



**BOARD OF HEALTH
AGENDA
MEETING 7**

Date of Meeting: September 14, 2006
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Committee Room 1
City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario

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If the Board of Health wishes to meet in-camera (privately) a motion must be made to do so, and the reason given (*Municipal Act, 2001*).

Declarations of Interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*

Confirmation of Minutes – July 17, 2006

Communications/Reports:

1. Impact of Poverty on Children’s Current and Future Health

Report (August 28, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health providing an overview of the impact of poverty on children’s current and future health and to identify Toronto Public Health’s role in addressing poverty during the early years.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health request that the Children’s Services Advisory Committee, in consultation with key stakeholders, identify key municipal policy levers and strategies for action to reduce child poverty including exploration of local options to reduce or eliminate the National Child Benefit Supplement claw back;

- (2) the Medical Officer of Health work with key stakeholders including other city divisions, community agencies, and coalitions to ensure that the serious consequences of living in poverty to the current and future health of Toronto children are considered in decision-making regarding programs and services, advocacy, policy, and research;
- (3) the Board of Health advocate to the Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care that the Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines be revised to include specific objectives related to preventing poverty and mitigating the negative health impacts of poverty during childhood;
- (4) the Board of Health advocate to the Federal Minister of Health, Ontario Ministers of Children and Youth Services, Health Promotion, and Health and Long-Term Care and the Public Health Agency of Canada that a strategy be developed to monitor and report on disparities in child health outcomes;
- (5) the Board of Health urge the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health) to fund longitudinal research on:
 - (a) pathways through which poverty during childhood exerts its effects on health; and
 - (b) interventions to mitigate the impact of poverty during childhood on health;
- (6) the Board of Health request that the Conference Board of Canada, Caledon Institute, and Canadian Policy Research Networks expand their research to study the health implications of key policies and strategies to prevent poverty during childhood and mitigate its negative effects on health;
- (7) this report be forwarded to the Children's Services Advisory Committee and the Community Services Committee;
- (8) this report be forwarded to the Toronto Best Start Network, Child Health Network, Family Services Association, Children's Aid Society of Toronto, Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto, Jewish Child and Family Services of Toronto, Native Child and Family Services of Toronto, United Way of Greater Toronto, provincial Ministries of Children and Youth Services, Health Promotion, and Health and Long-Term Care, Ontario Public Health Association, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health), Canadian Institute for Health Information, Canadian Public Health Association, Campaign 2000, Caledon Institute, Conference Board of Canada, Canadian Pediatric Society, Canadian Policy Research Networks and the Public Health Agency of Canada; and
- (9) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

2. Peer Nutrition Program Evaluation

Report (August 28, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, informing the Board of Health about the Health Canada funded evaluation of the Peer Nutrition Program and the recommendations and actions stemming from that report.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health request the Toronto Food Policy Council to undertake activities, including urban gardening, aimed at improving food security for Toronto's ethno-cultural and ethno-racial families and children, in collaboration with the Peer Nutrition Program;
- (2) the Board of Health request the Toronto Food Policy Council to work with the Peer Nutrition Program to advocate for capital funding for community kitchens in community recreation centres of priority neighbourhoods;
- (3) the Board of Health forward this report to the Ontario Ministers of Health and Long-Term Care, Health Promotion, Children and Youth Services, and Community & Social Services, as well as Toronto Children Services, Ontario Public Health Association, Toronto Food Policy Council, Food and Hunger Action Committee and Medical Officers of Health in the Greater Toronto Area; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

3. Fish Consumption: Benefits and Risks for Populations Vulnerable to Methylmercury

Report (August 28, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, updating the Board of Health on health promotion initiatives to provide fish consumption information to those populations particularly vulnerable to methylmercury (i.e. women of child bearing age and young children), to enhance the availability of this information and to promote efforts to reduce the mercury contaminant burden in fish.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) request the federal Minister of Health to ensure that the proposed Canada Health Measures Survey to be conducted in 2007 - 2008 by Statistics Canada measures the methylmercury body burden among the Canadian population, particularly among women of childbearing age;
- (2) request Health Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to:
 - (a) require the posting of federal fish advisories by fish retailers so as to allow the public to clearly identify high mercury fish species;
 - (b) regularly post test results of mercury and other persistent contaminant levels in fish on the Health Canada website or through other means easily accessible to local health units;
 - (c) assess, in collaboration with local health units, the mercury content of imported fish species commonly found in a variety of specialized markets in Toronto and other Canadian cities;
 - (d) expand the fish testing program assessing the mercury content of canned tuna to include a greater number of samples, types and geographic sources, particularly of "light" canned tuna;
- (3) request Health Canada to provide appropriate national fish consumption advice, that includes consideration of the variability in frequency and patterns of consumption, to minimize methylmercury exposure for women of childbearing age, pregnant and breastfeeding women and young children age 0 to 4 years;
- (4) reiterate to the federal and provincial Ministers of the Environment the need, at a minimum, to strengthen and ensure aggressive implementation of the Canada-wide standard for mercury;
- (5) request the Ontario Medical Association, the Ontario College of Family Physicians, the Canadian Paediatric Society, the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada, the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario, Dietitians of Canada, Breastfeeding Committee of Canada, the Canadian Association of Midwives and Toronto Community Health Centres to endorse counselling women of childbearing age, pregnant and breastfeeding women and parents/caregivers of young children to moderate their fish consumption and where possible, to choose low mercury fish species;
- (6) forward this report for information to Health Canada, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Environment Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, Ontario Public Health Association, Canadian Public Health Association, the Ontario Medical Association, the Ontario College of Family Physicians, the Canadian Paediatric Society, the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada, Registered Nurses

Association of Ontario, Dietitians of Canada, Breastfeeding Committee of Canada, the Canadian Association of Midwives, Toronto Community Health Centres, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, the David Suzuki Foundation, the Ontario Ministers of Natural Resources, Environment, Health and Long-Term Care, Children and Youth Services, and Health Promotion; and

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

4. Update on Healthy Eating in Toronto Schools

Report (August 26, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, updating the Board of Health on the status of healthy eating initiatives in Toronto schools as requested by the Board of Health following its endorsement of the September 2004 report titled: "Call to Action: Creating a Healthy School Nutrition Environment" (herein referred to as the "Call to Action").

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health forward this report to the Boards of Education in Toronto;
- (2) the Board of Health forward this report to the Minister of Education, the Minister of Children and Youth Services and the Minister of Health Promotion; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

5. Feasibility of Undertaking a Health Impact Assessment of the Federal Child Care Funding Policy on Toronto's Families

Report (August 28, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, reporting back to the Board of Health on the feasibility of undertaking a health impact assessment of the federal child care funding policy on Toronto's families.

Recommendations:

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

6. Future Funding Requirements of Early Child Development Projects

Report (August 28, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing information regarding future funding requirements in 2007 and beyond that will be required to sustain key Early Child Development project activities.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Chair of the Board of Health and the Medical Officer of Health meet with the Ministers of Children and Youth Services, Health Promotion, and Health and Long-Term Care to discuss the implications of ending Early Child Development funding and to request funding to sustain key Early Child Development project activities in 2007 and beyond;
- (2) the Medical Officer of Health meet with representatives from the Toronto District School Board, Toronto Catholic District School Board, and Toronto Children's Services to discuss sustainability of the Incredible Years Teacher Classroom Management and Child Social Skills Programs, including Toronto Public Health's role in supporting these programs;
- (3) this report be forwarded to Toronto Children's Services, the Children's Services Advisory Committee, the Toronto District School Board, the Toronto Catholic District School Board, the Toronto Best Start Network, the Ontario Public Health Association, and the Ministers of Children and Youth Services, Health Promotion, and Health and Long-Term Care; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

7. Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program Funding

Report (August 28, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, informing the Board of Health about Ministry of Children and Youth Services funding for the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program, including the identification of budget pressures and their impact on service delivery to prenatal women and families with children 0 to 6 years of age.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health advocate to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and the Minister of Children and Youth Services for sufficient and sustainable provincial funding to ensure that Toronto Public Health can achieve full compliance with provincial service standards; and

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

8. Toronto Public Health – Operating Budget Variance Report for the six months ended June 30, 2006

Report (August 28, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, informing the Board of Health about the Toronto Public Health (TPH) Operating Budget Variance for the six months of operation ending on June 30, 2006.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

9. Toronto Public Health – Capital Budget Variance Report for the six months ended June 30, 2006

Report (August 8, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, informing the Board of Health about the Toronto Public Health Capital Budget Variance for the six-month period ended June 30, 2006.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

10. Communities in Action Fund Grant for “Building Physically Active Communities”

Report (August 25, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, informing the Board of Health of the receipt of a Communities in Action Fund (CIAF) grant 2006- 2007 from the Ministry of Health Promotion to support the development of a community-based physical activity promotion project across the City of Toronto and to seek approval for an amendment to the Toronto Public Health 2006 Operating Budget with respect to this funding.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Toronto Public Health’s 2006 Operating Budget be increased by \$54,978 thousand gross and revenue, to reflect the Communities in Action Fund 2006-2007 Grant for “Building Physically Active Communities”;

- (2) this report be forwarded directly to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration at its meeting scheduled for September 18, 2006 due to time constraints for the use of this funding; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

11. Establishment of a Toronto Public Health Dental Clinic in the North York Civic Centre

Report (August 30, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, requesting additional funds to renovate space at the North York Civic Centre to establish a dental clinic and complete the final phase of harmonizing the dental treatment program citywide.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) additional funds of \$411,860 be requested in the 2007 Toronto Public Health Capital Budget to establish a dental clinic at the North York Civic Centre to;
- (2) the additional funds be repaid in the year 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, using the savings realised from the restructuring of the North York dental treatment program as indicated in Table 1, "North York Dental Clinic – Revised Cash Flow";
- (3) this report be forwarded to Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2007 Capital Budget process; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

12. 2007 Operating Budget

Update by the Medical Officer of Health.

13. Pandemic Influenza Plan for the City of Toronto

Update by the Medical Officer of Health.

14. Tracking Deaths in the Homeless Population

Report (August 28, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, outlining the current status of homeless death monitoring in the City of Toronto and recommending steps to improve the quality of available information. The proposed mortality data resource will support regular reporting on notable trends and issues.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Medical Officer of Health report to the Board of Health on aggregate findings and identified trends in deaths in the homeless population on a biannual basis, beginning with 2007 data; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

15. Launch of Animal Licensing System

Verbal report.

16. Progress Report on Access to Environmental Information

Report (August 28, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing an update on work to date to increase access to environmental information in Toronto.

Recommendation:

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

17. XVI International AIDS Conference

Report (August 29, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, outlining the participation of Toronto Public Health in both the planning and delivery of the XVI International AIDS Conference held in the City of Toronto, August 13 – 18, 2006.

Recommendation:

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

18. Early Detection and Screening of Cancer Initiative for Farsi, Ukrainian and Punjabi Women

Report (August 28, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, informing the Board of Health about the Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition/Toronto Public Health OMNI/Rogers multicultural media initiative which provides easy access to health information on the importance of early detection and screening of women's cancers to Farsi, Ukrainian and Punjabi women in their language of origin.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

19. Amendments to Ontario Food Safety Regulations Exempting Farmers' Markets, Religious Organizations, Service Clubs and Fraternal Organizations

Report (August 28, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, reporting on the impact of recent amendments to Ontario Regulation 562 on food safety in Toronto and to propose actions to ensure the food safety is maintained given these changes.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health convey to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care its serious concerns about the impact on food safety in Toronto of the recent amendments to Ontario Regulation 562 (Food Premises) and request the Minister to:
 - (a) amend the Food Premises Regulation to exempt only those vendors at a farmers' market who are farmers selling their own farm products;
 - (b) amend the Food Premises Regulation to limit the exemption for special events held by religious organizations, service clubs and fraternal organizations to which the general public is invited to those with planned attendance of 1,000 people or less;
 - (c) take a more active role in explaining the amendments to health units and affected food premises;
- (2) this report be referred to the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors of Ontario, Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors, Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health and the Ontario Ministers of Agriculture, Health Promotion and Municipal Affairs and Housing; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

20. Annual Report of Outstanding Staff Report Requests

Report (August 29, 2006) from the City Clerk, providing the Board of Health with an annual update of outstanding items as required by Section 34 (c) of Board of Health By-law No. 1-1998 to govern the proceedings of the Board of Health for the City of Toronto Health Unit.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

21. Planning and Transportation Committee Report 4, Clause 9 – Proposed Change to National Plumbing Code: Hot Water Delivery in Building

Communication (July 4, 2006) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on June 27, 28 and 29, 2006, considered Planning and Transportation Committee Report 4, Clause 9, titled, “Proposed Change to National Plumbing Code: Hot Water Delivery in Buildings” and forwarded a copy to the Board of Health, for information.

22. Policy and Finance Committee Report 5, Clause 36 – Toronto Public Health Budget Adjustment for Summer Service Implementation

Communication (July 4, 2006) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on June 27, 28 and 29, 2006, considered Policy and Finance Committee Report 5, Clause 36, titled, “Toronto Public Health Budget Adjustment for Summer Service Implementation” and forwarded a copy to the Board of Health, for information.

23. Local Health Committee Minutes

23(a). Minutes of the Etobicoke York Local Health Committee meeting held on June 14, 2006



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The following material relates to items already on the main agenda.

6(a). Future Funding Requirements of Early Child Development Projects

Communication (June 30, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health and Secretary-Treasurer, Middlesex-London Board of Health.

11(a). Establishment of a Toronto Public Health Dental Clinic in the North York Civic Centre

Communication (September 8, 2006) from the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee, advising that the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee, at its meeting held on September 7, 2006, recommended that the Board of Health:

- (1) be advised that the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee is reporting without recommendation on the report (August 28, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health; and
- (2) be requested to refer the report (August 28, 2006) to the Medical Officer of Health, with a request that an additional report be prepared providing further information on alternative solutions.

12(a). Toronto Public Health - 2007 Operating Budget Submission

Report (September 11, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, outlining the Toronto Public Health (TPH) 2007 Operating Budget request and explaining the service and financial implications of the Province's announcement to limit 2006 funding growth to five percent province-wide.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that:

- (1) a Toronto Public Health 2007 Operating Budget of \$210,493.1 thousand gross and \$50,750.1 thousand net including a base budget of \$209,131.6 thousand gross and \$50,161.9 thousand net, and New and Enhanced Services of \$1,361.5 thousand gross and \$588.2 thousand net, be approved in principle;
- (2) the list of adjustments included in the Toronto Public Health 2007 Operating Budget and Summarized in Table 4, "Summary of 2007 Base Changes from 2006 Approved Budget" of this report totaling a decrease of \$2,201.5 thousand gross and a reduction of \$13,666.6 thousand net, be approved in principle;
- (3) the list of adjustments included in the Toronto Public Health 2007 Operating Budget and Summarized in Table 5, "Summary of 2007 New and Enhanced Services" totaling \$1,361.5 thousand gross and \$588.2 thousand net, be approved in principle;
- (4) the Medical Officer of Health be requested to report to the Board of Health in January 2007 on the services and financial implications if the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) approves a 2006 base funding grant for cost shared mandatory programs that is different from that in the Toronto Public Health 2006 Working Budget;
- (5) 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 provincial funding to promote and protect the health of the Toronto population;
- (6) City Council be requested to direct any reduction in TPH 2007 municipal funding due to the increase in provincial cost sharing to 75 percent from 65 percent 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;
- (7) this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for its consideration during the 2007 budget process; and

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

12(b). Communication (September 8, 2006) from the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee, advising that the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee, at its meeting held on September 7, 2006, recommended to the Board of Health that:

- (1) the 2007 Operating Budget Request – 2007 New/Enhanced Business Cases Program, be endorsed; and
- (2) the Medical Officer of Health be requested to report to the Board of Health on the feasibility and associated costs of including the following additional services under the Service Improvement – Fully City Funded category:
 - (a) Car Free Day Event;
 - (b) Enforcement of Animal Control in City Parks;
 - (c) Expansion of Toronto Dental Services program; and
 - (d) Seniors Dental Services in Long-Term Care Facilities.

13(a). Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Update

Report (September 11, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, presenting an update on the status of Toronto Public Health pandemic influenza preparedness since July 2006.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

NEW BUSINESS

24. City of Toronto Lobbyist Regulation

Report (September 11, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, outlining plans for lobbyists regulation by the City of Toronto and implications for the Board of Health.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health express its support to City Council for the inclusion of Board of Health members and appointees to advisory bodies to the Board of Health as public office holders in the proposed lobbyist registration system;

- (2) the Board of Health express its support to City Council for the exemption of not-for-profit organizations from the proposed lobbyist registration system;
- (3) the Medical Officer of Health report to the Board any additional implications of lobbyist regulation for public health as the system is developed; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.