



**BOARD OF HEALTH
DECISION DOCUMENT
MEETING 6**

Date of Meeting: July 17, 2006
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Committee Room 1
City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario

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Minutes Confirmed – June 19, 2006

Chair/MOH Announcements:

1. Dog and Cat License Fee Amendments

(Speakers – 1:00 p.m.)

The Board of Health recommends that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 30, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health.

Action taken by the Board:**The Board of Health endorsed the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 30, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health.**

Report (June 30, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, proposing amendments to Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 441, Fees, in order to simplify the fee structure for dog and cat licensing while continuing to reward pet owners who sterilize their pets.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Municipal Code Chapter 441 – Fees, be amended so that effective September 1, 2006 the following fees shall be paid to the City of Toronto for dog licences and cat registrations: Sterilized dog licence \$25.00; Sterilized cat registration \$15.00; unaltered dog owned by a senior citizen \$30.00, sterilized dog owned by a senior citizen \$12.50; unaltered cat owned by a senior citizen \$25.00, sterilized cat owned by a senior citizen \$7.50.
- (2) Municipal Code Chapter 441 – Fees, be amended so that effective September 1, 2006 the following fees be deleted: microchipped dog licence \$35.00; microchipped cat registration \$25.00; microchipped dog licence owned by a senior citizen \$25.00; microchipped cat registration for a senior citizen \$15.00; spayed or neutered dog licence \$25.00; spayed or neutered cat registration \$15.00; spayed or neutered dog licence for a senior citizen \$20.00; spayed or neutered cat registration for a senior citizen \$10.00; spayed or neutered and microchipped dog license \$20.00; spayed or neutered and microchipped cat registration \$10.00.
- (3) the Medical Officer of Health report to Board of Health and Budget Advisory Committee early in 2007 with revised estimates of the Dog and Cat Licensing Fees revenues based on actual fees collected from September through December 2006; and
- (4) that the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect to the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any Bills that may be required.

2. Pandemic Influenza Plan for the City of TorontoAction taken by the Board:**The Board of Health:**

- (1) **received the verbal update from the Medical Officer of Health, regarding the Pandemic Influenza Plan for the City of Toronto;**
- (2) **received the report (July 12, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health; and**
- (3) **requested the Medical Officer of Health, as part of his written report to the Board of Health in September 2006, include comments on the following issues:**
 - (a) **the progress that has been made for the use of large spaces, such as the Rogers Centre for emergency housing of homeless shelters;**
 - (b) **the media plan in terms of informing the residents of the City of Toronto;**
 - (c) **planning with the business community; and**
 - (d) **the City's plans with respect to the homeless population.**

Update by the Medical Officer of Health.

2(a). Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Update

Report (July 12, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, presenting an update on the status of Toronto Public Health pandemic influenza preparedness since April 2006.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

3. Toward a Healthy City – 2006 Annual Update

Action taken by the Board:

The Board of Health received the report (June 28, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health.

Report (June 28, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, updating the Board on progress to date on implementation of "Toward a Healthy City", the Toronto Public Health Strategic Plan 2005 – 2009.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

4. Early Child Development Project Accomplishments and Future Directions

Action taken by the Board:

The Board of Health:

- (1) **adopted the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 30, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, with the following amendments:**
 - (a) **Recommendation (3) deleted and replaced with the following Recommendation instead:**

“(3) this report be forwarded to Toronto Children’s Services, the Toronto District School Board, the Toronto Catholic District School Board, the Ontario Public Health Association, all public health units in Ontario, the Children’s Aid Society, the Catholic Children’s Aid Society, the Jewish Family and Children’s Services of Toronto, the Native Child and Family Services of Toronto, the Ontario Association of Children’s Aid Societies, the Children’s Services Advisory Committee and the Woman Abuse Council.
 - (b) **Recommendation (4) deleted and replaced with the following Recommendation instead:**

“(4) this report be forwarded to the Ministers of Children and Youth Services, Health Promotion, Health and Long Term Care and to the Ministry of the Attorney General”; and
- (2) **requested the Medical Officer of Health to include in the September 2006 report a review of the Teacher Management program to determine if Toronto Public Health has a role to sustain this program.**

Report (June 30, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing a summary of selected accomplishments to date of the provincially funded Early Child Development (ECD) projects. Funding for these projects ends on December 31, 2006. The report also identifies key initiatives arising from the projects for which alternate sources of funding should be sought.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Medical Officer of Health report to the Board of Health in September 2006 on future funding requirements arising from the Early Childhood Development projects;

- (2) the Board of Health request the Ministers of Health Promotion, Children and Youth Services, and Health and Long Term Care to recognize child abuse and woman abuse as significant public health issues and incorporate strategies, including service system planning, to reduce child and woman abuse in the revised Public Health Program Standards as a way of reaching the public health goal of increasing the percentage of children and youth who meet physical, cognitive, communicative, and psychosocial development milestones;
- (3) this report be forwarded to Toronto Children's Services, the Toronto District School Board, the Toronto Catholic District School Board, the Ontario Public Health Association, and all public health units in Ontario for their information;
- (4) this report be forwarded to the Ministers of Children and Youth Services, Health Promotion, and Health and Long-Term Care; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

5. Clean Air Action Plan Interim Report All Wards

(Presentation)

Action taken by the Board:

The Board of Health:

- (1) **received the presentation and information on the 2006 Draft Clean Air Action Plan provided by Carol Moore, Executive Director, Policy, Planning, Finance & Administration and Karen Clark, Project Manager, Comprehensive Air Quality Strategy, Technical Services Division; and**
- (2) **received the report (June 30, 2006) from the Executive Director, Policy, Planning, Finance & Administration, for information.**

Report (June 30, 2006) from the Executive Director, Policy, Planning, Finance & Administration, providing an update on progress on the Clean Air Action Plan, including short-term actions and next steps.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

6. Implementation of Internal Audit Division Recommendations for Toronto Public Health's Tuberculosis Program

The Board of Health recommended that the report (June 30, 2006) from the Medical Officer be forwarded to the Tuberculosis (TB) Subcommittee of the Board of Health and the Homeless Advisory Committee.

Action taken by the Board:

The Board of Health:

- (1) endorsed the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 30, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health;**
- (2) endorsed the following motion submitted by Fiona Nelson:**

“WHEREAS Ontario receives approximately 50% of all Tuberculosis medical surveillance referrals in Canada, and Toronto Public Health receives approximately 75% of provincial referrals (i.e. 2,500 per year); and

WHEREAS new arrivals to Toronto who are required to undergo medical surveillance for Tuberculosis must either wait three months for health insurance coverage or pay the medical expenses themselves to complete the required follow up, which is difficult for many new immigrants; and

WHEREAS delaying the medical exam can increase the chances of someone having undiagnosed active Tuberculosis and transmitting the infection to others; and

WHEREAS the Interim Federal Health Program is an existing federal funding structure that would facilitate immediate access to health care for new arrivals to Canada requiring ongoing monitoring for Tuberculosis;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health urge Citizenship and Immigration Canada to have all new immigrants required to be on medical surveillance for Tuberculosis be immediately covered by the Interim Federal Health Program until other health insurance coverage is available.”; and

- (3) endorsed the following motion submitted by Fiona Nelson, with the Operative Paragraph being deleted and replaced with the following Operative Paragraph instead:**

“NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health urge Citizenship and Immigration Canada, in cooperation with the Public Health Agency of Canada, to proceed immediately with the development and implementation of a national database to track outcomes of the Tuberculosis medical surveillance

program and that they annually report back on the outcome of the program to provincial and local jurisdictions”,

so that the motion, adopted by the Board of Health, now reads as follows:

“WHEREAS Citizenship and Immigration Canada has a medical surveillance program for follow up of immigrants/refugee applicants identified by immigration medical exam as being at high risk of developing active Tuberculosis after arrival in Canada; and

WHEREAS Toronto Public Health places all referrals to the Tuberculosis medical surveillance program on the provincially mandated integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) and reports on the follow up of those referrals to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care which in turn reports this information to Citizenship and Immigration Canada; and

WHEREAS Citizenship and Immigration Canada has to date not reported on the results of this follow up at a local, provincial or national level despite communication received September 8, 2003 confirming that this would occur; and

WHEREAS Citizenship and Immigration Canada recently indicated that they now have funding to implement a database to track outcomes and report back provincially and locally;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Board of Health urge Citizenship and Immigration Canada, in cooperation with the Public Health Agency of Canada, to proceed immediately with the development and implementation of a national database to track outcomes of the Tuberculosis medical surveillance program and that they annually report back on the outcome of the program to provincial and local jurisdictions.”.

Report (June 30, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing an update on the implementation of the Internal Audit Division recommendations for Toronto Public Health’s (TPH) Tuberculosis (TB) Program.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) this report be forwarded to the TB subcommittee of the Board of Health;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Homeless Advisory Committee; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

6(a) Motion submitted by Fiona Nelson, for consideration by the Board of Health:

“WHEREAS Ontario receives approximately 50% of all Tuberculosis medical surveillance referrals in Canada, and Toronto Public Health receives approximately 75% of provincial referrals (i.e. 2,500 per year); and

WHEREAS new arrivals to Toronto who are required to undergo medical surveillance for Tuberculosis must either wait three months for health insurance coverage or pay the medical expenses themselves to complete the required follow up, which is difficult for many new immigrants; and

WHEREAS delaying the medical exam can increase the chances of someone having undiagnosed active Tuberculosis and transmitting the infection to others; and

WHEREAS the Interim Federal Health Program is an existing federal funding structure that would facilitate immediate access to health care for new arrivals to Canada requiring ongoing monitoring for Tuberculosis;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health urge Citizenship and Immigration Canada to have all new immigrants required to be on medical surveillance for Tuberculosis be immediately covered by the Interim Federal Health Program until other health insurance coverage is available.”

6(b) Motion submitted by Fiona Nelson for consideration by the Board of Health:

“WHEREAS Citizenship and Immigration Canada has a medical surveillance program for follow up of immigrants/refugee applicants identified by immigration medical exam as being at high risk of developing active Tuberculosis after arrival in Canada; and

WHEREAS Toronto Public Health places all referrals to the Tuberculosis medical surveillance program on the provincially mandated integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) and reports on the follow up of those referrals to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care which in turn reports this information to Citizenship and Immigration Canada; and

WHEREAS Citizenship and Immigration Canada has to date not reported on the results of this follow up at a local, provincial or national level despite communication received September 8, 2003 confirming that this would occur; and

WHEREAS Citizenship and Immigration Canada recently indicated that they now have funding to implement a database to track outcomes and report back provincially and locally;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health urge Citizenship and Immigration Canada to proceed immediately with the development and implementation of a national database to track outcomes of the Tuberculosis medical

surveillance program and that they annually report back on the outcome of the program to provincial and local jurisdictions.”

7. Toronto Public Health 2007 – 2011 Capital Budget and Plan Submission

The Board of Health recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) consider the report (June 30, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health as part of the 2007-2011 Capital Budget Process; and**
- (2) adopt the following recommendations (1), (2), (3) (4) and (6), in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 30, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health:**
 - “(1) the 2007 – 2011 Toronto Public Health Capital Plan request with a total 5-year project cost of \$17,445.7 thousand as detailed in Appendix 1, “Toronto Public Health 2007 – 2011 Capital Budget and Plan” be endorsed;**
 - (2) the 2007 Capital Budget for Toronto Public Health with a total project cost of \$8,260.3 thousand and a 2007 cashflow of \$3,463.0 thousand and future year commitments of \$4,797.3 thousand be approved. The 2007 Capital Budget submission consists of the following:**
 - (a) new cashflow funding for four new Information and Technology sub projects with a total project cost of \$8,260.3 thousand, that requires 2007 cashflow of \$3,463.0 thousand and a future year commitment of \$2,797.2 thousand in 2008, \$1,436.6 thousand in 2009, and \$563.5 thousand in 2010;**
 - (3) the 2008 – 2011 Toronto Public Health Capital Plan of \$9,185.4 thousand with future year estimates of \$692.7 thousand for 2008, \$2,062.4 thousand for 2009, \$2,935.0 thousand for 2010, and \$3,495.3 thousand for 2011, as detailed in Appendix 1 be approved;**
 - (4) the net Operating impacts of \$66.6 thousand for 2008, \$0.7 thousand for 2009, \$188.6 thousand for 2010, and \$148.0 thousand for 2011 emanating from the approval of the 2007 Capital Budget, as detailed in Appendix 2, “Toronto Public Health 2007 – 2011 Operating Impact of Capital” be included in future years Toronto Public Health operating budget submissions; and**
 - (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.”**

Action taken by the Board:**The Board of Health endorsed the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 30, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health.**

Report (June 30, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing an overview of the Toronto Public Health 2007 – 2011 Capital Budget and Plan for review and approval.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the 2007 – 2011 Toronto Public Health Capital Plan request with a total 5-year project cost of \$17,445.7 thousand as detailed in Appendix 1, “Toronto Public Health 2007 – 2011 Capital Budget and Plan” be endorsed;
- (2) the 2007 Capital Budget for Toronto Public Health with a total project cost of \$8,260.3 thousand and a 2007 cashflow of \$3,463.0 thousand and future year commitments of \$4,797.3 thousand be approved. The 2007 Capital Budget submission consists of the following:
 - (a) new cashflow funding for four new Information and Technology sub-projects with a total project cost of \$8,260.3 thousand, that requires 2007 cashflow of \$3,463.0 thousand and a future year commitment of \$2,797.2 thousand in 2008, \$1,436.6 thousand in 2009, and \$563.5 thousand in 2010;
- (3) the 2008 – 2011 Toronto Public Health Capital Plan of \$9,185.4 thousand with future year estimates of \$692.7 thousand for 2008, \$2,062.4 thousand for 2009, \$2,935.0 thousand for 2010, and \$3,495.3 thousand for 2011, as detailed in Appendix 1 be approved;
- (4) the net Operating impacts of \$66.6 thousand for 2008, \$0.7 thousand for 2009, \$188.6 thousand for 2010, and \$148.0 thousand for 2011 emanating from the approval of the 2007 Capital Budget, as detailed in Appendix 2, “Toronto Public Health 2007 – 2011 Operating Impact of Capital” be included in future years Toronto Public Health operating budget submissions;
- (5) this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration as part of the 2007-2011 Capital Budget Process; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

8. Purchase of Additional PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} Efficient Street Sweepers for the City of Toronto (All Wards) – (Works Committee Report 3, Clause 4)

Action taken by the Board:

The Board of Health received the communication (May 29, 2006) from the City Clerk.

Communication (May 29, 2006) from the City Clerk, forwarding for information, as directed by City Council, a copy of Consolidated Clause 4 in Works Committee Report 3, which was adopted, without amendment by City Council on May 23, 24 and 25, 2006.

9. Local Health Committee Minutes

Action taken by the Board:

The Board of Health:

(1) received the minutes from the following Local Health Committees:

- (a) Scarborough Local Health Committee meeting held on April 11, 2006;**
- (b) Etobicoke York Local Health Committee meeting held on May 10, 2006; and**
- (c) North Region Local Health Committee meeting held on June 14, 2006; and**

(2) adopted the following motion submitted by Valerie Sterling, Board Member:

“WHEREAS the North Region Local Health Committee has identified pressing needs for health promotion programming for vulnerable seniors in our communities; and

WHEREAS the North York Region Local Health Committee believes that Toronto Public Health must take a key role in working together with community service providers, vulnerable seniors and caregivers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health request the five Local Health Integration Networks (LHINS) to consult with community agencies and vulnerable seniors to explore opportunities to coordinate, enhance and increase services and to include Toronto Public Health in this consultation, as well as the Local Health Committees, as appropriate;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Medical Officer of Health in his meetings with the five LHINS address this specifically.”

9(a). Minutes of the Scarborough Local Health Committee meeting held on April 11, 2006.

9(b). Minutes of the Etobicoke York Local Health Committee meeting held on May 10, 2006.

9(c). Minutes of the North Region Local Health Committee meeting held on June 14, 2006.

10. **Communication submitted by Cathy Crowe, Board Member, headed, “Beating the Heat: Development and Evaluation of a Canadian Hot Weather Health Response”, prepared by Karen E. Smoyer-Tomic, Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, University of Alberta, Edmonton, and Daniel G.C. Rainham, Department of Community and Health Epidemiology, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia**

Action taken by the Board:

The Board of Health requested the Medical Officer of Health to report to the January 2007 meeting of the Board of Health with an update on the activities undertaken as part of the 2006 Heat Alert Response Plan; such report to also include information on heat-related policies and practices in other jurisdictions, including Chicago.

Communication (November 29, 2001) submitted by Cathy Crowe, Board Member, headed, “Beating the Heat: Development and Evaluation of a Canadian Hot Weather Health Response” prepared by Karen E. Smoyer-Tomic, Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, University of Alberta, Edmonton, and Daniel G. C. Rainham, Department of Community and Health Epidemiology, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, for the Board of Health’s information.

10(a). Communication (July 2006) headed, “Backgrounder – Hot Weather Response Plan Update” from the Medical Officer of Health, advising that Toronto Public Health has had a Hot Weather Response Plan in place since 1999 to protect vulnerable people from the health impacts of extreme heat, and outlining what happens during a Heat Alert, an Extreme Heat Alert, and further outlining the membership of the Hot Weather Coordinating Committee and the New Initiatives in 2006;

10(b). Communication (June 2006) and information package, headed, “Hot Weather Protection Plan – Information for landlords”, from the Medical Officer of Health to the Owners and Operators of Rooming Houses, Lodging Houses and Group Homes, advising how they can play an important part in protecting their tenants from the harmful effects of extreme heat and providing simple steps for implementing a Hot Weather Protection Plan and Summer Safety Tips on how to beat the heat.

11. **Communication from Nathalie Karvonen, Executive Director, Toronto Wildlife Centre requesting an update on the status of a report requested by the Board of Health from the Medical Officer of Health regarding the City of Toronto’s current Policies and Practices and the mandate of the Toronto Public Health with respect to Wildlife Services**

Action taken by the Board:

The Board of Health received the communication (July 11, 2006) from Nathalie Karvonen, Executive Director, Toronto Wildlife Centre.

Communication (July 11, 2006) from Nathalie Karvonen, Executive Director, Toronto Wildlife Centre, requesting an update on the status of a report requested by the Board of Health from the Medical Officer of Health, regarding the City of Toronto's current policies and practices and the mandate of Toronto Public Health with respect to wildlife services, and further requesting an opportunity to address the Board of Health on this matter, at its meeting on July 17, 2006. .

12. Request for Reduction in Gapping Level in the Toronto Dental Services Program and Request to the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care for Inclusion of Dental Services under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan Coverage

Action taken by the Board:**The Board of Health:**

- (1) requested the Toronto Board of Health Budget Subcommittee to explore options for reducing the gapping level in the Toronto Dental Services program from 4% to 2% in the 2007 operating budget; and**
- (2) requested that the Board of Health reiterate its support for the inclusion of dental services under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan coverage, to the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.**

Motions submitted by Brian Hyndman, Board Member, for consideration by the Board of Health:

- (A) Motion moved by Brian Hyndman:

“That the Toronto Board of Health Budget Subcommittee explore options for reducing the gapping level in the Toronto Dental Services program from 4% to 2% in the 2007 operating budget; and

- (B) Motion moved by Brian Hyndman:

“That the Toronto Board of Health reiterate its support for the inclusion of dental services under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan coverage to the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.”

13. Report Request on Issues Related to Feral Cats, Microchipping and Mandatory Spay and Neutering Programs for Cats and Dogs

Action taken by the Board:

The Board of Health requested the Medical Officer of Health to look in more detail and report to the Board of Health on the issues related to feral cats, microchipping and mandatory spay and neutering programs for cats and dogs.

Motion moved by Councillor Mihevc, for consideration by the Board of Health:

“That the Medical Officer of Health look in more detail and report to the Board of Health on the issues related to feral cats, micro-chipping and mandatory spay and neutering programs for cats and dogs.”