

North York Local Health Committee
Wednesday January 16, 2008
6:00- 8:00 p.m.
North York Civic Centre, Committee Room 4, Lower Level

APPROVED MINUTES

Present: Sandra Romano Anthony, Margaret Cheung, Bill Coleman, Elliott Delaunay, Janet Maher, Jane McDonald, Earle Straus, Anna Walsh, Valerie Sterling (Chair), Sara Farrell (CHO), Eleanor Ziv, (recorder)

Regrets: Sue Makin, Anne McConnell, Marvin Gold, Christian Havriliuc, Lidia Monaco

1.0 Welcome, Additions to Agenda

Valerie welcomed Brian Cook, Consultant Research, Citizen Focused Services A, and Judi Wilkie, Manager, Healthy Living, CDP Nutrition Promotion

- Agenda was approved with the following 2 additions
 - 2008 National Year of Sanitation re Water Mains
 - Immunization re Travel Awareness
- Approval of Agenda was made by Anna Walsh and seconded by Jane MacDonald

2.0 Review of Minutes of November 29, 2007

- Motion to approve the Minutes of November 29, 2007 was made by Bill Coleman and seconded by Jane MacDonald.

Action Items:

3.1 Board of Health Questions is 4.0 on Agenda of January 16th for discussion by Valerie

5.0 Motion to BOH re Diabetes

- Valerie took Motion to the BOH at the December 6, 2007 meeting.

3.0 Toronto Food Strategy Discussion Paper Presentation: Brian Cook

- Brian Cook gave background information on the Food Strategy report and requested input/comments from the Committee on what they thought is missing from the strategy.
- Judi Wilkie answered questions on the various Public Health nutrition programs.
- A variety of topics were discussed for consideration and inclusion in the strategy.
- Brian requested any further comments be emailed to him.
- LIHN is not involved in the Food Strategy at the moment.
- The MOH is meeting to discuss the strategy.
- Valerie thanked Brian and Judi for attending our meeting, sharing and clarifying information for us.

4.0 Board of Health Follow Up from Strategic Planning Session and January Agenda

- The North Local Health Committee's priorities were discussed at the BOH retreat and were all incorporated.

- The agenda for the Strategic Planning Session was to develop a common understanding, to set major goals, and to discuss the level of responsibility, whether it be government, provincial or municipal, and who should be advocating to partner together.
- It is our understanding that all the information discussed at this meeting will be summarized and returned to us. No date has been established.
- Valerie will share the information as it becomes available.

January BOH Agenda

- Valerie discussed items of interest such as:
 - poverty issue in Toronto;
 - Smoke Free Ontario Act has an amendment to protect children and youth from second hand smoke in motor vehicles.
- Valerie received a letter from the Ministry on the new Ontario Public Health Standards which is replacing the Mandatory Guidelines.
 - Different consultations, on various dates, are being held and all health units have been asked to participate.
 - Feedback will be done through a website and electronic surveys. There will be a verbal presentation on this at the Board of Health meeting.
- TPH looked at 25 chemicals that can affect the health of the population.
 - Drycleaners have been found to be major polluters. A website is being released January 7th for the public.
- Valerie shared the document “Environmental Reporting and Disclosure Report”.

ACTION: Eleanor will send out the electronic version of the Environmental Reporting and Disclosure Report to the members to review before the next meeting.

- Can be added to agenda for next meeting.

ACTION: Sara will contact Rick Waite, Health Consultant, to find out the deadline for feedback of this document.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Parks, Forestry and Recreation *Everybody Gets to play* Strategy and Public Consultation January 17th, 7-8 p.m. NYCC, Council Chambers (see attached report).

- This item has received a lot of media coverage lately so was added to the Agenda.
- This will remain on the Agenda for the next meeting.
 - There is concern about increase in fees for programs.
 - Parks & Rec. are having a community consultation regarding this on Thursday, January 18th from 7-9 p.m. More information is available on the Parks & Rec. website.

ACTION: Sara will go to the meeting and will report back.

ACTION: Janet can bring views from other community outlets to the next meeting.

ACTION: Valerie recommended Sara get a representative from P&R to come and speak to the committee.

5.2 2008 International Year of Sanitation – Earle Straus

- Earle looked into Toronto’s water quality and loss of fresh water due to leakage problems. Water and sewer pipes are old and sewage leakage can affect the fresh water system.
- Valerie recommended that we get additional information, document our findings and continue our discussion.

ACTION: Earle offered to look into this further and report back to the Committee.

- The Committee will then determine the next steps.
- A representative from the Water Department could be asked to come and address the committee.

5.3 Immunization re Travel Awareness – Anna Walsh

- More public awareness and education is needed on travel immunization
- Valerie recommended we start by finding out what is available.

ACTION: Sara will get information from the public health vaccine preventable department on what social marketing strategies are currently being done to promote travellers getting their Hepatitis A and B shot before heading south.

6.0 Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, February 19th at 6:00 p.m.
Committee Room 3, Lower Level
NYCC, 5100 Yonge St.

Meeting Schedule till June 2008

LHC	Room #	BOH
Tues February 19	Cmte Rm 3 Lower Level	February 26
No meeting in March		
Wed April 16	Cmte Rm 4 Lower Level	April 21
Tues May 13	Cmte Rm 4 Lower Level	May 20
Wed June 11	Cmte Rm 1 Lower Level	June 16
Tues June 24	Cmte Rm 4 Lower Level	July 3

7.0 Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Janet Maher and seconded by Margaret Cheung
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.