

July 25, 2007

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

City Council on July 16, 17, 18 and 19, 2007, referred the following Motion to the Executive Committee:

M86 Composition of the Board of Health *Moved by Councillor Del Grande, seconded by Councillor Nunziata*

SUMMARY:

The Toronto Board of Health is composed of 13 members (its maximum composition): six (6) City Councillors, six (6) members of the public and one (1) School Board representative. The appointment of a School Board representative provides a vital link between the School Boards and the City of Toronto.

There are two large publicly-funded School Boards within the City of Toronto consisting of the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB).

For the 2003 to 2006 term and the 2006 to 2010 term, the School Board representative on the Toronto Board of Health has been from the TDSB: Sheila Cary-Meagher from 2003 to 2006, and Soo Wong for the 2006 to 2010 term. As a result, the TCDSB will not have had a representative on the Board of Health for seven years, when the current term ends in 2010.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Executive Committee review the composition of the Toronto Board of Health and consider the following proposals:
 - a. reduce the number of City Councillors from six (6) members to five (5) members and increase the number of School Board representatives from 1 (one) to two (2) members, so that both the TDSB and TCDSB have a representative on the Board of Health;

OR

- b. rotate the School Board Representative between the TDSB and the TCDSB each term; and
- c. amend the Public Appointments Policy to reflect the revised composition of the Board of Health so that the new composition takes effect with the 2010 term of Council.

for City Clerk

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