

THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Minutes of Board of Health

Meeting 1

January 17, 2005

The Board of Health met on Monday, January 17, 2005 in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 10:10 a.m.

Attendance

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

	10:10 a.m. to 4:05 p.m.
Councillor John Filion, Chair	X
Trustee Sheila Cary-Meagher	X
Cathy Crowe	X
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	-
Councillor Michael Thompson	X

Councillor Filion in the Chair.

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Councillor Fletcher, the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Health on November 22, 2004, were confirmed.

1.1 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Secretary asked for nominations for Chair. Councillor Fletcher nominated Councillor Filion, who accepted. There being no further nominations, the Secretary declared nominations closed.

Councillor Filion was unanimously elected Chair of the Board of Health for a one-year term.

Councillor Filion assumed the Chair.

Councillor Filion asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. Councillor Davis nominated Councillor Fletcher, who accepted. There being no further nominations, Councillor Filion declared nominations closed.

Councillor Fletcher was unanimously elected Vice-Chair of the Board of Health for a one-year term.

Staff Recognition:

The Chair made the following announcements:

- In November, 2004 Toronto Public Health and Highland Farms were awarded the Ontario Produce Marketing Association Outstanding Achievement Award. They were recognized for their efforts to improve the quality and distribution of fruits and vegetables – John Coppa, Highland Farms, Pam Bensimon, Public Health Nutritionist and Sari Simkins, Manager, Healthy Living accepted the recognition award; and
- Toronto Public Health employees Domenica Schembri and Glenda Vergos were awarded the City of Toronto Spirit Award for the United Way Campaign of the year 2004.

The Medical Officer of Health also announced the election of Ron de Burger, Director, Healthy Environments to the position of President-Elect of the Canadian Public Health Association effective January 1, 2005, assuming the position of President on January 1, 2008.

Board of Health Members rose and observed a moment of silence in memory of the late Mary Graham, Director, Support Services, Toronto Public Health and Victor Yeroshenko, Toronto Public Health Inspector.

1.2 Appointment of 2005 Public Health Grants Review Panels

The Board of Health considered a 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;

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- (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.

The Board of Health adopted the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (January 4, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, as follows:

- (1) that the following individuals be appointed to the 2005 AIDS Prevention Grants Review Panel, as identified in Attachment 3 to the report:

- Councillor Shelley Carroll;
- Councillor Kyle Rae;
- Councillor Michael Thompson;
- Cathy Crowe, Board of Health Member;
- Mary Grondin, citizen member;
- John Kerenyi, citizen member;
- John Maxwell, citizen member;
- Karine Morin, citizen member;
- Gurjit Sangha, citizen member;
- Patrick Saunders, citizen member; and
- Notisha Massaquoi, as alternate member;

- (2) that the following individuals be appointed to the 2005 Drugs Prevention Grants Review Panel, as identified in Attachment 4 to the report:

- Councillor Michael Thompson;
- Brian Hyndman, Board of Health Member;
- Idil Abillahi, citizen member;
- Eduardo Castro, citizen member;
- Cathy Kozma, citizen member;
- Mary Lemke, citizen member;
- Brian MacKay, citizen member;
- Stephen Meredith, citizen member;
- Girmalla Persaud, citizen member; and

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

(AIDS Prevention Grants Review Panel; Drug Prevention Grants Review Panel; c. Members of the AIDS Prevention Grants Review Panel; Members of the Drug Prevention Grants Review Panel – January 24, 2005)

1.3 Community Right-to-Know Strategy for the City of Toronto

The Board of Health considered the following:

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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;
 - Sarah Miller, Co-ordinator, Canadian Environmental Law Association; and
 - David Evans.

- (c) communication (January 11, 2005) from Daniel Ublansky, Lawyer/Director, Toronto Workers' Health and Safety Legal Clinic;
- (d) communication (January 14, 2005) from Dr. Lynn M. Marshall, Medical Director, Environmental Health Clinic, Sunnybrook and Women's College Campus;
- (e) communication (January 14, 2005) from Dr. Kapil Khatter, President, Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment;

The following persons appeared before the Board of Health:

- Andrew King, Occupational and Environmental Carcinogens Working Group of the Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition; and
- Ruth Grier, Occupational and Environmental Carcinogens Working Group of the Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition.

A. Fiona Nelson moved that the Board of Health:

- (1) adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (January 4, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health;
- (2) request the Medical Officer of Health to bring forward a Progress Report in October, 2005; and
- (3) request the Medical Officer of Health and the Cancer Prevention Coalition to meet by the end of February, 2005 with Works and Emergency Services staff and Committee Members regarding the Biosolids Residual Master Plan and include comments with respect to "Community Right to Know" and development of an inventory in the study area; **(Carried)**

B. Councillor Thompson moved that Recommendation (1) in the Recommendation Section of the report (January 4, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, be amended by adding the words "including the working group, business, labour and environmental groups;" after the words "community stakeholders" so it now reads as follows:

- "(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 by-law, in consultation with appropriate City Departments and community stakeholders, including the working group, business, labour and environmental groups"; **(Carried)**

- C. Brian Hyndman moved that the report (January 4, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health be shared with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment to guide appropriate amendments to Province-wide Right-to-Know legislation. **(Carried)**

(The Honourable Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of the Environment; c. Interested Persons – January 24, 2005)

1.4 Board of Health Member Attendance at 2005 Meetings of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies

The Board of Health considered a 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.

On motion by Councillor Thompson, the Board of Health adopted the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (January 4, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, with Recommendation Nos. (1) and (2) of the report being amended by adding the words “as per City Policy”, after the word “participation”, so that Recommendations (1) and (2) read as follows:

- “(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 as per City Policy; 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 as per City Policy”.

1.5 Strategic Planning Process

Dr. David McKeown, Medical Officer of Health, provided a verbal report on this matter.

The Board of Health received the verbal report from the Medical Officer of Health.

1.6 Update on TB in the Homeless/Underhoused

Dr. Barbara Yaffe, Director and Associate Medical Officer of Health, provided a verbal report on this matter.

On motion by Cathy Crowe, the Board of Health:

- (1) received the verbal update report from Dr. Barbara Yaffe, Associate Medical Officer of Health; and
- (2) requested the Medical Officer of Health to report at a future Board of Health meeting on how the City's shelter standards can be applied to the Out of the Cold program with respect to TB prevention; and staff from the City of Toronto's Shelter, Housing, Support Division, be requested to make a presentation when this report is presented.

1.7 2002 Compliance with the Provincial Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines

The Board of Health considered a 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.

On motion by Councillor Thompson, the Board of Health received the report (January 4, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health.

1.8 Animal Services Advisory Committee Reconstitution

The Board of Health considered a 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.

Liz White, Animal Alliance of Canada appeared before the Board of Health.

On motion by Nathan Gilbert, the Board of Health:

- (1) adopted the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (January 4, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, and
- (2) appointed the following individuals as members of the Animal Services Advisory Committee (ASAC):
 - Councillor Paula Fletcher;
 - Rhonda Roffey; and
 - Trustee Sheila Cary-Meagher.

(Animal Services Advisory Committee; c. Members of the Animal Services Advisory Committee; Liz White, Animal Alliance of Canada – January 24, 2005)

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

The Board of Health considered the following:

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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.
- (c) report (January 14, 2005 from the Medical Officer of Health providing an overview of Toronto's public health service needs and how the enhanced provincial funding from 2005 to 2007 can be used to to achieve and / or maintain compliance in all areas of the public health mandatory programs as well as meet other public health needs for the Toronto population.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the additional funding provided by the increase in the provincial cost-sharing formula for public health programs in 2005, 2006 and 2007 be fully invested in Toronto Public Health to improve local public health capacity and municipal funding for Toronto Public Health be maintained at the same level as in 2004;
- (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.

- (d) communication (January 14, 2005) from Ann Dembinski, President, CUPE Local 79;
- (e) communication (January 17, 2005) from Councillor Olivia Chow;
- (f) Resolution from Councillor Fletcher regarding a potential Nutrition Program for At-Risk Youth in the City of Toronto.

The following persons appeared before the Board of Health:

- Anne-Marie Couffin;
- Jean-Jilles Pelletier, Executive Director, Centre Francophone of Toronto;
- Margaret Watson, Canadian Pensioners Concerned; and
- Liz White, Animal Alliance of Canada.

A. Councillor Filion moved that:

- (1) the staff recommendations in the Recommendation Section of the report (January 5, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, be adopted;
- (2) the staff recommendations in the Recommendation Section of the report (January 14, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, be adopted;
- (3) that the Board of Health recommend to the Budget Advisory Committee that:
 - (a) Recommendation (1) in the Recommendations Section of the report (January 5, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health be adopted, as follows:

“the Toronto Public Health 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);”
 - (b) Recommendation (1) in the Recommendations Section of the report (January 14, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health be adopted, as follows:

“the additional funding provided by the increase in the provincial cost-sharing formula for public health programs in 2005, 2006 and 2007 be fully invested in Toronto Public Health to improve local public health capacity and

municipal funding for Toronto Public Health be maintained at the same level as in 2004.” **(Carried)**

- B. Fiona Nelson moved that the Medical Officer of Health be requested to allocate funding of \$50,000.00 within the current 2005 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget to reinstate the delivery of the Welcome Babies Package to new-born babies and their families, and that the amount be built into the base budget of the Toronto Public Health Department for following years; **(Carried)**
- C. Cathy Crowe moved that the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee be requested to give high priority to the Dedicated French Family Health Team during its consideration of the 2006 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget; **(Carried)**
- D. Councillor Fletcher moved that the Board of Health adopt the following Resolution:

“Potential Nutrition Program for at-risk youth in the City of Toronto”

WHEREAS teens, especially girls, are at increased nutritional risk, due to higher energy and nutrient needs for growth and development, regardless of family income; however, this is further compromised when these teens are at risk, also live in low income circumstances, are new to Canada, etc.

WHEREAS it would be advantageous to target at-risk teens in the neighbourhoods named by the Mayor’s Safety Committee; including Malvern, Jamestown, Jane-Finch and Kingston-Galloway. Many of the teens in these areas face issues of hunger, living independently, teen pregnancy, single parent families, and limited resources to meet nutritional needs. Pregnant teens, in particular, are at risk of having low birth weight babies.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- (1) the Medical Officer of Health report to the February Board of Health meeting on establishing at-risk teens nutrition programs in those communities identified in the Mayor’s Community Safety Strategy; and
- (2) this report include the additional resources required, utilizing a proposed partnership funding model between Toronto Public Health and the Toronto School Board Foundations in conjunction with provincial funding. **(Carried)**

(Budget Advisory Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services; Interested Persons – January 19, 2005; Board of Health Budget Subcommittee; c. Interested Persons – January 24, 2005)

1.10 Further Issues Relating to the Implementation of the Pesticide By-law

The Board of Health considered the following:

- (a) 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

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- 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.
- (b) communication (January 17, 2005) from Norris P. Zucchet, President and CEO, Mount Pleasant Group of Cemeteries.
 - (c) communication (January 17, 2005) from Teri Yamada, Managing Director, Royal Canadian Golf Association.

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The following persons appeared before the Board of Health:

- Gideon Forman, Executive Director, Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment;
- Debra Conlon, Urban Pest Management Council;
- Cheryl Shour;
- Teri Yamada, Royal Canadian Golf Association;
- Katrina Miller, Toronto Environmental Alliance;
- Janet May, Pesticide Free Ontario; and
- Sari Merson, York Region Environmental Alliance.

A. Councillor Mihevc moved that the Board of Health recommend to City Council that the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (January 10, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health be adopted, subject to:

- (1) Recommendation (3)(a) being amended by deleting the word “cemeteries” after the word “lawns” so that it reads as follows:

“(3)(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, and general parkland;”

- (2) Recommendation (3)(d) being amended by adding the word “cemeteries” after the word “greens” so that it reads as follows:

“(3)(d) endorse that golf courses, bowling greens, cemeteries, 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;”

- (3) Recommendation (3)(e) being amended by adding the word “cemeteries” after the word “greens” so that it reads as follows:

“(3)(e) direct the Medical Officer of Health to request golf courses, bowling greens, cemeteries, and transportation and utility rights of way to submit an annual report on pesticide use and strategies to reduce pesticide use;”; and

- (4) the Medical Officer of Health be requested to:

(a) closely monitor complaints and issues regarding compliance to the by-law by cemeteries, golf courses,

bowling greens, transportation and utility rights of way and report to the Board of Health by December 2005; and

- (b) direct Public Health Inspectors to seek ongoing training in plant health care and integrated pest management from organizations and individuals expert in organic lawncare so that public education and bylaw enforcement reflect the latest pesticide free lawn and garden care approaches. **(Carried)**

B. Councillor Davis moved that:

- (1) Recommendation 2(b) in the report be amended by replacing the word “preferred” with the word “primary”, so that it reads as follows:

“2(b) the primary means of complying with the Pesticide By-law is through applying the methods of Plant Health Care (PHC);”
- (2) the Pesticide By-law -Inspection Protocol for All Properties (Attachment 1) be amended to explicitly direct inspectors to “Note whether the site personnel have employed horticultural approaches or uses pest control products exempt under the bylaw to address the evidence of pests or conditions for the pests prior to applying a non-exempt pesticide”; and
- (3) annually review and report to the Board of Health on bylaw compliance and the use of non-exempt pesticides under the infestation clause on golf courses, bowling greens, cemeteries, transportation and utility rights of way, and Toronto parks; **(Carried)**

C. Councillor Filion moved that the Board of Health recommend to City Council that authority be granted to introduce the necessary Bill in Council to amend Section 612-1 B(2) of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 612, Pesticides, Use of, by amending subsection B(2)(d) by deleting “(d) BT (*Bacillus thuringiensis*), nematodes and other biological control organisms” and substituting “(d) biological pesticides, including BT (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) and nematodes”. **(Carried)**

(Report 1, Clause 1)

1.11 Reports requested respecting Potential Amendments to Pesticide By-law

The Board of Health considered a 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.

On motion by Councillor Davis, the Board of Health recommend that City Council receive the 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, that, in accordance with the *Municipal Act*, discussions pertaining to this matter be held in-camera, because the advice is subject to solicitor-client privilege.

(Report 1, Clause 1)

1.12 Preventing Vicious Dog Attacks in Toronto

The Board of Health considered the following:

- (a) 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;

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- (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;
- (b) communication (January 14, 2005) from Mike Conner, Corporate Services Director, Toronto Humane Society;
 - (c) submission "Saving Lives: The Humane Society of Canada's Action Plan to Prevent Dog Bites" forwarded by Vanessa McMain, Wildlife Programs Coordinator, The Humane Society of Canada;
 - (d) communication (January 16, 2005) from Steve Barker, Ontario Director, Dog Legislation Council of Canada;
 - (e) communication (January 16, 2005) from Casey A. Conklin, Co-Chair, Withrow Park Dog Owners' Association; and
 - (f) communication (January 17, 2005) from Liz White, Director, Animal Alliance of Canada and Environment Voters and Barry MacKay, Canadian Representative, The Animal Protection Institute.

The following persons appeared before the Board of Health:

- Councillor Kyle Rae;
- Andrew Perkins, Canadian Association of Professional Pet Dog Trainers;
- Brian Bates;
- Liz White, Animal Alliance of Canada;
- Sylvia Serley;
- Marcia Macaulay; and
- Glen Hamilton, North America Fly Ball Association.

On motion by Councillor Fletcher, the Board of Health adopted the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (January 5, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health with the following amendments:

- (1) Recommendation (1) amended to read as follows:

- “(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 on related enhancements to prevention and enforcement programs, as soon as possible after proposed provincial legislation amending the Dog Owners’ Liability Act is passed;
- (a) that the Board of Health approve, in principle, that the City’s Animal By-law be amended to include a provision that designates dangerous or potentially dangerous dogs and that the by-law amendment include restrictions on dangerous or potentially dangerous dogs;
 - (b) that the Medical Officer of Health, in consultation with the City Solicitor, report to the Board of Health on the details required to designate dangerous or potentially dangerous dogs including:
 - (i) amendments to the Municipal Code Chapter 349 required to designate dogs as potentially dangerous or dangerous;
 - (ii) the establishment of criteria for designating dogs as potentially dangerous or dangerous; and the establishment of restrictions for dogs designated as potentially dangerous or dangerous including the following options: muzzling, confinement in a pen, increased licencing fees, microchipping, spaying/sterilizing and owner liability insurance;
 - (c) that the City Solicitor be requested to draft an amendment to the Animal By-law that reflects the policy developed by the Medical Officer of Health in Recommendation 1(b) above;
- (2) Recommendation (2) amended to read as follows:
- “(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;

- (a) the Board of Health establish a short-term committee to oversee the revenue generation strategy, to be composed of members of the Budget Advisory Committee of the Board of Health, the Chair and/or Vice-Chair of the Board of Health, the Chair of the Animal Services Advisory Committee of the Board of Health and staff of the Toronto Animal Services and Finance;
 - (b) development of a cost-recovery strategy for funding enforcement of dangerous/potentially dangerous dog by-laws beyond the transition phase, in part, from the revenue obtained for licencing all dogs in Toronto;
 - (c) the status of collection of outstanding fines related to animal by-laws; the development of revenue-neutral strategy for increasing collection of fines issued by the City of Toronto; and the feasibility of redirecting fine revenue for enforcement of animal related by-laws into Toronto Animal Services programs; and
 - (d) a review of the City of Calgary's Animal and By-law Services and their effective revenue generation program in order to develop similar strategies that may aide in offsetting costs for Toronto Animal Services and create education programs;
- (3) Recommendation (3) amended to read as follows:
- “(3) the Attorney General be requested to include in the proposed amendments to the Dog Owners' Liability Act a requirement to microchip all restricted dogs”;
- (4) addition of new Recommendation (8) as follows:
- (8) the Attorney General be requested to increase not only the maximum fines but also the minimum fines;
- (5) addition of new Recommendation (9) as follows:
- (9) the Medical Officer of Health report on a model and costs to sterilize all dogs prior to adoption from the City's Animal Centres;
- (6) addition of new Recommendation (1) as follows:

- (1) the Medical Officer of Health report on ways to enhance educational programs for adults and children.

(The Honourable Michael Bryant; Minister of the Attorney General; c. Interested Persons; Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services – January 25, 2005)

1.13 Bedbug Problems in Communities across Toronto

The Board of Health considered the following Resolution (January 17, 2004) submitted by Cathy Crowe:

“WHEREAS bedbugs have become a growing problem in a number of communities across Toronto, including shelters and hostels, rooming houses, TCHC buildings and university residences;

WHEREAS this infestation is affecting quality of life, people’s use of shelters, and is leading to an increased use of the health care system;

WHEREAS there is clear public concern about the issue and a desire to learn health respond;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff prepare a report for the April Board of Health meeting on this issue.”

On motion by Cathy Crowe, the Board of Health adopted the foregoing Resolution.

1.14 Board of Health TB Subcommittee Membership

On motion by Councillor Filion, the Board of Health expanded the membership of the Board of Health TB Subcommittee by adding a representative from CUPE Ontario.

(TB Subcommittee; c. Medical Officer of Health; Councillor Stintz – January 26, 2005; Sid Ryan, President, CUPE Ontario; c. Brian O’Keele, Secretary-Treasurer, CUPE Ontario – January 26, 2005)

The Board of Health adjourned at 4:05 p.m.