



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Change of Name Request by Approved Professional Holistic Association

Date:	February 1, 2008
To:	Licensing and Standards Committee
From:	Lenna Bradburn, Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	6534

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to recommend an amendment to City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Appendix “L”, List of Professional Holistic Associations, regarding a change in name from the Association of Massage Therapists and Wholistic Practitioners (AMTWP) to the National Health Practitioners of Canada Association (NHPCA).

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards Division, recommends that:

1. City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545, be amended by deleting the words Association of Massage Therapists and Wholistic Practitioners from Appendix “L” to Chapter 545 and inserting the words National Health Practitioners of Canada Association;
2. The City Solicitor be directed to prepare the necessary bill to give effect to the recommendations in this report, effective immediately; and,
3. All other appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.

Public notice has been given in a manner prescribed in the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 162, Notice, Public.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This report will have no financial impact beyond what has already been approved in the current year's budget.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of December 5, 6 and 7, 2005, City Council adopted without amendment, Planning and Transportation Committee Report 10, Clause 9, titled "Qualified Professional Holistic Associations Whose Members may be licensed as City of Toronto Holistic Practitioners and Owners." As a result of the adoption of this report, applicants for holistic practitioner's licences must be members in good standing of at least one of the Professional Holistic Associations approved and recognized by the City of Toronto.

Of the 13 Professional Holistic Associations approved through the adoption of this report by City Council, one was the AMTWP.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

On October 12, 2007, the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division (ML&S) received correspondence from the AMTWP advising that the name of their Professional Holistic Association had been changed to the NHPCA and requesting that this change in name be reflected in Appendix "L" to Chapter 545, Licensing of the City of Toronto Municipal Code.

COMMENTS

The AMTWP was advised that ML&S required documentation indicating that the name of the association has been legally changed. The NHPCA subsequently provided ML&S with a notarized document, attached as Appendix "A" to this report, indicating that a Notice of Change had been filed with the Ministry of Consumer and Business Services on September 27, 2007 reporting the change of name to the NHPCA.

The notarized document also indicated that a Corporation Profile Report issued and certified by the Ministry of Consumer and Business Services on December 19, 2007 confirmed their change of name to the NHPCA.

Legal Services has reviewed the document and are satisfied that the name of the association had been legally changed.

Legal Services was consulted in the preparation of this report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix “A” – Notarized Copies of Change of Name Documents