

THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Minutes of Board of Health

Meeting 2

February 14, 2005

The Board of Health met on Monday, February 14, 2005 in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1:15 p.m.

Attendance

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

	1:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Councillor John Filion, Chair	-
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	X
Councillor Michael Thompson	-

Councillor Fletcher in the Chair.

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Fiona Nelson, the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Health on January 17, 2005, were confirmed.

Chair/Medical Officer of Health Announcements:

On behalf of the Board, the Vice-Chair, Councillor Paula Fletcher expressed thanks and appreciation for the work of the Toronto Heart Health Partnership. The following recipients who were awarded and presented certificates of recognition were announced:

- Dr. Joseph Levy, York University Wellness Centre;
- Manpreet Sodhi, Chair of the South Asian Heart Health Group;
- Dr. Miriam Rossi, The Black Secretariat;

- Mike Compa, Executive Director “For Youth Initiative” and Chris Banton, Program Director.

2.1 Urban Health

The Board of Health considered a report (January 31, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, identifying the unique health needs of the City of Toronto, and implications for public health policy and practice.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care develop an urban health framework that recognizes and addresses the unique health needs of large urban centres;
- (2) the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care ensure that Local Health Integration Networks address urban health needs when planning for health services in large urban centres;
- (3) the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care revise the Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines to reflect the unique health needs of urban centres;
- (4) the Medical Officer of Health report to the Board of Health on strategies for addressing urban health issues through municipal planning, policy, and service delivery including consideration of health impacts assessment in City of Toronto policy and decision making; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The following persons appeared before the Board of Health:

- Richard Edwards, York University, who also filed a written submission;
 - Sarah Wakefield, University of Toronto;
 - Dr. Patricia O’Campo; and
 - Rick Blickstead.
- A. Fiona Nelson moved that the following phrase be added as a preamble to Recommendation (1) in the report (January 31, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health:

“It is recommended that the Minister of Health and Long Term Care be urged to engage in full consultation with urban health authorities engaged in Public Health in the development and implementation of the following items:” **(Carried)**

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- B. Councillor Janet Davis moved that Recommendation (1) be amended by inserting the words “in consultation with the City of Toronto Medical Officer of Health” after the words, “the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, so that it reads as follows:
- “(1) the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, in consultation with the City of Toronto Medical Officer of Health, develop an urban health framework that recognizes and addresses the unique health needs of large urban centres”; **(Carried)**
- C. Councillor Janet Davis moved that Recommendation (2) be amended by inserting the words “in consultation with the City of Toronto Medical Officer of Health” after the words, “the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, so that it reads as follows:
- “(2) the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, in consultation with the City of Toronto Medical Officer of Health, ensure that Local Health Integration Networks address urban health needs when planning for health services in large urban centres”; **(Carried)**
- D. Councillor Janet Davis moved that Recommendation (3) be amended by inserting the words “in consultation with the City of Toronto Medical Officer of Health” after the words, “the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care”; **(Carried)**
- E. Brian Hyndman moved that Recommendation (3) be further amended by inserting the word “address” after the word “to”, so that it now reads as follows:
- “(3) the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, in consultation with the City of Toronto Medical Officer of Health, revise the Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines to address the unique health needs of urban centres;” and **(Carried)**
- F. Councillor Janet Davis moved that Recommendation (4) be amended by adding the words “in September 2005” after the word Health and adding the words, “any resources required in the 2006 Toronto Public Health operating budget” at the end of the Recommendation, so that it now reads as follows:
- “(4) the Medical Officer of Health report to the Board of Health in September, 2005 on strategies for addressing urban health issues through municipal planning, policy, and service delivery including consideration of health impacts assessment in City of Toronto policy and decision making, and any additional resources required in the 2006 Toronto Public Health operating budget.” **(Carried)**

- G. Brian Hyndman moved that a new Recommendation be added, as follows:
- “that the report to the Board of Health be distributed to the Provincial Working Group to revise the Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines and the Premier’s Advisor to amend the City of Toronto Act.” **(Carried)**
- H. Councillor Joe Mihevc moved that the Medical Officer of Health be requested to create a Health Impact Assessment Tool that can be used by the broader City of Toronto and its Agencies, Boards and Commissions; **(Carried)**
- I. Cathy Crowe moved that the Medical Officer of Health be requested to review the Toronto Charter and include it as an appendix in the next report back to the Board of Health on Urban Health; **(Carried)**
- J. Councillor Paula Fletcher moved that the Medical Officer of Health be requested to outline the framework for a Health Impact Assessment approach in a major policy process such as the City’s Biosolids Residuals Master Plan; **(Carried)**
- K. Valerie Sterling moved that it be requested that Recommendations (1), (2) & (3), in the Recommendations Section of the report (January 31, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, as amended, be shared with the Ontario Public Health Association and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies with requests for support and advocacy; and with all relevant provincial departments and all health agencies and organizations; **(Carried)**
- L. Fiona Nelson moved that it be requested that the following be printed on every Board of Health agenda from now on:
- (a) the list of determinants of health in the Lalonde Report “Health for All Canadians;”
 - (b) the statement from Dr. Hastings, Medical Officer of Health from 1910-29; and
 - (c) the quotation from John Ruskin, 1867. **(Carried)**
- M. Councillor Davis moved that the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (January 31, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, as amended by motions A., B., C., D., E., F. and G., be adopted.

(Minister of Health and Long-Term Care; Ontario Public Health Association; Association of Local Public Health Agencies; c. Interested Persons – February 17, 2005)

2.2 Actions and Policy Initiatives to Improve Air Quality in the City of Toronto

The Board of Health considered a report (January 28, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, advising the Board of Health of the City of Toronto Comprehensive Air Quality

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Strategy and Toronto Public Health's role in further actions and policy initiatives to improve air quality in the City of Toronto.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

The Board of Health also considered the following communications:

- (February 11, 2005) from Joan Doiron;
- (February 12, 2005) from John Stillich;
- (February 14, 2005) from Councillor Rae;
- (February 14, 2005) from Keith Stewart, Smog and Climate Change Coordinator, Toronto Environmental Alliance; and
- (February 14, 2005) from Hamish Wilson.

The following persons appeared before the Board of Health:

- Keith Stewart, Toronto Environmental Alliance;
- Joan Doiron;
- Hamish Wilson; and
- Wayne Scott, Hoof & Cycle Active Transport Workers Guild.

A. Councillor Janet Davis moved that the Board of Health:

- (1) request the Chief Administrative Officer to expedite the work of the Toronto Interdepartmental Environmental Team to develop a comprehensive Air Quality Strategy for the City of Toronto and report to the Policy and Finance Committee and Board of Health in September, 2005 on progress to date, a plan for completion of the strategy in 2006 and any additional resources required in the 2006 departmental budgets; and
- (2) request the Medical Officer of Health to report to the May, 2005 Board meeting on any air quality/environmental initiatives including funding in the Federal budget; and

B. Councillor Joe Mihevc moved that the Board of Health request the Medical Officer of Health to review and comment on TTC purchases of new buses and fuel technology options from a clean air perspective;

C. Councillor Paula Fletcher moved that Part (1) of Motion A., by Councillor Janet Davis be referred to the Roundtable on the Environment;

D. Councillor Paula Fletcher moved that the communication (February 14, 2005) from Keith Stewart, Smog and Climate Change Co-ordinator, Toronto Environmental Alliance, be referred to the Roundtable on the Environment.

Voting:

Motion C. by Councillor Fletcher Lost.

Motion A. by Councillor Davis Carried.

Motion B. by Councillor Mihevc Carried.

Motion D. by Councillor Fletcher Carried.

(Roundtable on the Environment; c. Interested Persons – February 17, 2005)

2.3 Ontario's Five-point Plan for Cleaner Air

The Board of Health considered a report (January 28, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, informing the Board of Health of the response of the Medical Officer of Health to the Provincial Government's five-point action plan to reduce releases of air pollutants.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Fletcher, the Board of Health received the report (January 31, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health.

2.4 Toronto Preschool Speech and Language Lead Agency Review

The Board of Health considered a report (January 28, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, informing the Board of Health of the findings of the review of Toronto Public Health's performance as lead agency for Toronto Preschool Speech and Language Services.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

On motion by Valerie Sterling, the Board of Health received the report (January 31, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health.

2.5 Secondary School and Youth Focussed Nutrition Programs in Toronto

The Board of Health considered a report (January 31, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, responding to a request by the Board of Health, at its January 17, 2005 meeting,

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to report on nutrition programs in Toronto for at-risk youth and to identify a potential partnership funding model for such programs.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

The Board of Health also considered a Resolution (February 11, 2005) from Councillor Fletcher:

“WHEREAS inadequate nutrient intake and food security is a significant health concern for adolescents; and

WHEREAS adolescents are particularly susceptible to poor eating habits leading to the early onset of chronic disease; and

WHEREAS to date, municipal funding for student nutrition programs has been allocated only to elementary school-aged children;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that \$200,000 (gross) of the \$400,000 (gross) enhancement to student nutrition programs in the 2005 budget process be directed to secondary school and youth focussed nutrition programs.”;

Donna Buck appeared before the Board of Health.

A. Fiona Nelson moved that the Board of Health:

- (1) refer the report (January 31, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health to the Mayor’s Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education and its two working groups for their information and action and to the Toronto Food Policy Council; and
- (2) request the Medical Officer of Health to report back to the Board of Health on policies to increase long-term, stable funding for school food programs so that dependance on charitable funding could be abolished.

B. Councillor Fletcher moved that:

- (1) the Resolution submitted by Councillor Fletcher be adopted; and
- (2) the Board of Health recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee that \$200,000 (gross) of the \$400,000 (gross) enhancement to student nutrition programs in the 2005 budget process be directed to secondary school and youth focussed nutrition programs.

Voting:

Motion A. by Fiona Nelson and Motion B. by Councillor Fletcher Carried.

(Policy and Finance Committee; Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education; Toronto Food Policy Council; c. Interested Person – February 14, 2005)

2.6 Local Health Committee Appointments

The Board of Health considered a report (January 26, 2005) from Councillor Paula Fletcher, Member, Local Health Committee Nomination Work Group, recommending the appointment of the citizen members to the four Local Health Committees in accordance with the Board of Health selection process.

Recommendations:

- (1) the citizens listed in Appendix A be appointed to the four Local Health Committees for a term of office to expire on December 31, 2006 and until their successors are appointed; and further that, in accordance with the City of Toronto Act 1997, and Article XVII, of Chapter 27, of the City of Toronto Municipal Code, discussion pertaining to the individuals named therein be held in-camera, having regard that the subject matter relates to personal matters about identifiable individuals; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Joe Mihevc, the Board of Health adopted the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (January 26, 2005) from Councillor Paula Fletcher, Member, Local Health Committee Nomination Work Group, as follows:

- (1) that the following citizens listed in Appendix A be appointed to the four Local Health Committees for a term of office to expire on December 31, 2006 and until their successors are appointed:

Scarborough Local Health Committee

Carvel Burrell
Dianne Cairney
Ed Castro
Vaij Chari
Colin Hughes
Dean Maxwell
Linda Napier
Niloy Sen
Heidi Sin

Toronto East York Local Health Committee

James Armstrong
Aldo Gatti
Marvin Greenberg
A.P. Lino Grima
Bryan A. A. Heal
Jeanne Jabanoski
Mary Kruk
Nuzhat Leedham
Yuen Hing Tse

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Yasmin Vali

Roman Polochansky
Dennis Raphael
Evadne Wilkinson
Lee Zaslofsky

Etobicoke York Local Health Committee North York Local Health Committee

Dennis Brooks
Linda Coltman
Paul Das
Irene Jones
Wangari Muriuki
Mark Nakamura
Jeanne Sprogis
Marvin Temes
Marek Zarkowski

Syed M. Kafil Akhtar
Maria Kelleher
Shu Wei Liu
Jane Macdonald
Wanda MacNevin
Patricia Matthews
Beverley McClelland
Lidia Monaco
Judith Otto
Ana Pugliese
Eva Tavaris
Velumylum Thanga
Elizabeth Yohannan

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

(Etobicoke York Local Health Committee; North York Local Health Committee; Scarborough Local Health Committee; Toronto East York Local Health Committee; c. Appointed Members; Councillor Paula Fletcher, Local Health Committee Nomination Work Group – February 17, 2005)

2.7 2005 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget

Dr. David McKeown, Medical Officer of Health, provided a verbal report on the 2005 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget.

On motion by Councillor Joe Mihevc, the Board of Health received the verbal report from the Medical Officer of Health.

2.8 Contracts for Physician Services to Toronto Public Health

The Board of Health considered a report (February 8, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, proposing that the City of Toronto authorize the Medical Officer of Health to enter into certain agreements with public health physician specialists to ensure the delivery of critical provincially mandated programs and services.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Medical Officer of Health be authorized to enter into and execute consultant agreements with public health physician specialists for Toronto Public Health medical services related to the delivery of mandatory programs and services as prescribed under the Health Protection and Promotion Act;
- (2) the standard City indemnity and insurance requirement be waived in the consultant agreement referred to in recommendation (1) and the City require the physicians to maintain Canadian Medical Protective Association (CMPA) insurance coverage and the City include the physicians as assureds under the City's Medical Malpractice Liability insurance policy and the City agree to indemnify the physicians for the consulting services for any claims not covered by their CMPA insurance or by the City's Medical Malpractice Liability insurance policy;
- (3) this report be forwarded to Council for approval; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Joe Mihevc, the Board of Health recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (February 8, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health. **(Carried)**

(Report 2, Clause 1)

2.9 The Ontario Tobacco Strategy's Smoke-Free Ontario Campaign: Provincial Funding for Tobacco Control Programming

Report (February 14, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, seeking approval to receive funding in the amount of \$150,000 from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (Ontario Tobacco Strategy) to enhance Toronto Public Health's comprehensive tobacco control program.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) an amount of \$150,000 gross expenditure and \$150,000 revenue be added to the 2005 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget to support the Ontario Tobacco Strategy;

- (2) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for its consideration with the Budget Advisory Committee Recommended 2005 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Fiona Nelson, the Board of Health:

- (1) adopted the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (February 14, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health; and
- (2) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that an amount of \$150,000 gross expenditure and \$150,000 revenue be added to the 2005 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget to support the Ontario Tobacco Strategy.
(Carried)

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2.10 Shade Policy and Technical Considerations for the City of Toronto – Board of Health Report 7 – Clause 1d

On motion by Fiona Nelson, the Board of Health requested that City Council deal with the Board of Health recommendations on Shade Policy which have been deferred for three months, at its upcoming Council meeting on February 16, 2005 as a matter of urgency. **(Carried)**

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The Board of Health adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Vice-Chair