

**BOARD OF HEALTH
AGENDA
MEETING 9**

Date of Meeting: October 24, 2005
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Committee Room 1
City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario

Enquiry: Francine Adamo
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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 - September 26, 2005

Deputations/Presentations:

2:30 p.m. – Item 4

Communications/Reports:

- 1. Verbal Update by Medical Officer of Health – Legionnaires Outbreak**
- 2. Mandatory Certification of Food Handlers**

Report (October 7, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health proposing amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 545 – Licensing, pursuant to City Council’s approval of the mandatory certification of food handlers.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Medical Officer of Health be authorized to implement mandatory certification of food handlers as described in this report;
- (2) Municipal Code Chapter 545 – Licensing, be amended as shown in Appendix 1 of this report, to require that:
 - (i) every owner/keeper of an eating and drinking establishment be the holder of a valid food handler photo identification card issued by the Medical Officer of Health;
 - (ii) every owner/keeper of an eating and drinking establishment ensure that there is at least one food handler who holds a food handler photo identification card working in a supervisory capacity in the area of the premises where food is served, prepared, processed, packaged or stored except where Chapter 545 currently mandates that all people working in an establishment must hold a valid food handler photo identification card;
 - (iii) the food handler photo identification card must be carried and displayed on his or her person and must be shown upon request by the Medical Officer of Health or his or her designate or the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division;
- (3) the By-law amendments referred to in recommendation (2) to take effect on June 1, 2006 and be phased in over a five year period starting with high risk food premises in 2006, medium risk food premises in 2007 and 2008 and low risk food premises in 2009 and 2010;
- (4) Municipal Code Chapter 441 – Fees, be amended so that effective immediately the following 2006 fees shall be paid to the City of Toronto for the Food Handler Training and Certification Program offered by the Medical Officer of Health: Food Handler Training Course: \$40; Food Handler Certification Examination, Food Handler Certification Certificate and Food Handler Photo Identification Card: \$40(Certificate); Food Handler Photo Identification Card only: \$30;
- (5) an amount of \$486.0 thousand gross expenditures (including a one-time cost of \$29.7 thousand) and \$486.0 thousand revenue be added to the 2006 TPH Operating Budget to implement mandatory certification of food handlers;
- (6) any revenue deficiencies in 2006 related to implementation of mandatory certification of food handlers initiative be funded from within TPH's overall under-spending for 2006;
- (7) this report be forwarded to the Planning and Transportation Committee for a statutory meeting under the Municipal Act, 2001;

- (8) this report be forwarded to Budget Advisory Committee for consideration; and
- (9) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to implement the recommendations in this report.

3. Governance Recommendations in “The SARS Commission Second Interim Report” and their Implications for Toronto Public Health

Report (October 11, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health to present the implications for Toronto Public Health of the governance chapter in “The SARS Commission Second Interim Report – SARS and Public Health Legislation”.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health reaffirm to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care that the boundaries of the City of Toronto Health Unit remain consistent with the City of Toronto boundaries;
- (2) the Board of Health reaffirm to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care that the current nomination and appointment process and composition of the Toronto Board of Health be maintained;
- (3) the Board of Health confirm its support to City Council and the Chief Medical Officer of Health for a shared funding model for public health programs with a municipal contribution and the option of 100% provincial funding for special programs;
- (4) the Board of Health request that the City Manager delegate authority to the Medical Officer of Health for the management of financial and human resources for Toronto Public Health within the Toronto Public Health (TPH) approved budget in order to address concerns identified in the SARS Commission Second Interim Report;
- (5) this report be forwarded for information to: City Council, the Local Capacity Review Committee, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Minister of Health Promotion and to the Honourable Mr. Justice Archie Campbell; and
- (6) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

4. Toronto Drug Strategy Report

(Presentation and Speakers – 2:30 p.m.)

Report (October 7, 2005) from the Toronto Drug Strategy Council Reference Group, seeking Toronto Council's adoption of the Toronto Drug Strategy report and its recommendations for action.

Recommendations:

- (1) Toronto Council adopt the Toronto Drug Strategy report and its recommendations, as attached; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(Comprehensive Toronto Drug Strategy report sent to Board of Health Members and Members of Council only)

5. Update on Measures to Reduce Emissions from City Fleets

Report (October 5, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager and the Chief Corporate Officer, reporting on initiatives to reduce emissions from all City fleets, including the Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services and all agencies, boards and commissions (ABCs).

Recommendations:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

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

(Deferred from September 26, 2005 meeting)

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.

- 6(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.
 - 6(b).** Communication (December 6, 2004) from Eletta Purdy, City-Wide Manager, Animal Services, addressed to Councillor Filion, responding to the request by Town of Markham to Temporarily Contract with TAS (Toronto Animal Services) for the Provision of Part or All Animal Control Services.
 - 6(c).** Animal Sheltering & Control Service Requirements - Town of Markham, By-law Enforcement & Licensing Division, provided by the Town Clerk, Town of Markham.
- 7. Verbal Update by Medical Officer of Health on West Nile Virus**
(Deferred from September 26, 2005 meeting)
- 8. Local Health Committee Minutes**
- 8(a).** Minutes of the Etobicoke/York Local Health Committee meeting held on April 13, 2005.
 - 8(b).** Minutes of the Etobicoke/York Local Health Committee meeting held on May 11, 2005.
 - 8(c).** Minutes of the North York Local Health Committee meeting held on June 1, 2005.
 - 8(d).** Minutes of the Etobicoke/York Local Health Committee meeting held on July 19, 2005.



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The following material relates to items already listed on the main agenda.

4(a). Toronto Drug Strategy Report

Communication (October 19, 2005) from Dr. P.R.W. Kendall, Provincial Health Officer, Ministry of Health, British Columbia.

4(b). Communication (October 19, 2005) from Dr. Margaret V. Fast, Medical Officer of Health, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority.

ADDED ITEM:

9. Toronto Public Health 2006 Operating Budget - Motions referred from the Board of Health meeting held on September 26, 2005

Communication (October 19, 2005) from the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee, forwarding recommendations to the Board of Health from its meeting held on September 26, 2005.

Recommendations:

The Board of Health Budget Subcommittee recommends that the Board of Health recommend to Budget Advisory Committee that funds from the Toronto Public Health 2006 Operating Budget recovered by the City of Toronto be reallocated to support the:

- (a) \$1.4 million funding request for child nutrition programs;
- (b) strong neighbourhoods investment strategy recommended by the Board of Health;
and
- (c) the City of Toronto's aquatic strategy, including drown proof swimming lessons for grade 3 students.