

THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Minutes of Board of Health

Meeting 10

November 28, 2005

The Board of Health met on Monday, November 28, 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 5:10 p.m. |
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| Councillor John Filion, Chair | X |
| Trustee Sheila Cary-Meagher | |
| Councillor Oliva Chow | |
| Cathy Crowe | X |
| Councillor Janet Davis | X |
| Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker | X |
| Councillor Paula Fletcher, Vice-Chair | X |
| Nathan Gilbert | X |
| Brian Hyndman | X |
| 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 November 28, 2005 were confirmed.

Chair/MOH Announcements:

Councillor Filion, Chair, Board of Health, announced that two Toronto Public Health staff and their programs received the "Stand Up for Kids Awards", an award which honours those with the courage to stand up and take action to prevent or stop child abuse and neglect.

The awards were presented by Toronto's Four Children's Aid Societies: Catholic Children's Aid, Children's Aid, Jewish Family and Child Service, and the Native Child and Family Services. The two Toronto Public Health staff and their programs recipients were:

- Health Promotion Consultant Dia Mamatis, who accepted the award for the campaign "Spanking Hurts More Than You Think", a campaign that encourages parents to use positive discipline; and
- Community Health Officer Alice Gorman, who was presented an award for the program "Young Parents with No Fixed Address", a program that provides service to homeless, street-involved youth who are pregnant or parenting.

Councillor Filion, Chair, Board of Health and Dr. David McKeown, Medical Officer of Health, congratulated Dia Mamatis and Alice Gorman, on behalf of the Board of Health and presented them with a Recognition Award.

10.1 Pandemic Influenza Plan for the City of Toronto

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

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health endorse the City of Toronto Pandemic Influenza Plan;
- (2) the Medical Officer of Health continue to actively monitor the influenza situation worldwide and report to the Board of Health on any urgent issues as they arise;
- (3) the Medical Officer of Health report to the Board of Health on the status of the City of Toronto Pandemic Influenza Plan on an annual basis, prior to each influenza season;
- (4) City of Toronto Council urge the federal and provincial Ministers of Health to:
 - (a) ensure an adequate supply of anti-viral medications and vaccine for designated priority groups and effective distribution mechanisms to local public health units;
 - (b) give further consideration to the wearing of masks in community situations where potential exposure to infectious individuals is likely and unavoidable.
- (5) City of Toronto Council urge the provincial Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to:

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- (a) develop effective strategies to maximize the surge capacity for all components of the health care system (including hospitals and the Provincial Public Health Laboratory) to handle pandemic influenza;
 - (b) ensure that the needs of vulnerable populations, including the homeless and underhoused population, persons with addictions and mental health issues and the frail elderly, be addressed as part of provincial pandemic influenza planning;
 - (c) proactively address barriers for key service providers to prepare and respond to an influenza pandemic (e.g. advance funding for funeral/crematoria service providers to stockpile resources, insurance and compensation for self-employed health care providers);
 - (d) develop clear criteria for the implementation of public health measures such as closure of schools, day nurseries and cancellation of social gatherings, in collaboration with local public health units to ensure consistency;
- (6) City of Toronto Council urge the provincial Ministers of Labour and Health and Long-Term Care to:
- (a) collaborate to ensure that provincial infection control advice and directives regarding pandemic influenza are consistent and take into account both health and labour perspectives;
 - (b) develop emergency sick leave policies to help ensure that ill people do not have to work during an influenza pandemic.
- (7) City of Toronto Council direct the City Manager to:
- (a) proactively address the human resources and labour relations issues, in collaboration with the bargaining agents, that would arise in responding to an influenza pandemic;
 - (b) ensure that all city divisions, agencies, boards and commissions have a service continuity plan for pandemic influenza by July, 2006;
 - (c) implement an information and education plan for the Toronto Public Service regarding pandemic influenza in 2006, in collaboration with the Medical Officer of Health.
- (8) City of Toronto Council urge the Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) in the City of Toronto to work with Toronto Public Health on pandemic influenza planning as an urgent priority;
- (9) share this report with other Boards of Health in Ontario, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, the Ontario Public Health Association, the Public Health

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Agency of Canada, the Ontario Minister of Health and Long Term Care, the Ontario Minister of Labour and the Canadian Urban Health Network for their information; and

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

The Board of Health also considered a communication (November 25, 2005) from Tam Goossen.

The following persons appeared before the Board of Health:

- Dr. Michael Gardam, Director of Infection Prevention and Control, University Health Network;
- John Frame, Salvation Army;
- Dennis Fair, Canadian Red Cross; and
- Bradley Scott, General Manager, R.S. Kane Funeral Home, Toronto and District Funeral Directors Association.

Councillor Fletcher, Vice-Chair, in the Chair.

A. Councillor Filion moved that the Board of Health recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee that the Policy and Finance Committee:

- (1) adopt the City of Toronto Pandemic Influenza Plan, attached to the report (November 24, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health; and
- (2) adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 24, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health.

B. Councillor Filion moved that the Board of Health:

- (i) endorse the City of Toronto Pandemic Influenza Plan, attached to the report (November 24, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health;
- (ii) endorse the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 24, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health;
- (iii) direct that the Chair of the Board of Health or designate, be a member of the Toronto Pandemic Influenza Advisory Group; and
- (iv) request that the Board of Health receive quarterly progress reports on the status of the preparedness for a flu pandemic, and any necessary recommendations for action.

Councillor Filion resumed the Chair.

- C. Cathy Crowe moved that the Board of Health:
- (i) request that Board of Health Members be briefed and invited to all media briefings regarding Pandemic Flu;
 - (ii) request that Pandemic Flu remain as an item on the Board of Health agenda to allow the Medical Officer of Health to provide monthly verbal updates;
 - (iii) request the Medical Officer of Health to:
 - (a) provide an early briefing on pandemic influenza for Toronto community agencies, including funding agencies, such as the United Way;
 - (b) increase communication and outreach on pandemic influenza and emergency preparedness to the general community; and
 - (c) schedule an additional briefing on the City of Toronto Pandemic Influenza Plan for Board of Health Members.
- D. Valerie Sterling moved that the Board of Health request the Medical Officer of Health to ensure that the needs of the vulnerable populations, including the frail, elderly and disabled, are taken into account and provided for in the City of Toronto Pandemic Influenza Plan.
- E. Nathan Gilbert moved that the Board of Health request the Medical Officer of Health to include as part of his report back to the Board of Health on this issue, information on meetings that have been organized and are being organized, so that the Board of Health can be kept up-to-date on the community outreach.
- F. Councillor Davis moved that the Board of Health request the Medical Officer of Health to schedule a briefing for Members of Council prior to the consideration of this matter by the Policy and Finance Committee at its meeting on January 23, 2006.

Motion A., and Motion B., moved by Councillor Filion; Motion C., moved by Cathy Crowe; Motion D., moved by Valerie Sterling; Motion E., moved by Nathan Gilbert and Motion F., moved by Councillor Davis, **Carried.**

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. Interested Persons – December 14, 2005)

10.2 Primary Results of SARS-Related Health Research

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

Recommendations:

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

The Board of Health received the report (November 23, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health.

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

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

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

The Board of Health received the report (November 14, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health.

10.4 Health Impact Assessment

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

Recommendation:

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

The Board of Health adopted the staff recommendation contained in the Recommendation Section of the report (November 14, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health.

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

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

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) this report be forwarded to the Tuberculosis Subcommittee of the Board of Health;
- (2) the Medical Officer of Health report to the Board of Health in July 2006 on the status of action taken to address Internal Audit recommendations regarding the Tuberculosis program; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.
 - A. Valerie Sterling moved that the Board of Health adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 14, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health.
 - B. Cathy Crowe moved that the Board of Health request that the report (November 14, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health be also forwarded to the Homeless Advisory Committee, for information.

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

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

(Tuberculosis Subcommittee of the Board of Health; Homeless Advisory Committee – December 14, 2005)

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

The Board of Health considered a report (November 14, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, seeking approval to receive one-time funding confirmed from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to develop tuberculosis air quality guidelines for Toronto shelters, to assess a sample of Toronto shelters in relation to the guidelines and the potential implementation costs, and to develop an implementation guide for shelter operators.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Medical Officer of Health be authorized to receive up to \$228.3 thousand of one-time 100% provincial funding to develop tuberculosis (TB) quality guidelines for Toronto shelters and assess specific sites;

- (2) an amount of \$12.6 thousand gross expenditure and \$12.6 thousand revenue be added to the 2005 TPH Operating Budget to support the development of TB air quality guidelines;
- (3) an amount of \$215.7 thousand gross expenditure and \$215.7 thousand revenue be added to the 2006 TPH Operating Budget to support the development of TB air quality guidelines;
- (4) this report be forwarded to City Council for approval; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Cathy Crowe, the Board of Health:

- (1) recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 14, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health; and
- (2) requested that the report (November 14, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, be forwarded to the Homeless Advisory Committee, for information

(Homeless Advisory Committee; c. Tuberculosis Subcommittee – December 14, 2005)

(Clause 1, Report 8)

10.7 Dog and Cat Licensing Strategy

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

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

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

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delivery of animal services to the public, subject to approval by the Board of Health and City Council through the annual budget process;

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

The Board of Health also considered a communication (November 24, 2005) from Tim Trow, President, Toronto Humane Society

The following persons appeared before the Board of Health:

- Linday Pitney, who also filed a written submission;
- Heidi Yerashotis, Homeless Cat Rescue; and
- Darin Jackson, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 416.

A. Councillor Fletcher moved that the Board of Health approve in principle the staff recommendations contained in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 14, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, with Recommendation (3) being amended to read as follows, and forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee and the Budget Advisory Committee, for its consideration:

“(3) the Board of Health reconfirm its recommendation to the Policy and Finance Committee and the Budget Advisory

Committee, that the 2006 Toronto Public Health Capital Budget be increased by \$1.071 million for the development of an on-line license application and on-line registration and renewal system and that this cost be repaid over a ten year period from increased revenues as a result of the licensing strategy;”.

- B. Nathan Gilbert moved that the Board of Health adopt a further recommendation, as follows:

“That an additional category be included in the schedule of fees in order to be able to accept donations.”.

- C. Councillor Fletcher moved that the Board of Health refer this matter back to the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the Board of Health, to review the implementation strategy in consultation with Medical Officer of Health, the City Manager and the Auditor General, and report back as soon as possible to the Board of Health.

- D. Councillor Davis moved that the Board of Health request the Medical Officer of Health to:

- (a) write again, on behalf of the Board of Health, to the Attorney General and the Premier, requesting funding for the cost of implementing the Dog Owner’s Liability Act in the City of Toronto;
- (b) include the following, when reporting back on this matter:
 - (i) how additional resources raised through the enhanced licensing of cats and dogs could be allocated towards increased neutering and spaying services in the City of Toronto; and
 - (ii) further options for the licensing rates for senior residents on fixed incomes.

Motion A., moved by Councillor Fletcher; Motion B., moved by Nathan Gilbert; Motion C., moved by Councillor Fletcher and Motion D., moved by Councillor Davis, **Carried**.

(Policy and Finance Committee – November 29, 2005)

10.8 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.

Recommendation:

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:

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

The Board of Health:

- (1) adopted the staff recommendation contained in the Recommendation Section of the report (September 9, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health; and
- (2) recommended to Council 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.

(Clause 2, Report 8)

10.9 Advocating for Health through Increases to Social Assistance

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

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health support the Community Services Committee recommendations to City Council as outlined in Attachments 3 and 5 of this report;

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

A. Nathan Gilbert moved that the Board of Health advise City Council that the Board of Health:

- (1) supports the Community Services Committee recommendations to City Council as outlined in Attachments 3 and 5, contained in the report (November 21, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health; and
- (2) forwards the report (November 21, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health to City Council for its December meeting.

B. Nathan Gilbert moved that the Board of Health:

- (1) adopt the staff recommendations contained in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 21, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, with Recommendation (4) being amended to read as follows:

“(4) the Board of Health forward this report to the Chief Medical Officer of Health, as well as the Ministers of Health and Long Term Care, Health Promotion, Children and Youth Services, Community and Family Services, the Federal Ministers of Public Health and Social Development;”;

- (2) adopt the following additional recommendations:

- (i) the Board of Health hold a symposium on the issue of poverty and health during the upcoming Federal election to discuss how the Federal government is currently dealing with its responsibility on addressing poverty and health;

invite Federal candidates to attend and address the issue; and invite members of the public to attend and make deputations;

- (ii) that the Board of Health establish a subcommittee of the Board consisting of Councillor Davis, Nathan Gilbert, Cathy Crowe, Valerie Sterling and Fiona Nelson, in order to plan the details of the symposium; and
- (iii) that the Board of Health invite the Chair, Community Services Committee, to attend the symposium.

Motion A., and Motion B., moved by Nathan Gilbert, **Carried.**

(City Council; Premier of Ontario; Chief Medical Officer of Health; Minister of Health and Long Term Care; Minister of Health Promotion; Minister of Children and Youth Services; Minister of Community and Family Services; Federal Minister of Public Health; Federal Minister of Social Development; Ontario Public Health Association; Association of Local Public Health Agencies; Ontario Health Units – November 29, 2005)

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

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

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

The Board of Health received the report (November 14, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health.

10.11 Toronto Public Health – Operating Budget Variance Report for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2005

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

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Davis, the Board of Health received the report (November 10, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health.

10.12 Interim Report of the Capacity Review Committee

The Board of Health considered a verbal update by Medical Officer of Health

The Board of Health received the verbal update from the Medical Officer of Health regarding the Interim Report of the Capacity Review Committee, dated November 2005 and entitled "Revitalizing Ontario's Public Health Capacity: A Discussion of Issues and Options."

10.13 Closure of Two of Toronto's Detox Centres

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

On motion by Nathan Gilbert, the Board of Health adopted the recommendation contained in the communication (November 2, 2005) from Councillor Jane Pitfield, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, that the Board of Health urge the Provincial Government to work toward enhancing the capacity of the service delivery system to serve those in need.

(Premier of Ontario – December 14, 2005)

10.14 Criteria Used in the Selection of PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} Efficient Street Sweepers and Fuel Alternative for Street Sweepers (All Wards)

The Board of Health considered a communication (November 9, 2005) from the City Clerk, Works Committee, advising that the Works Committee, at its meeting on November 8 and 9, 2005, received the report (October 20, 2005) from the General Manager, Transportation Services, respecting the criteria used in the selection of PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} Efficient Street Sweepers, and directed that a copy be forwarded to the Board of Health for information.

On motion by Councillor Fletcher, the Board of Health:

- (1) received the communication (November 9, 2005) from the Works Committee;

- (2) requested the Deputy City Manager & Chief Financial Officer to:
 - (a) ensure that the Mad-Vacs to be purchased in 2006 meet the more stringent 2007 Emission Control Standards and to report on this matter to the Works Committee and the Board of Health;
 - (b) provide the Board of Health with a copy of the report entitled “Green Fleet Transition Plan (2004 – 2007)”, for its meeting on January 19, 2006.

10.15 Local Health Committee Minutes

The Board of Health considered the minutes from the following Local Health Committees:

- (a) Scarborough Local Health Committee meeting held on April 5, 2005;
- (b) Scarborough Local Health Committee meeting held on May 11, 2005;
- (c) Scarborough Local Health Committee meeting held on June 14, 2005;
- (d) Toronto/East York Local Health Committee meeting held on July 11, 2005;
- (e) Scarborough Local Health Committee meeting held on September 13, 2005;
- (f) North York Local Health Committee meeting held on September 14, 2005;
- (g) Etobicoke/York Local Health Committee meeting held on September 14, 2005;
- (h) Toronto/East York Local Health Committee meeting held on September 28, 2005;
and
- (i) North York Local Health Committee meeting held on October 5, 2005.

The Board of Health received the minutes from the following Local Health Committees:

- (1) Scarborough Local Health Committee meeting held on April 5, 2005;
- (2) Scarborough Local Health Committee meeting held on May 11, 2005;
- (3) Scarborough Local Health Committee meeting held on June 14, 2005;

- (4) Toronto/East York Local Health Committee meeting held on July 11, 2005;
- (5) Scarborough Local Health Committee meeting held on September 13, 2005;
- (6) North York Local Health Committee meeting held on September 14, 2005;
- (7) Etobicoke/York Local Health Committee meeting held on September 14, 2005;
- (8) Toronto/East York Local Health Committee meeting held on September 28, 2005; and
- (9) North York Local Health Committee meeting held on October 5, 2005.

10.16 Mandatory Certification of Food Handlers

The Board of Health considered a communication (November 16, 2005) from the City Clerk, Planning and Transportation Committee, advising that the committee, at its meeting held on November 7, 2005:

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

The Board of Health received the communication (November 16, 2005) from the City Clerk, Planning and Transportation Committee.

10.17 Croplife Canada v. City of Toronto

On motion by Councillor Fletcher, and in accordance with Section 38, New Business, of By-law No. 1-1998 to govern the proceedings of the Board of Health for the City of Toronto Health Unit, the Board of Health, by two thirds vote, decided to consider a report (November 22, 2005) from the City Solicitor regarding Croplife Canada v. City of Toronto.

The Board of Health considered a report (November 22, 2005) from the City Solicitor, reporting on the outcome of proceedings before the Supreme Court of Canada in Croplife Canada's challenge of the City of Toronto Pesticide By-law.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be forwarded to the Administration Committee for their information.

On motion by Brian Hyndman, the Board of Health adopted the staff recommendation contained in the Recommendation Section of the report (November 22, 2005) from the City Solicitor, and forwarded the report to the Administration Committee for its information.

(Administration Committee – December 14, 2005)

10.18 Ontario Restaurant Hotel & Motel Association v. City of Toronto and Board of Health for the City of Toronto Health Unit – Decision of the Ontario Court of Appeal

On motion by Councillor Fletcher, and in accordance with Section 38, New Business, of By-law No. 1-1998 to govern the proceedings of the Board of Health for the City of Toronto Health Unit, the Board of Health, by two-thirds vote, decided to consider a report (November 23, 2005) from the City Solicitor regarding Ontario Restaurant Hotel & Motel Association v. City of Toronto and Board of Health for the City of Toronto Health Unit – Decision of the Ontario Court of Appeal.

The Board of Health considered a report (November 23, 2005) from the City Solicitor, advising of the decision of the Ontario Court of Appeal regarding the Ontario Restaurant Hotel & Motel Association's application to quash s.545-5(3) of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 545, Licensing.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be forwarded to the Planning and Transportation Committee for their information.

On motion by Brian Hyndman, the Board of Health adopted the staff recommendation contained in the Recommendation Section of the report (November 22, 2005) from the City Solicitor, and forwarded the report to the Planning and Transportation Committee for its information.

(Planning and Transportation Committee – December 14, 2005)

10.19 Green Dry Cleaning Service – 550 Queen's Quay West, Waterfront Community

On motion by Councillor DeBaeremaker, and in accordance with Section 38, New Business, of By-law No. 1-1998 to govern the proceedings of the Board of Health for the City of Toronto Health Unit, the Board of Health, by two-thirds vote, decided to consider

a communication from Councillor Olivia Chow regarding Green Dry Cleaning Service – 550 Queen’s Quay West, Waterfront Community.

The Board of Health considered a communication (November 28, 2005) from Councillor Olivia Chow, Ward 20 – Trinity-Spadina, recommending that the use of tetrachloroethylene (PERC) be prohibited at the commercial dry-cleaning plant proposed for 550 Queen’s Quay West, and that the operator be required through Municipal Licensing Services to operate as a “perc free” facility.

The following persons appeared before the Board of Health:

- John Porter; and
- Dr. Naim Kosarick, Professor Emeritus, P.Eng., University of Western Ontario.

On motion by Councillor De Baeremaker, the Board of Health:

- (1) recommended to the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division that the use of tetrachloroethylene (PERC) be prohibited at the commercial dry-cleaning plant proposed for 550 Queen’s Quay West and that the operator be required, through Municipal Licensing Services, to operate as a ‘perc free’ facility; and
- (2) requested the Medical Officer of Health to report back to the Board of Health on the public health impact of the dry cleaning industry in Toronto and the ways and means of ensuring the dry cleaning industry eliminate harmful chemicals from its cleaning process.

(Interested Persons – December 14, 2005)

10.20 OHIP Coverage for Newcomers

On motion by Brian Hyndman, and in accordance with Section 38, New Business, of By-law No. 1-1998 to govern the proceedings of the Board of Health for the City of Toronto Health Unit, the Board of Health, by two-thirds vote, decided to consider his motion regarding OHIP Coverage for Newcomers.

The Board of Health considered a motion (November 28, 2005) from Brian Hyndman, Member, Board of Health, recommending that the Board of Health request the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to uphold the universality principle of the Canada Health Act by abolishing the three-month waiting period for OHIP coverage to newcomers taking up residence in the Province of Ontario.

On motion by Brian Hyndman, the Board of Health requested the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to uphold the universality principle of the Canada Health Act by abolishing the three-month waiting period for OHIP coverage to newcomers taking up residence in the Province of Ontario.

(Minister of Health and Long Term Care – December 14, 2005)

10.21 Report Request – Decisions and Issues Arising from the alPHa/OPHA Conference

On motion by Fiona Nelson, and in accordance with Section 38, New Business, of By-law No. 1-1998 to govern the proceedings of the Board of Health for the City of Toronto Health Unit, the Board of Health, by two-thirds vote, decided to consider a motion from Fiona Nelson regarding a report request on Decisions and Issues arising from the alPHa/OPHA Conference.

The Board of Health considered a motion (November 28, 2005) from Fiona Nelson, recommending that the Medical Officer of Health prepare a report for consideration by the Board of Health at its meeting on January 19, 2006, on relevant decisions and issues arising from the alPHa/OPHA (Association of Local Public Health Agencies and the Ontario Public Health Association) conference, which was held on November 22 and 23, 2005.

The Board of Health took no action on the request in the foregoing motion because Fiona Nelson, Board Member, later withdrew her motion.

The Board of Health adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Chair