

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Office**

**Minutes of Board of Health**

**Meeting 8**

**September 26, 2005**

The Board of Health met on Monday, September 26, 2005 in Committee Room 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1.10 p.m.

Attendance

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

	1:10 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Councillor John Filion, Chair	X
Trustee Sheila Cary-Meagher	X
Councillor Oliva Chow	X
Cathy Crowe	X
Councillor Janet Davis	X
Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker	X
Councillor Paula Fletcher, Vice-Chair	X
Nathan Gilbert	
Brian Hyndman	
Councillor Joe Mihevc	X
Fiona Nelson	X
Rhonda Roffey	
Valerie Sterling	X

Councillor Filion in the Chair.

**Confirmation of Minutes**

On motion by Fiona Nelson, the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Health on July 11, 2005 were confirmed.

**Chair/MOH Announcements:**

Councillor John Filion, Chair of the Board of Health, announced Cathy Crowe, Board Member, as being this year's recipient of the Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario. Cathy Crowe has pioneered street health nursing in this country and is a strong and eloquent nursing voice, advocating affordable housing as a key determinant of health.

Dr. David McKeown, Medical Officer of Health, announced that the following Toronto Public Health staff were awarded two gold medals and one bronze medal in the recent Ontario Public Sector Quality Fairs, which awards will be presented on October 6, 2005 at the National Trade Centre – Exhibition Place, where these programs will be displayed:

- (1) The Toronto Heart Health Partnership – a group of approximately 72 partner organizations committed to improving the heart health of our citizens – won a gold medal
  - Linda Ferguson, Manager, CDP;
  - Paula Waddell, CDP Integration Coordinator;
  - Zaheeda Daya, CDP Integration Coordinator; and
  - Susan Plante, CDP Integration Coordinator
- (2) Dine Safe Program – a unique and innovative example of transparency in public disclosure also won a gold medal
  - Sylvanus Thompson, Healthy Environment Manager, QA
- (3) The Provincial Eat Smart Program that works in partnership with restaurant owners, schools and workplace cafeteria service providers to improve healthy menu options offered to patrons and policy supports to encourage healthy eating environments, won a bronze medal
  - Sari Simkins, Manager, CDP; and
  - Joanne Figliano-Scott, Consultant, Health Promotion.

The following distinguished visitors from the City of Montreal Public Health Department were also introduced to the Board:

- Dr. Richard Lessard, Public Health of Montreal;
- Dr. Louis Drouin, Chief of the Urban Environment and Health Sector in the Public Health Department of Montreal's Health and Social Services Agency; and
- Dr. John Carsley, Chief of the Health Protection Sector in the Public Health Department of Montreal's Health and Social Services Agency.

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

The Board of Health received the presentation by Dr. David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer, Public Health Agency of Canada and expressed thanks and appreciation to Dr. Butler-Jones for his presentation and visit.

### **8.2 Toronto Public Health 2006 Operating Budget**

The Board of Health considered a report (September 23, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, presenting the Toronto Public Health (TPH) 2006 Operating Budget request to the Board of Health.

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Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) a Toronto Public Health 2006 Operating Budget of \$214,140.1 thousand gross and \$66,004.5 thousand net including a base budget of \$197,475.6 thousand gross and \$59,486.7 thousand net, and New and Enhanced Services of \$16,664.5 thousand gross and \$6,517.8 thousand net, be approved;
- (2) the list of adjustments included in the Toronto Public Health 2006 Operating Budget and Summarized in Table 3, "Summary of 2006 Base Changes from 2005 Approved Budget" of this report totaling an increase of \$3,389.1 thousand gross and a reduction of \$11,305.2 thousand net, be approved;
- (3) the list of adjustments included in the Toronto Public Health 2006 Operating Budget and Summarized in Table 4, "Summary of 2006 New and Enhanced Services" totaling \$16,664.5 thousand gross and \$6,517.8 thousand net, be approved;
- (4) City Council continue to invest sufficient municipal funds to strengthen public health services in Toronto as recommended by the Walker expert panel and the Campbell commission, and to leverage new one-time provincial funding to promote and protect the health of the Toronto population;
- (5) City Council be requested to direct any reduction in TPH 2006 municipal funding to municipal services that enhance the health of the City's population and that the Medical Officer of Health be provided an opportunity for input into the choices made;
- (6) this report is forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for its consideration; and
- (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Board of Health also had before it the following communications:

- (i) (July 27, 2005) from Councillor Shelley Carroll;
- (ii) (September 26, 2005) from Nathalie Karvonen, Executive Director, Toronto Wildlife Centre; and
- (iii) (September 26, 2005) from A. Terpstra, International Institute of Concern for Public Health, Fluoride Toxicity Research Collaborative.

The following persons appeared before the Board of Health:

- Christina Girgulis, Cat Advocacy Team;

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- Ferne Finkins, Cat Advocacy Team;
  - Aliss Terpstra, International Institute of Concern for Public Health; and
  - Nathalie Karvonen, Toronto Wildlife Centre.
- A. Councillor Davis moved that the Board of Health recommend to the Budget Advisory Committee that the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (September 23, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, be adopted, subject to:
- (a) Recommendations (1), (2) and (3) being amended by adding the words “in principle”, at the end of each recommendation, so that the recommendations read as follows:
    - “(1) Toronto Public Health 2006 Operating Budget of \$214,140.1 thousand gross and \$66,004.5 thousand net including a base budget of \$197,475.6 thousand gross and \$59,486.7 thousand net, and New and Enhanced Services of \$16,664.5 thousand gross and \$6,517.8 thousand net, be approved in principle;
    - (2) the list of adjustments included in the Toronto Public Health 2006 Operating Budget and Summarized in Table 3, “Summary of 2006 Base Changes from 2005 Approved Budget” of this report totaling an increase of \$3,389.1 thousand gross and a reduction of \$11,305.2 thousand net, be approved in principle; and
    - (3) the list of adjustments included in the Toronto Public Health 2006 Operating Budget and Summarized in Table 4, “Summary of 2006 New and Enhanced Services” totaling \$16,664.5 thousand gross and \$6,517.8 thousand net, be approved in principle;”
  - (b) Recommendation (5) being amended to read as follows:
    - “(5) City Council be requested to direct any reduction in TPH 2006 municipal funding to municipal services that enhance the health of the City’s population and that the Medical Officer of Health in consultation with the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee and interested Board members, provide recommendations on these additional programs and services to appropriate City staff.”
- B. Councillor Chow moved that the Board of Health recommend to the Budget Advisory Committee that a new recommendation be added to the staff recommendations as follows:
- “that the 2006 Toronto Public Health dental budget include an amount of \$83,509. thousand gross and \$29,228. thousand net for two positions (one Dental Hygienist and one Dental Assistant), to identify and refer for care, pregnant women and new mothers in shelters in need of dental cleaning and treatment.”

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C. Councillor Olivia Chow moved that drown proof swimming lessons for grade 3 students be considered as part of the \$4.8 million collaborative initiatives that promote public health and community safety.

D. Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker moved that:

The 2006 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget be increased by \$800,000.00 with \$500,000.00 allocated for a Trap/Neuter/Release Program and \$300,000.00 be allocated to the Toronto Wildlife Centre; and that the Medical Officer of Health be requested to report back on the benefits of these programs during consideration of the 2006 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget; and

The Medical Officer of Health be requested to report back to the Board of Health on the creation of a community health innovation grants program, develop priority issues and provide options for funding levels of \$2 million and \$4 million, such report to be completed in time to be considered with the 2006 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget.

E. Councillor Glenn DeBaeremaker moved that the Medical Officer of Health be requested to report back to a future meeting of the Board on the possible introduction of a spaying/neutering program and a Trap, Neuter and Release Program; such report to be completed in time to be considered with the 2006 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget.

F. Councillor Glenn DeBaeremaker moved that the Medical Officer of Health report back to the Board of Health regarding the merits of supporting the Toronto Wildlife Centre, and other similar groups, as a means of providing Animal Care services to the citizens of Toronto, and outlining possible funding options within the 2006 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget; such report to be completed in-time to be considered with the 2006 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget.

G. Valerie Sterling moved that the Medical Officer of Health be requested to include a proposal for a dental clinic in the north east part of the City and that costs for such a proposal be included within the 2006 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget.

H. Councillor Davis moved that the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee be requested to monitor the progress of budget discussions with the City and report back to the Board of Health as appropriate.

Councillor Filion appointed Councillor Mihevc Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

I. Councillor Filion moved that Motion C., moved by Councillor Chow; Motion D., moved by Councillor De Baeremaker; Motion E., moved by Councillor De Baeremaker; Motion F. moved by Councillor De Baeremaker; and Motion G., moved by Valerie Sterling be referred to the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee for further consideration.

Councillor Filion resumed the Chair.

Voting:

Motion I., moved by Councillor Filion, to refer Motions C., D., E., F. and G. to the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee for further consideration, **Carried.**

Motion H., moved by Councillor Davis, **Carried.**

Motion B., moved by Councillor Chow, **Carried.**

Motion A., moved by Councillor Davis, **Carried.**

(Budget Advisory Committee; Board of Health Budget Subcommittee;  
Interested Persons – September 29, 2005)

**8.3 Toronto Public Health - Capital Budget Variance Report as at June 30, 2005**

The Board of Health considered a 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.

The Board of Health received the report (September 9, 2005) from the  
Medical Officer of Health.

**8.4 Toronto Public Health 2005 Operating Budget Variance Report as at June 30, 2005**

The Board of Health considered a 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.

The Board of Health received the report (September 9, 2005) from the  
Medical Officer of Health.

**8.5 The Cost of the Nutritious Food Basket in Toronto 2005**

The Board of Health considered a report (September 12, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing information on the Cost of the Nutritious Food Basket in Toronto for 2005.

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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.

The Board of Health also considered the following communications:

- (i) (September 26, 2005) from Dr. Mimi Divinsky, Steering Committee, Medical Reform Group;
- (ii) (September 26, 2005) from Cynthia Pay, Parkdale Community Legal Services; and
- (iii) (September 26, 2005) from A. Terpstra, International Institute of Concern for Public Health, Fluoride Toxicity Research Collaborative

The following persons appeared before the Board of Health:

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- Dr. Mimi Divinsky, Medical Reform Group;
  - Dr. Melissa Meinitzer, Parkdale Community Health Centre;
  - Cynthia Pay, Parkdale Community Legal Services;
  - Mulki Ahmed;
  - Debbie Field, Food Share Toronto; and
  - Aliss Terpstra, International Institute of Concern for Public Health;
- A. Councillor Davis moved that the Board of Health adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (September 12, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, subject to amending Recommendation (2) in the report by adding the words “and purchase of service” after the word “City”, so that the recommendation reads as follows:
- “(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 and purchase of service programs to vulnerable populations, including children in day nurseries, residents of homes for the aged, and shelters for homeless people;”
- B. Councillor Mihevc moved that the Board of Health:
- (1) recommend to the Community Services Committee that City Council be requested to reiterate its support of raising social assistance rates; and
  - (2) request the Provincial Minister of Community and Social Services to take the report from the Medical Officer of Health and hunger issues into consideration if and when dealing with any amendments proposed to Special Diet requirements.
- C. Valerie Sterling moved that the Board of Health recommend to the Province of Ontario that all low income and social assistance recipients get an increase for food in addition to the special diet requirements related to any medical condition.
- D. Cathy Crowe moved that:
- (1) the Board of Health communicate to the Province of Ontario the urgent need for increased social assistance rates to reduce hunger and health risk;
  - (2) the Board of Health communicate its support for continuation of the Special Diet Allowance to the City Manager, Mayor and General Manager, Social Services; and
  - (3) the General Manager, Social Services be requested to implement policies that reduce barriers and lift obstacles to the Special Diet Allowance which will:



- (a) include creating signage on the Special Diet in all welfare offices;
- (b) communicating to all welfare workers the Special Diet entitlement;  
and
- (c) permit the use of photocopied Special Diet forms.

Motion A., moved by Councillor Davis, **Carried.**

Motion B., moved by Councillor Mihevc, **Carried.**

Motion C., moved by Valerie Sterling, **Carried.**

Motion D., moved by Cathy Crowe, **Carried.**

(Community Services Committee; Food and Hunger Action Committee; Toronto Food Policy Council; Premier of Ontario; Minister of Health and Long Term Care; Minister of Community and Social Services; Minister of Health Promotion; Minister of Children and Youth Services; Office of Nutrition Policy and Promotion, Health Canada; Ontario Public Health Association, Community Food Security Workgroup; Ontario Boards of Health; Association of Ontario Health Centres; Ontario Society of Nutrition Professionals in Ontario Health Centres; Dietitians of Canada; Interested Persons – September 29, 2005)

## **8.6 Student Nutrition Program: Meeting Current Nutrition Needs of Toronto's Children and Youth**

The Board of Health considered a 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;

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- (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.

The Board of Health also considered 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.

The Board of Health also considered a communication (September 26, 2005) from Aliss Terpstra, International Institute of Concern for Public Health

The following persons appeared before the Board of Health:

- Debbie Field, Food Share Toronto;
  - Susan Butler, Canadian Council for Student Nutrition;
  - Lorraine Nowina, Toronto Foundation for Students' Success; and
  - Aliss Terpstra, International Institute of Concern for Public Health.
- A. Fiona Nelson moved that the Board of Health adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (September 9, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, subject to adding the word "urgently" before the word "request" in Recommendation (6) in the report, so that the recommendation reads as follows:
- “(6) urgently 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;”
- B. Councillor Davis moved that the Board of Health add a new Recommendation as follows:
- “That the Medical Officer of Health be requested to report to the Board of Health in Spring, 2006 with a plan for further expansion of student nutrition programs, based on a policy framework that includes goals, objectives and targets and timelines;”
- C. Councillor Mihevc on behalf of Councillor Chow moved that the Board of Health submit the \$1.4 million funding request that would provide nutrition program serving 18,000 children and restore the financial stability to existing food program as part of the City and Toronto Public Health's \$4.8 million collaborative initiatives that promote public health and community safety”.

Councillor Filion appointed Councillor Fletcher Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

- D. Councillor Filion moved that Motion C., moved by Councillor Mihevc be referred to the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee.

Councillor Filion resumed the Chair.

Voting:

Motion D., moved by Councillor Filion to refer Motion C., moved by Councillor Mihevc to the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee, **Carried.**

Motion B., moved by Councillor Davis and Motion A., moved by Fiona Nelson, **Carried.**

(Mayor's Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education; Community Partnership and Investment Program Committee; Food and Hunger Action Committee; Toronto Food Policy Council; Board of Health Budget Subcommittee; Interested Persons – September 29, 2005)

## **8.7 Health Canada Funding for Peer Nutrition Program Evaluation**

The Board of Health considered a 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.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board of Health recommended to Policy and Finance Committee that 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, be approved.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board of Health adopted the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (September 9, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health.

(Policy and Finance Committee – September 28, 2005)

## **8.8 Environmental Threats to Children: Understanding the Risks, Enabling Prevention**

The Board of Health considered a 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:

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- (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:

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- (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.

The Board of Health also considered a communication (September 26, 2005) from A. Terpstra, International Institute of Concern for Public Health, Fluoride Toxicity Research Collaborative.

Aliss Terpstra, International Institute of Concern for Public Health, appeared before the Board of Health.

On motion by Valerie Sterling, the Board of Health:

- (1) adopted the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (September 9, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health; and
- (2) directed the Medical Officer of Health to request the General Manager, Children's Services, to provide educational resources and workshops on identifying and preventing environmental health risks to children, to child care professionals and parents using child care centres, and that the educational resources (written and non-written resources e.g. videos) should be resources developed with particular attention to literary levels.



(Premier of Ontario; Minister of Health, Health Canada; Ontario Minister of Children and Youth Services; Minister of Environment; Minister of Health and Long-Term Care; Toronto District School Board; Toronto Catholic District School Board; Conseil Scolaire de District Catholiques; Conseil Scolaire de District du Centre-Sud-Ouest; Minister of State for Public Health; Ontario Public Health Association; Ontario Healthy Schools Coalition; Association of Local Public Health Agencies; Ontario Public Health Units; Interested Persons – September 28, 2005)

## **8.9 Update on Toronto's Comprehensive Air Quality Strategy (All Wards)**

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.

The Board of Health also considered the following communications:

- (September 22, 2005) from Lela Gary, Air Pollution Coalition;
- (September 25, 2005) from Hamish Wilson;
- (September 25, 2005) from Dennis Findlay, *WaterfrontAction*;
- (September 26, 2005) from Joan Doiron, Chair, Feet on the Street; and
- (September 26, 2005) from David White, Feet on the Street.

The following persons appeared before the Board of Health:

- Lela Gary;
  - Joan Doiron, Feet on the Street; and
  - Dennis Findlay, *WaterfrontAction*.
- A. Councillor Fletcher on behalf of Councillor Davis, moved that the Board of Health request Deputy City Manager Fareed Amin to bring forward 2006 and beyond budget requests for the Comprehensive Air Quality Strategy as a consolidated cross-divisional request.
- B. Councillor De Baeremaker moved that the Board of Health recommend to City Council:
- (a) that City Council set a goal of reducing the number of private automobiles that use the streets and roads in the downtown area by 35% in the next five years;

- (b) that the downtown area referred to in Recommendation (a) be defined as the area bounded approximately by the Don River, Bathurst Street, Dupont Avenue and Lake Ontario; and
  - (c) that the Medical Officer of Health be requested to lead a team of appropriate City officials to report within six months on how the goal can be accomplished.
- C. Councillor Fletcher moved that Motion B., moved by Councillor De Baeremaker be referred to the staff working group on Comprehensive Air Quality Strategy.

Voting:

Motion C., moved by Councillor Fletcher to refer Motion B., by Councillor De Baeremaker to the staff working group on Comprehensive Air Quality Strategy, **Carried.**

Motion A., moved by Councillor Fletcher, **Carried.**

(Interested Persons – September 28, 2005)

## **8.10 Idling Control By-law: Enforcement and Education**

The Board of Health considered a 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.

The Board of Health also considered 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.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board of Health adopted the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (September 9, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health.

(Works Committee; Toronto Police Services Board; Roundtable on the Environment – September 28, 2005)

#### **8.11 PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> Efficient Street Sweepers for the City of Toronto (All Wards)**

The Board of Health considered a 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 “PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> Efficient Street Sweepers for the City of Toronto (All Wards)” and directed that a copy be forwarded to the Board of Health for information.

Irene Jones, Elgin, appeared before the Board of Health.

On motion by Councillor Fletcher, the Board of Health:

- (1) received the communication (August 2, 2005) from the City Clerk;  
and
- (2) requested the General Manager, Transportation Services to provide to the Board of Health and Works Committee a report outlining the environmental criteria used in the selection of PM(10) and PM(2.5) Efficient Street Sweepers, including any communications/written recommendations from Fleet Services; and the differences in emissions into the air from diesel, diesel/bio-diesel, and natural gas for each sweeper.

Councillor Filion appointed Councillor Fletcher Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

#### **8.12 Best Start Terms of Reference**

The Board of Health considered a 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.

The Board of Health also considered a communication (September 26, 2005) from Aliss Terpstra, International Institute of Concern for Public Health.

Aliss Terpstra, International Institute of Concern for Public Health, appeared before the Board of Health.

On motion by Valerie Sterling, the Board of Health:

- (1) adopted the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (September 12, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health; and
- (2) requested that the Minister of Children and Youth Services be advised that should there be financial implications to Toronto Public Health due to its involvement in the Best Start initiative, that Provincial funding will be required.

(Minister of Children and Youth Services; Interested Persons – September 28, 2005)

Councillor Filion resumed the Chair.

### **8.13 Implementation of the Toronto Public Health Access and Equity Policy Framework**

The Board of Health considered a 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.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board of Health received the report (September 12, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health.

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

The Board of Health considered a 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.

The Board of Health also considered the following:

- (i) 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;
- (ii) 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;
- (iii) Animal Sheltering & Control Service Requirements - Town of Markham, By-law Enforcement & Licensing Division, provided by the Town Clerk, Town of Markham.

On motion by Councillor De Baeremaker, the Board of Health deferred the report (September 9, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health to its next meeting on October 24, 2005.

#### **8.15 Suggestions for Health Goals for Canada from the Toronto/East York Local Health Committee**

The Board of Health considered a communication (July 28, 2005) from Toronto/East York Local Health Committee, addressed to Public Health Goals Secretariat.

On motion by Fiona Nelson, the Board of Health endorsed the response submitted by the Toronto and East York Local Health Committee outlined in its communication (July 28, 2005) to the Public Health Goals Secretariat.

**8.16 Verbal Update by Medical Officer of Health on West Nile Virus**

The Board of Health deferred the verbal update presentation by the Medical Officer of Health on West Nile Virus to its meeting on October 24, 2005.

The Board of Health adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Chair