Healthy Living Strategy, including funding allocated for evaluation of the program;
 - (7) forward this report to the Children and Youth Action Committee, the Community Partnership and Investment Program Committee, the Toronto District School Board, the Toronto Catholic District School Board, The Food and Hunger Action Committee, The Mayor's Round Table on Children, Youth and Education and the Toronto Food Policy Council; and
 - (8) authorize and direct the appropriate City Officials to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.
- 6(a).** Communication (June 27, 2005) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council, on June 14, 15 and 16, 2005, amended and adopted Clause 3 of the Board of Health Report 5, titled "2005/2006 Student Nutrition Program Service Subsidies"; and by so doing:
- (1) authorized the execution of agreements totaling \$2,399,340 with the Toronto Foundation for Student Success (\$2,144,074) and the Metropolitan Toronto Catholic Education Foundation (\$255,266) to administer the allocation of service subsidies to eligible student nutrition programs across the City of Toronto;
 - (2) granted authority to the Medical Officer of Health to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, including the execution of agreements with the Toronto Foundation for Student Success and the Metropolitan Toronto Catholic Education Foundation on behalf of the City;
 - (3) requested the Board of Health to direct teen nutrition programs to areas of high needs rather than areas that have been identified as priorities in the Community Safety Strategy;
 - (4) requested the Medical Officer of Health to provide to Council, through the Board of Health, a list of nutrition programs receiving assistance, broken down by Wards; and
 - (5) authorized and directed the appropriate City officials to take the necessary action to give effect hereto.

7. Health Canada Funding for Peer Nutrition Program Evaluation

Report (September 9, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, informing the Board of Health of the receipt of Health Canada funding to evaluate Toronto Public Health's Peer Nutrition Program and to seek approval for an amendment to the Toronto Public Health 2005 Operating Budget with respect to this funding.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health forward this report to the Policy and Finance Committee for approval of a one-time increase in the Toronto Public Health 2005 Operating Budget in the amount of \$51.0 thousand with an off-setting increase in revenue from the Health Canada Innovation Fund; and
- (2) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

8. Environmental Threats to Children: Understanding the Risks, Enabling Prevention

Report (September 9, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, reporting on critical environmental threats to the health of Toronto children and to identify strategic actions to address these issues.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Board of Health:

- (1) request the federal Minister of Health and the Premier of Ontario to take a leadership role in protecting children from environmental threats to health by:
 - (a) at the federal level, establishing a comprehensive Children's Environmental Health Program to oversee federal resources, research and surveillance initiatives, and to propose new policies and regulations;
 - (b) at the provincial level, creating a new Children's Environmental Health Initiative to strengthen provincial legislation and regulations, establish comprehensive surveillance programs to better understand exposure trends and health risks, and expand public education and outreach;
- (2) request the federal Minister of Health to improve research and surveillance on environmental threats to children's health in Canada by:

- (a) funding a Canadian arm of the U.S. National Longitudinal Children's Study that will assess exposures and health of a cohort of children from birth through to the end of adolescence;
 - (b) requesting the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) to support independent research on environmental threats to children's health in Canada by:
 - (i) consideration of a separate research institute or integrating mechanisms devoted to children's environmental health; and
 - (ii) placing a high priority on funding research into environmental impacts on brain and nervous system development, including longitudinal studies;
 - (c) in collaboration with appropriate federal government departments (such as Statistics Canada, Health Canada and Environment Canada), ensuring that:
 - (i) the biological sampling component of the Canada Health Measures Survey is implemented;
 - (ii) biological samples are tested for the full range of contaminants proposed by Statistics Canada; and
 - (iii) sampling is further expanded into an ongoing, comprehensive biomonitoring program mirroring that conducted by the US Centers of Disease Control and Prevention;
 - (d) working with the Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to ensure that targeted testing for blood lead among children ages 0 to 10 is implemented; and
 - (e) requesting the Public Health Agency of Canada to expand the Canadian Integrated Public Health Surveillance Program (CIPHS) to include data collection and analysis of trends in neurodevelopmental and neurobehavioural outcomes in Canadian children;
- (3) request that the Ontario Minister of Children and Youth Services, through the Best Start Plan, explore the possibility that the information gathered from the enhanced developmental assessments of every 18-month old child in Ontario be centrally collected and analysed for trends in developmental abilities as an additional way to improve surveillance of children's exposures and health impacts;
- (4) request the federal Ministers of Health and Environment to implement reforms to federal legislation by:
- (a) ensuring final proclamation of the Pest Control Products Act (PCPA) by the end of 2005; and

- (b) ensuring that the forthcoming review of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act incorporates legislative amendments that provide a similar level of precautionary and mandatory child-protective measures as found in the revised PCPA;
- (5) request the federal Minister of Health to implement further reform to federal legislation by:
 - (a) revising the Hazardous Products Act and associated regulations to incorporate a similar level of precautionary and mandatory child-protective measures as found in the revised Pest Control Products Act (PCPA) such that:
 - (i) children's exposure to toxic substances used in consumer products is prevented and;
 - (ii) requirements for labeling and disclosure of ingredients in consumer products are improved; and
 - (b) requiring that testing for developmental neurotoxicity be included within the mandatory core testing requirements for evaluations of all chemical substances, including pesticides;
- (6) request the federal Ministers of Health and Environment to implement reforms to Canada's international commitments by:
 - (a) supporting the addition of newly identified persistent toxic substances including octa and penta forms of the polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs), perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and its salt, lindane, hexachlorobutadiene, polychlorinated naphthalenes and short-chained chlorinated paraffins, to the list of substances targeted for global phase out and ban under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants;
 - (b) strengthening Canada's National Implementation Plan under the Stockholm Convention through a commitment to identify, on a separate list, all substances on the Domestic Substances List that meet the Convention criteria of persistence or bioaccumulation and inherent toxicity, and nominate these for consideration by the POPs Review Committee established under the Stockholm Convention; and
 - (c) ensuring that such substances are made subject to control under CEPA;
- (7) request the Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to improve provincial and local public health programs to better address environmental threats to preconception, prenatal and children's health by:

- (a) revising the Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines to include Environmental Health as a separate, expanded program area that replaces the Health Hazard Investigation Program; and
 - (b) ensuring that there is enhancement of other Mandatory Health Programs, such as Child Health and Reproductive Health, to include strategies for protecting preconception, prenatal and children's health from environmental threats;
- (8) request the Medical Officer of Health to continue to improve public health programs and to minimize environmental threats to children in Toronto by:
- (a) continuing to pursue opportunities within existing Toronto Public Health programs for integrating environmental awareness and supportive, preventive practices for parents-to-be, pregnant and nursing women, infants and children with particular emphasis on those with increased risk;
 - (b) continuing to work with the Canadian Partnership for Children's Health and Environment to create, as needed, new educational resources directed to parents, caregivers, and practitioners in different settings such as child care facilities, and recreational facilities, that identify and provide preventive advice on environmental threats to children's health;
 - (c) continuing to identify opportunities within the City of Toronto to disseminate educational resources, such as through Parks, Forestry and Recreation, Toronto Public Libraries and Children's Services; and
 - (d) continuing to identify opportunities to disseminate educational resources through key organizations involved in promoting the health of children including school-based parent groups, environmental and community groups and health-care practitioners and organizations, particularly Community Health Centres;
- (9) request the Toronto District School Board, Toronto Catholic District School Board, Conseil Scolaire de District Catholiques, Conseil Scolaire de District du Centre-Sud-Ouest and, where appropriate, independent/private schools in the City, to continue to address environmental threats to children's health in Toronto schools by:
- (a) committing to a process of detailed evaluation and prioritization of policies, procedures and pilot projects that address indoor and outdoor environmental exposure risks in the school environment;
 - (b) choosing strategic investments, when applying the new provincial monies under the Good Places to Learn Initiative, to the maintenance, renovation or reconstruction of Toronto's schools to address indoor air quality

problems and to achieve important benefits such as energy efficiency gains and provision of shade in school grounds; and

- (c) continuing to work in partnership with Toronto Public Health to increase awareness about measures to protect children from environmental threats in the school environment;
- (10) forward this report for information and appropriate action to the Federal Minister of State for Public Health; Ontario Public Health Association, Toronto District School Board (TDSB), Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB), Conseil Scolaire de District Catholiques and Conseil Scolaire de District du Centre-Sud-Ouest, the Ontario Healthy Schools Coalition; the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, and all Ontario Public Health Units; and
- (11) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

9. Update on Toronto's Comprehensive Air Quality Strategy (All Wards)

(Presentation)

Report (September 6, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, reporting on the progress of the Comprehensive Air Quality Strategy, including a plan for completion of the strategy and 2006 budget implications.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that this report be received for information and forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for information.

10. Idling Control By-law: Enforcement and Education

Report (September 9, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, reporting to the Board of Health on joint enforcement of the idling control by-law by Transportation Services and Toronto Police Service and education about by-law enforcement.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) this report be forwarded for information to the Works Committee, the Toronto Police Services Board and the Environment Roundtable; and

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

10(a). Communication (June 29, 2005) from the City Clerk, Works Committee, addressed to the Acting General Manager, Transportation Services, advising that the Works Committee referred the communication from the Secretary, Board of Health to the Acting General Manager, Transportation Services for consideration of Recommendation (1), and with a request that he provide the Works Committee for its next meeting on September 14, 2005, with the day-by-day statistics resulting from the five-day blitz undertaken in June 2005 to enforce the Idling Control By-law.

11. PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} Efficient Street Sweepers for the City of Toronto (All Wards)

Communication (August 2, 2005) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council, on July 19, 20, 21 and 26, 2005, considered Clause 4 of the Works Committee Report 7, titled “PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} Efficient Street Sweepers for the City of Toronto (All Wards)” and directed that a copy be forwarded to the Board of Health for information.

12. Best Start Terms of Reference

Report (September 12, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, informing the Board of Health about City of Toronto planning for implementation of the provincial Best Start Program and to seek endorsement, in principle of the City of Toronto Best Start Network Terms of Reference.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Toronto Board of Health approve, in principle, the Draft Terms of Reference of the Toronto Best Start Network as attached in Appendix 1;
- (2) the Medical Officer of Health report back to the Toronto Board of Health in January 2006 on the City’s Best Start Implementation Plan; and
- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

13. Implementation of the Toronto Public Health Access and Equity Policy Framework

Report (September 12, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, updating the Board of Health on the implementation of Toronto Public Health's Access and Equity Policy Framework, approved at the January 28, 2002 Board of Health meeting.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

14. Provision of Animal Services to the Town of Markham and the City of Pickering

Report (September 9, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing information and recommendations to the Board of Health regarding the provision of Animal Services to the Town of Markham and the City of Pickering.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the City of Toronto not enter into an agreement with the Town of Markham or the City of Pickering for the provision of Animal Services.

- 14(a).** Communication (August 15, 2005) from the City Clerk, Scarborough Community Council, forwarding Clause 15, Report 6 of the Scarborough Community Council entitled "Animal Services – City of Pickering and Town of Markham", which was considered by City Council at its meeting on June 19, 20, 21 and 26, 2005.

15. Suggestions for Health Goals for Canada from the Toronto/East York Local Health Committee

communication from the Toronto/East York Local Health Committee not yet available.

- 15(a).** communication (July 28, 2005) from Toronto/East York Local Health Committee, addressed to Public Health Goals Secretariat.

16. Verbal Update by Medical Officer of Health on West Nile Virus