

TORONTO / EAST YORK LOCAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2010 **Time:** 6:00 p.m. – 8:00p.m.
Location: 277 Victoria Street – 5th Floor – Room 504

PRESENT: Fiona Nelson (Chair)
Roman Polochansky
Liz Janzen
Penelope Marrett
Bryan Heal
Evadne Wilkinson
Jeanne Jabanoski
Chrysoula Bazos (Minutes)

REGRETS: Aldo Gatti
Brian Parris
Marlon Merraro
Marvin Greenberg
Lino Grima
Katherine Hoffmann

1.0 Approval of Minutes/Notes of November 10th, 2009.

The Minutes/Notes of November 10th, 2009 were adopted as read.

2.0 Business Arising

A question was posed by Penelope Marrett asking if the Draft Plan of the Strategic Plan was too early to be circulated. Liz Janzen stated that it has been delayed because of H1N1 and the circulation is really behind schedule because of this delay.

3.0 Board of Health Report Update (Fiona) /take from board of health/

Fiona Nelson provided an update on Board of Health. The following reports will be presented to the Board of Health: Pollution in the Food for Children in Daycare settings, Biosolids in the Water and an Air Update from the Island Airport, which is funded by the federal government.

4.0 H1N1 update (Liz Janzen)

TPH MIC (Mass Immunization Clinics) have immunized over 200,000 people.

In terms of percent of doses used, we will know at a future date as doctor clinics are still processing that amount.

There are some clinics running in January that are giving vaccines for both seasonal and H1N1 and to children who will require a second dose.

Although the infection rate is quite low at the moment the flu season still runs until April. People are still coming to the Clinics with no line-ups.

Roman Polochansky asked if it is possible to create a commission to discuss problems for recommendations in the future. A type of commission to help with problems that come up. We don't have protocols, and we don't have money but we can place some small idea and develop it in the future.

Liz stated that right now we are presenting an oral report to the Board. A written report will later follow with recommendations.

Roman stated that H1N1 was a new infection and people were just waiting, we did not have simple protocols. As a society, especially for infections, we should be able to protect ourselves.

Roman asked if we have special protocols for new infections? In the United States the Surgeon General has certain powers. Butler Jones in this country does not have the same powers.

Health in this country is delivered by each of the provinces. Therefore, the question we need to ask the Board is, "will there be a formal evaluation of what happened and report back to the Board of Health?" And include an assessment as to what would be helpful to change from the provincial and federal governments. Liz Janzen and Fiona Nelson will formulate the question to present to the Board.

5.0. Public Health Champion Award

Lily Johnson received an award for her many years of community service on Sickle Cell Anemia.

Another award was given to a small group in St. Jamestown who helped build community support and were very instrumental in their small community.

6.0. Biosolids Master Plan Update

Discussion took place on the Biosolids Master Plan Update which is going forward to the Board of Health.

7.0. Other

2009 was not a normal year because of H1N1 in April, then the strike in June and then H1N1 in November.

Nor will 2010 be business as usual because of the election. The election is on October 25th, 2010 and November 16th, 2010 will be the last meeting of the year for the Local Health Committee.

The Local Health Committee members sit until they are replaced.

The 2010 meeting dates for the Local Health Committee are as follows: February 9th, March 16th, April 27th, May 25th, June 22th, August 17th and November 16th, 2010.

Jeanne Jabanoski is leaving UHN (University Health Network) to change careers and pursue a different path in the field of textiles and art. She will be leaving UHN at the end of January.

Evadne will bring to the next meeting information on the "Home Save" documentary and share this with Liz and Brian.

8.0. Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8: 00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2010
277 Victoria Street
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6:00 p.m. – 8:00 pm