

**BOARD OF HEALTH  
AGENDA  
MEETING 10**

**Date of Meeting:** November 28, 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 – October 24, 2005

Communications/Reports:

**1. Pandemic Influenza Planning Update**

(Presentation and speakers)

Report not yet available.

**2. SARS Quarantine**

Report not yet available.

**3. Toronto's No Smoking By-law (Municipal Code Chapter -709 – Smoking) Final Phase Implementation Update**

Report (November 14, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing an update on Toronto's No Smoking By-law, the implementation of the third and final phase of the by-law and the passage of the Smoke-free Ontario Act.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

**4. Health Impact Assessment**

Report (November 14, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing an overview of health impact assessment as a potential tool for the development of healthy public policy in Toronto and outline future steps.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Health reaffirm its support for the 2006 budget request for Health Impact Assessment and request the Medical Officer of Health to report back in 2006 on options for the implementation of health impact assessment in the City of Toronto.

**5. Status of Action Taken to Address Internal Audit Recommendations for Toronto Public Health's Tuberculosis Program**

Report (November 14, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing a progress report on the implementation of Internal Audit's recommendations for Toronto Public Health's Tuberculosis Program.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) this report be forwarded to the Tuberculosis Subcommittee of the Board of Health;
- (2) the Medical Officer of Health report to the Board of Health in July 2006 on the status of action taken to address Internal Audit recommendations regarding the Tuberculosis program; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**6. Provincial Funding for the Development of Tuberculosis Air Quality Guidelines and Site Assessment at Toronto Shelters**

Report (November 14, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, seeking approval to receive one-time funding confirmed from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to

develop tuberculosis air quality guidelines for Toronto shelters, to assess a sample of Toronto shelters in relation to the guidelines and the potential implementation costs, and to develop an implementation guide for shelter operators.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Medical Officer of Health be authorized to receive up to \$228.3 thousand of one-time 100% provincial funding to develop tuberculosis (TB) quality guidelines for Toronto shelters and assess specific sites;
- (2) an amount of \$12.6 thousand gross expenditure and \$12.6 thousand revenue be added to the 2005 TPH Operating Budget to support the development of TB air quality guidelines;
- (3) an amount of \$215.7 thousand gross expenditure and \$215.7 thousand revenue be added to the 2006 TPH Operating Budget to support the development of TB air quality guidelines;
- (4) this report be forwarded to City Council for approval; and
- (5) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**7. Dog and Cat Licensing Strategy**

Report (November 14, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, outlining a revenue generation strategy for enhancing the level of animal services in Toronto by increasing the proportion of dogs and cats which are licensed as required by the City's Municipal Code.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Medical Officer of Health be authorized to initiate the licensing strategy outlined in this report to increase the proportion of licensed dogs and cats in the City of Toronto;
- (2) the revenue raised through the implementation of the licensing strategy be used first to fund the expenditures required to implement the strategy and repay the capital project debt, and any further revenues beyond this be used to improve the delivery of animal services to the public, subject to approval by the Board of Health and City Council through the annual budget process;

- (3) the Board of Health reconfirm its recommendation to the Budget Advisory Committee and Policy and Finance Committee, that the 2006 TPH Capital Budget be increased by \$671.2 thousand for the development of an on-line license application and renewal system and that this cost be repaid over a five year period from increased revenues as a result of the licensing strategy;
- (4) the Board of Health recommend to Budget Advisory Committee that the 2006 TPH Operating Budget be increased by \$550.0 thousand in expenditures and \$550.0 thousand in revenue with an additional annualization cost in 2007 for salaries and benefits of \$530.0 thousand gross and \$0.0 net to support the licensing strategy;
- (5) the Medical Officer of Health report to the Board of Health and the Budget Advisory Committee, annually on animal service levels and performance, including progress of the implementation of the licensing strategy prior to the submission of the TPH Operating Budget;
- (6) any year end deficit resulting from the licensing strategy initiative be reported to the Board of Health and Budget Advisory Committee and funded from within the Toronto Public Health approved budget for 2006 and beyond;
- (7) this report be referred to the Budget Advisory Committee through Policy and Finance Committee, for consideration in the 2006 budget process; and
- (8) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

## **8. Provision of Animal Services to the Town of Markham and the City of Pickering**

**(Deferred from October 24, 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.

- 8(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.

**8(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.

**8(c).** Animal Sheltering & Control Service Requirements - Town of Markham, By-law Enforcement & Licensing Division, provided by the Town Clerk, Town of Markham.

**9. Social Assistance Rates**

Report not yet available.

**10. Toronto Public Health – Capital Budget Variance Report for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2005**

Report (November 14, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, informing the Board of Health of Toronto Public Health’s Capital Budget Variance for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2005.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

**11. Toronto Public Health – Operating Budget Variance Report for the Nine Month ended September 30, 2005**

Report (November 10, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, informing the Board of Health of Toronto Public Health’s Operating Budget Variance for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2005.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

**12. Interim Report of the Capacity Review Committee**

Verbal update by Medical Officer of Health

**13. Closure of Two of Toronto's Detox Centres**

Communication (November 2, 2005) from Councillor Jane Pitfield, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, advising that the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons Committee, at a recent meeting, passed a motion regarding the recent closures of two of Toronto's six detox centres, representing a closure of approximately 36 beds in a city-wide system of 136 beds; and further advising that the Community Services Committee and the Board of Health urge the Provincial Government to work toward enhancing the capacity of the service delivery system to serve those in need.

**14. Criteria Used in the Selection of PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> Efficient Street Sweepers and Fuel Alternative for Street Sweepers (All Wards)**

Communication (November 9, 2005) from the City Clerk, Works Committee, advising that the Works Committee, at its meeting on November 8 and 9, 2005, received the report (October 20, 2005) from the General Manager, Transportation Services, respecting the criteria used in the selection of PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> Efficient Street Sweepers, and directed that a copy be forwarded to the Board of Health for information.

**15. Local Health Committee Minutes**

**15(a).** Minutes of the Scarborough Local Health Committee meeting held on April 5, 2005.

**15(b).** Minutes of the Scarborough Local Health Committee meeting held on May 11, 2005.

**15(c).** Minutes of the Scarborough Local Health Committee meeting held on June 14, 2005.

**15(d).** Minutes of the Toronto/East York Local Health Committee meeting held on July 11, 2005.

**15(e).** Minutes of the Scarborough Local Health Committee meeting held on September 13, 2005.

**15(f).** Minutes of the North York Local Health Committee meeting held on September 14, 2005.

**15(g).** Minutes of the Etobicoke/York Local Health Committee meeting held on September 14, 2005.

**15(h).** Minutes of the Toronto/East York Local Health Committee meeting held on September 28, 2005.

**15(i).** Minutes of the North York Local Health Committee meeting held on October 5, 2005.



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

**1. Pandemic Influenza Plan for the City of Toronto**

**(Presentation and speakers)**

Report (November 24, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, presenting to the Board of Health and Toronto City Council, the first version of the Pandemic Influenza Plan for the City of Toronto.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health endorse the City of Toronto Pandemic Influenza Plan;
- (2) the Medical Officer of Health continue to actively monitor the influenza situation worldwide and report to the Board of Health on any urgent issues as they arise;
- (3) the Medical Officer of Health report to the Board of Health on the status of the City of Toronto Pandemic Influenza Plan on an annual basis, prior to each influenza season;



- (4) City of Toronto Council urge the federal and provincial Ministers of Health to:
  - (a) ensure an adequate supply of anti-viral medications and vaccine for designated priority groups and effective distribution mechanisms to local public health units;
  - (b) give further consideration to the wearing of masks in community situations where potential exposure to infectious individuals is likely and unavoidable.
- (5) City of Toronto Council urge the provincial Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to:
  - (a) develop effective strategies to maximize the surge capacity for all components of the health care system (including hospitals and the Provincial Public Health Laboratory) to handle pandemic influenza;
  - (b) ensure that the needs of vulnerable populations, including the homeless and underhoused population, persons with addictions and mental health issues and the frail elderly, be addressed as part of provincial pandemic influenza planning;
  - (c) proactively address barriers for key service providers to prepare and respond to an influenza pandemic (e.g. advance funding for funeral/crematoria service providers to stockpile resources, insurance and compensation for self-employed health care providers);
  - (d) develop clear criteria for the implementation of public health measures such as closure of schools, day nurseries and cancellation of social gatherings, in collaboration with local public health units to ensure consistency;
- (6) City of Toronto Council urge the provincial Ministers of Labour and Health and Long-Term Care to:
  - (a) collaborate to ensure that provincial infection control advice and directives regarding pandemic influenza are consistent and take into account both health and labour perspectives;
  - (b) develop emergency sick leave policies to help ensure that ill people do not have to work during an influenza pandemic.
- (7) City of Toronto Council direct the City Manager to:

- (a) proactively address the human resources and labour relations issues, in collaboration with the bargaining agents, that would arise in responding to an influenza pandemic;
  - (b) ensure that all city divisions, agencies, boards and commissions have a service continuity plan for pandemic influenza by July, 2006;
  - (c) implement an information and education plan for the Toronto Public Service regarding pandemic influenza in 2006, in collaboration with the Medical Officer of Health.
- (8) City of Toronto Council urge the Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) in the City of Toronto to work with Toronto Public Health on pandemic influenza planning as an urgent priority;
- (9) share this report with other Boards of Health in Ontario, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, the Ontario Public Health Association, the Public Health Agency of Canada, the Ontario Minister of Health and Long Term Care, the Ontario Minister of Labour and the Canadian Urban Health Network for their information; and
- (10) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

## **2. Primary Results of SARS-Related Public Health Research**

Report (November 23, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, presenting some findings to date from the SARS research under way at the Toronto Public Health and outlining the implications for pandemic influenza planning.

### Recommendations:

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

## **9. Advocating for Health through Increases to Social Assistance**

Report (November 21, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, advising the Board of Health on actions taken by the Community Services Committee as a result of the following two reports: “The Continuing Erosion of Ontario Works Benefit Rates” and the “Ontario Works Special Diet Allowance Update”.

### Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health support the Community Services Committee recommendations to City Council as outlined in Attachments 3 and 5 of this report;
- (2) the Board of Health request the Premier of Ontario to increase social assistance rates such that the shelter component is 100% of median market rent and the basic needs component is increased by 40%;
- (3) the Board of Health forward this report to City Council for its December meeting;
- (4) the Board of Health forward this report to the Chief Medical Officer of Health, as well as the Ministers of Health and Long Term Care, Health Promotion, Children and Youth Services and Community and Family Services;
- (5) the Board of Health forward this report to the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA), Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa), all Ontario Health Units; and,
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**ADDED ITEM:**

**16. Mandatory Certification of Food Handlers**

Communication (November 16, 2005) from the City Clerk, Planning and Transportation Committee, advising that the committee, at its meeting held on November 7, 2005:

- (1) deferred consideration of the communication (October 25, 2005) from the Board of Health to allow Toronto Public Health staff to address concerns raised prior to the implementation of certification of the food handling program; and
- (2) directed that all interested persons who requested to speak on this issue be notified well in advance when this issue is again considered by the Planning and Transportation Committee.