

Board of Health

Meeting No.	20	Contact	Candy Davidovits, Committee Administrator
Meeting Date	Monday, January 19, 2009	Phone	416-392-8032
Start Time	1:00 PM	E-mail	boh@toronto.ca
Location	Committee Room 1, City Hall	Chair	Councillor John Filion

The Decision Document is for preliminary reference purposes only. Please refer to the Board of Health's Report to City Council or to the Minutes for the official record.

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- *Recommendations of the Board of Health to City Council appear after the item heading.*
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Minutes Confirmed – November 17, 2008

HL20.1	ACTION	Amended		
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Election of Chair for 2009

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health elected Councillor John Filion as Chair of the Board of Health for a term of office starting January 19, 2009 to December 31, 2009, and until a successor is elected.

Summary

The Board of Health to elect its Chair for 2009.

HL20.2	ACTION	Amended		
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Election of Vice-Chair for 2009

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health elected Councillor Janet Davis as Vice-Chair of the Board of Health for a term of office starting January 19, 2009 to December 31, 2009, and until a successor is elected.

Summary

The Board of Health to elect its Vice-Chair for 2009.

HL20.3	ACTION	Amended		
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Update: Trans Fat Reduction in Toronto

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health requested that:

1. Toronto Public Health evaluate the success of the Federal voluntary approach to trans fat reductions in Toronto by conducting a survey to determine the extent to which specific food products containing trans fat are still available on grocery store shelves and in Toronto food service operations. This survey will follow the end of the two-year federal review period and the results will be reported to the Board of Health;
2. Toronto Public Health continue to monitor trans fat reduction initiatives at the Federal level and in other jurisdictions; and
3. This report be sent to all Toronto school boards highlighting the progress made and the further need to reduce the trans fat levels of the nutrition programs for children and youth.

Origin

(January 7, 2009) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Summary

The purpose of this report is to summarize progress in reducing trans fat in Toronto since the September 2007 Board of Health report, *The Reduction of Trans Fat in the Toronto Food Supply*. That report reviewed the public health implications of artificially produced trans fat in the food supply, including an increased risk of heart disease, and reported on steps taken to reduce artificial trans fat in the operations of Toronto Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Divisions.

At that time, it was recommended that Toronto Public Health (TPH) assist the food and food service industries in shifting from the use of trans fat to healthier alternatives by education and monitoring, with public reporting on trans fat levels in the food supply. The option of

regulation to restrict trans fat use was deferred pending the results of Health Canada’s national monitoring and voluntary approach, and an evaluation of the effectiveness of this strategy.

TPH has collaborated with Health Canada’s Trans Fat Monitoring Program to ensure that low-cost and ethno-cultural foods were included in the sampling. TPH has also trained staff involved in the delivery of the Student Nutrition Programs to ensure that programs are serving foods with reduced trans fat. In addition, TPH has promoted voluntary trans fat reductions to Toronto food service operators.

Background Information

hl20.3 - Update: Trans Fat Reduction in Toronto

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-18201.pdf>)

HL20.4	ACTION	Amended		
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Proposed Amendment to Municipal Code, Chapter 608, Parks, to Prohibit Smoking around Playgrounds and Other Areas in City of Toronto Parks

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health advised City Council that it endorsed the following recommendations of the Parks and Environment Committee:

1. Smoking tobacco and the holding of lighted tobacco be prohibited within a 9-metre radius of the edge of playground safety surfaces or any playground equipment in Toronto parks, and within a 9-metre radius of the edge of wading pool basins or safety surfaces of splash pads operated by Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division;
2. Smoking tobacco and the holding of lighted tobacco also be prohibited within zoos and farms managed by Parks, Forestry and Recreation;
3. The City Solicitor be directed to amend Municipal Code Chapter 608, Parks, to prohibit smoking tobacco and holding lighted tobacco within a 9-metre radius surrounding the edge of playground safety surfaces or any playground equipment in Toronto parks, within a 9-metre radius surrounding the edge of wading pool basins or safety surfaces of splash pads, and within zoos and farms operated by Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division, substantially as outlined in Appendix A of this report, subject to any necessary minor substantive or stylistic refinements as may be identified by the General Manager and the City Solicitor;
4. The amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 608, Parks, come into force the day after the set fine order is issued by the Province;
5. Signage be designed and installed identifying the smoking prohibition and identify the relevant provisions of *Municipal Code, Chapter 608, Parks*; and

6. The City Solicitor be authorized to introduce the necessary bills to give effect to these recommendations.

Origin

(December 9, 2008) Report from General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and Dr. David McKeown, Medical Officer of Health addressed to the Parks and Environment Committee

Summary

Tobacco use is the greatest single cause of preventable disease. Research clearly indicates that there is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke. Children are especially vulnerable. Second-hand smoke impacts a growing child's body and has been linked to increased respiratory illnesses including ear infections, lower lung capacity, childhood asthma and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

This report proposes amendments to *Municipal Code, Chapter 608, Parks*, to prohibit smoking tobacco and the holding of lighted tobacco in City of Toronto playgrounds, wading pools and splash pads, and within zoos and farms that are managed by Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

Financial Impact

It will cost \$16,000 in 2009 to provide signage in City of Toronto parks. Fifty percent of these costs will be funded through the Parks Branch 2009 Operating budget for signage replacement. The balance will be paid by Toronto Public Health through 100% provincial funding from the Smoke Free Ontario Program.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

(Note: The recommendations from the Parks and Environment Committee meeting to be held on January 16, 2009, will be distributed to the Board of Health at the meeting.)

Background Information

hl20.4 - Proposed Amendment to Municipal Code, Chapter 608, Parks, to Prohibit Smoking around Playgrounds and Other Areas in City of Toronto Parks - Staff Report
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-18133.pdf>)

4a Proposed Amendment to Municipal Code, Chapter 608 Parks, to Prohibit Smoking around Playgrounds and Other Areas in City of Toronto Parks

Origin

(January 16, 2009) Letter from Parks and Environment Committee

Summary

Forwarding the recommendation of the Parks and Environment Committee from its meeting

held on January 16, 2009.

Background Information

hl20.4a - Proposed Amendment to Municipal Code, Chapter 608 Parks, to Prohibit Smoking around Playgrounds and Other Areas - Letter

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-18345.pdf>)

HL20.5	ACTION	Adopted		
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Ontario Public Health Standards

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health requested the Medical Officer of Health to report to the Board of Health in May 2009, on the implementation of the Ontario Public Health Standards and Protocols outlining how Toronto Public Health will incorporate the new standards in strategic and service planning.

Origin

(January 5, 2009) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Summary

The Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care released the new Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS) in November 2008. The OPHS and their related Protocols are published pursuant to Section 7 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7. The new Standards and Protocols establish the minimum requirements for basic public health programs and services including assessment and surveillance, health promotion and policy development, disease and injury prevention, and health protection. Boards of Health are legally responsible for implementing the OPHS and Protocols.

A number of Toronto Public Health (TPH) staff attended the Ministry's November launch which included a series of workshops. The Medical Officer of Health and staff are now working on the development of an internal TPH plan that will:

- communicate the new standards and protocols to staff;
- assess Toronto Public Health service compliance with standards and protocols, which provide direction on how boards of health must operationalize specific requirements; and
- inform ongoing TPH strategic and service planning processes.

Background Information

hl20.5 - Ontario Public Health Standards - Staff Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-18198.pdf>)

HL20.6	ACTION	Adopted		
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Appointment of 2009 Review Panels for the AIDS Prevention and Drug Prevention Community Investment Programs

Confidential Attachment - Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health:

1. appointed the individuals listed in Confidential Attachment 3 to the AIDS Prevention Community Investment Program Review Panel for 2009 and the Drug Prevention Community Investment Program Review Panel for 2009; and
2. directed the City Clerk to make the appointees' names public once appointed by the Board:

Confidential Attachment 3 to the report (January 5, 2009) from the Medical Officer of Health is now public in its entirety and contains the names of the following persons appointed to the 2009 AIDS Prevention Community Investment Program Review Panel and the 2009 Drug Prevention Community Investment Program Review Panel:

City Councillors:

Shelley Carroll*

Kyle Rae*

Michael Thompson*

Board of Health Member:

Lisa O'Brien*

Expert Members:

Mary Grondin*, Sherbourne Health Centre

John Maxwell*, AIDS Committee of Toronto

Citizens:

Alexander Dow*

Silke Haller*

John Kerenyi*

Notisha Massaquoi

Alternate:

Greg Downer

Claude Isofa Nkanga Bokembya

* Returning member

Drug Prevention Community Investment Program Review Panel Membership:

City Councillor:
Paula Fletcher

Board of Health Member:
Wangari Muriuki*

Expert Members:
Wade Hillier*, College of Physicians and Surgeons
Adonis Huggins*, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

Citizens:
Cathy Kozma*
Shahryar Murshed*
Gila Raposo*
Nick Boyce*
Hermia Corbette*
Jason Altenberg
Chi Ching Hui
Ranee Chambers

* Returning members

Origin

(January 5, 2009) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Summary

The report recommends members of the Review Panels for the 2009 AIDS Prevention and Drug Prevention Community Investment Programs for appointment by the Board of Health. The individuals proposed for panel membership are listed in confidential Attachment 3.

Background Information

hl.20.6 - Appointment of 2009 Review Panels for the AIDS Prevention and Drug Prevention Community Investment Programs - Staff Report
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-18199.pdf>)
hl20.6 - AIDS Prevention and Drug Prevention Community Investment Program Review Panels - Attachment 3
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-18473.pdf>)

HL20.7	Information	Received		
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Update on City Council Approved Toronto Public Health 2009 – 2018 Capital Plan and Forecast

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health received, for information, the report (January 2, 2009) from the Medical

Officer of Health.

Origin

(January 2, 2009) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Summary

This report provides an update to the Toronto Public Health (TPH) 2009 Capital Budget, 5-Year Capital Plan (2009-2013) and 5-Year Capital Forecast (2014-2018) as approved by City Council.

At its meeting of December 10, 2008, City Council approved a TPH 2009-2013 Capital Budget and Plan for a total of \$18.809 million with a 2009 cash flow of \$5.110 million (including a carry-forward of \$1.611 million from 2008) and future year commitments of \$3.499 million for 2010, and \$3.400 million in each year from 2011 to 2013.

City Council approved, in principle, the 2014-2018 Capital Forecast for TPH totalling \$17.0 million in project estimates, comprised of \$3.400 million in each year from 2014 to 2018 and requested that this forecast be used as a foundation for preparing a 2010-2019 Capital Plan and Forecast as part of the 2010 Capital Budget process.

Background Information

hl20.7 - Update on City Council Approved Toronto Public Health 2009 -2018 Capital Plan and Forecast - Staff Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-18197.pdf>)

HL20.8	Information	Received		
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Local Health Committee Minutes

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health received, for information, the Minutes of the following Local Health Committee meetings:

- Scarborough Local Health Committee meeting held on June 10, 2008.
- Scarborough Local Health Committee meeting held on September 9, 2008.
- Toronto/East York Local Health Committee meeting held on October 21, 2008.

Summary

- Minutes of the Scarborough Local Health Committee meeting held on June 10, 2008.
- Minutes of the Scarborough Local Health Committee meeting held on September 9, 2008.

- Minutes of the Toronto/East York Local Health Committee meeting held on October 21, 2008.

Background Information

hl20.8 - Scarborough Local Health Committee Minutes - June 10, 2008

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-18122.pdf>)

hl 20.8 - Scarborough Local Health Committee Minutes - Sept. 9, 2008

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-18123.pdf>)

hl20.8 - Toronto/East York Local Health Committee Minutes - October 21, 2008

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-18124.pdf>)

HL20.9	Information	Received		
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Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Update

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health received, for information, the verbal update on pandemic influenza.

Summary

The Medical Officer of Health will give a verbal update on Pandemic Influenza Preparedness.

HL20.10	ACTION	Amended		
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Expansion of the Children In Need Of Treatment Dental Program

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health:

1. recommended to the Budget Committee for consideration during the 2009 operating budget process that the Toronto Public Health 2009 Operating Budget be increased by \$5,253.4 thousand gross and \$0.0 net, to reflect confirmed funding from the Ministry of Health Promotion for the expansion of the Children in Need of Treatment (CINOT) dental program to children aged 14 to 17;
2. requested that the Chair write to the Province thanking them for the step taken in funding the program 100 percent in 2009 and pointing out the current and future financial strain that this program will place on municipal budget; and
3. communicated to the Association of Local Public Health Agencies and the Ontario Public Health Association the need to advocate for 100 percent funding in 2010 and beyond for this program.

Origin

(January 14, 2009) Report from Medical Officer Of Health

Summary

On December 18, 2008, the Minister of Health Promotion announced that effective January 1, 2009, the provincial Children In Need of Treatment (CINOT) dental program is expanded to include children up to their 18th birthday. This expansion was announced as part of the provincial poverty reduction strategy.

To implement the expansion of the CINOT dental program, Toronto Public Health will be receiving funds totalling \$5,253,442 to cover 100% of treatment costs in 2009. However, beginning in 2010, the expansion will be cost shared 75:25 percent between the Province and the City, respectively.

Financial Impact

The table below summarizes the budget adjustment required to Toronto Public Health's 2009 Operating Budget resulting from the confirmation of base funding from the Ministry of Health Promotion. For 2009 the program will be funded at 100 percent by the Province. In 2010, the Provincial cost sharing formula will be reduced to 75 percent.

Toronto Public Health - Confirmed Funding for 2009 (\$000)						
Program	2009 Financial Impact Incr. / (Decr.)			2010 Financial Impact Incr. / (Decr.)		
	Gross	Revenue	Net	Gross	Revenue	Net
CINOT	5,253.4	5,253.4	0.0	0.0	(1,313.4)	1,313.4

The Acting Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer have reviewed this report and agree with the financial impact information.

Background Information

hl20.10 - Expansion of the Children in Need of Treatment Dental Program - Staff Report
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-18279.pdf>

10a Expansion of the Children in Need of Treatment Dental Program

Origin

(January 15, 2009) Letter from Board of Health Budget Sub-Committee

Summary

Forwarding the recommendation of the Board of Health Budget Sub-Committee from its meeting held on November 12, 2008.

Background Information

hl20.10a - Letter from the Board of Health Budget Sub-Committee
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-18334.pdf>

HL20.11	ACTION	Adopted		
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Board of Health Representation and Attendance at 2009 Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) Meetings

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health:

1. approved the participation of the Board of Health's representative or alternate at all alPHa Board meetings, alPHa Board of Health Section meetings and alPHa semi-annual meetings/conferences in 2009 and pay expenses associated with this participation; and
2. encouraged the participation of its members at any alPHa Board of Health Section meetings and semi-annual meetings/conferences held in Toronto (see Attachment 1 for the winter semi-annual meeting) in 2009 and pay expenses associated with this participation.

Origin

(January 19, 2009) Report from the Medical Officer of Health

Summary

The purpose of this report is to request that the Board of Health approve the payment of expenses for the participation of Board of Health members at the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) meetings/conferences for 2009.

Financial Impact

Funds to pay expenses for Board of Health members to attend alPHa meetings are within the 2009 Recommended Toronto Public Health Operating Budget. The Board of Health approves use of these funds.

Background Information

hl20.11 - Board of Health Representation and Attendance at 2009 Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) - Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-18346.pdf>

hl20.11 - Attachment 1: 2009 alPHa Winter Semi-Annual Meeting

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-18347.pdf>

HL20.12	Information	Received		
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Inner City Advisory Committee of the Toronto District School Board

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health received, for information, the e-mail (January 12, 2009) from Trustee Sheila Cary-Meagher.

Origin

(January 19, 2009) Letter from Trustee Sheila Cary-Meagher

Summary

Advising that the Inner City Advisory Committee, at its meeting on January 8, 2009, passed the following motion:

1. that the Inner City Advisory Committee supports Toronto Public Health in matching provincial funding for student nutrition programs;
2. that the Inner City Advisory Committee parity in funding between the elementary and youth funding for nutrition programs; and
3. that this information be forwarded to Trustee Soo Wong, Toronto District School Board's Public Health liaison and both Inner City Advisory Committee Trustee representatives, Chris Tonks and Sheila Cary-Meagher and Liz Janzen, Inner City Advisory Committee representative from Toronto Public Health.

Background Information

hl20.12 - Inner City Advisory Committee – Letter from Trustee Sheila Cary-Meagher.
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-18365.pdf>)

Meeting Sessions

Session Date	Session Type	Start Time	End Time	Public or Closed Session
2009-01-19	Afternoon	1:10 PM	2:05 PM	Public

Attendance

Date and Time	Quorum	Members
2009-01-19 1:10 PM - 2:05 PM (Public Session)	Present	<i>Present:</i> Bravo, Chari, Cho, Davis, Filion, Fletcher, Lee, Muriuki, Nelson, O'Brien, Perks, Sterling, Wong