

## Board of Health

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<b>Meeting Date</b>	Monday, April 16, 2007	<b>Phone</b>	416-392-8032
<b>Start Time</b>	1:00 PM	<b>E-mail</b>	cdavidov@toronto.ca
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### Prohibiting the Burning of Used Motor Oil for Space Heating in Toronto

#### City Council Decision

City Council on April 23 and 24, 2007, adopted the following motions:

1. City Council express its support to the Ontario Minister of the Environment for the proposed provincial ban on burning used oil for space-heating purposes.
2. The City's agencies, boards, commissions and divisions be requested to send their used motor oil for re-refining, and that they accept tenders in this regard from oil re-refineries only.
3. The General Manager, Transportation Services be requested to submit a report to the Executive Committee with a list of all companies to which the City and its agencies, boards and commissions sell their used motor oil.
4. The following motion be referred to the Medical Officer of Health for inclusion in his July report "Community Right to Know":

Moved by Councillor Augimeri:

"That the Medical Officer of Health be requested to provide City Council with a list of locations in the City of Toronto that burn used motor oil."

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(March 29, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

#### Board Recommendations

The Board of Health recommends that City Council express its support to the Ontario Minister of the Environment for the proposed provincial ban on burning used oil for space-heating purposes.

### **Financial Impact**

This report will have no financial impact.

### **Summary**

Burning used oil for space heating is an unnecessary source of air pollution since cleaner-burning alternatives are available. This report describes whether the new City of Toronto Act provides wider jurisdictional authority to prohibit the burning of used motor oil in Toronto, in a manner that would supersede provincial permits for this activity, as requested by Council.

Legal Services advises that the new City of Toronto Act does not allow conflict between City by-laws and Provincial permits. A by-law as proposed would almost certainly face challenge on the basis that it conflicts with Provincial Certificates of Approval and could be struck down on that basis. However, on January 11, 2007, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) announced its intention to ban the burning of used oil for space-heating, which would address the City's concerns. The Medical Officer of Health has expressed his support for the proposed ban to the Minister of Environment.

### **Background Information**

Prohibiting the Burning of Used Motor Oil for Space Heating in Toronto  
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-2759.pdf>)

*Submitted Monday, April 16, 2007*

*Councillor John Fillion, Chair, Board of Health*