

TORONTO / EAST YORK LOCAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, February 9, 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
Aldo Gatti
Lino Grima
Brian Parris
Marlon Merraro
Marvin Greenberg
Katherine Hoffmann
Brian Cook- guest
Amy Khachatryan (Minutes)

REGRETS: Jeanne Jabanoski

1.0 Approval of Minutes of January 12th, 2010.

The Agenda was reviewed and two points 4.0. “H1N1 update” and 5.0. “Public Health Champion Award” have been taken off. There were few changes in Minutes of January 12th, 2010. The minutes with the corrections have been approved.

2.0. Business Arising

Evadne Wilkinson informed the members of Local Health Committee that the guest speaker Laura Sky will attend the next LHC meeting on March 16th with her documentary presentation “Home Save”.

3.0. Board of Health Report Update (Fiona)

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. She also provided members with copies of consultation reports: “Food Connections: Toward a Healthy and Sustainable Food System for Toronto”, “Toronto Food Strategy Update” and “Food Advertising to Children: Update”.

Brian Cook presented the report “Toronto Food Strategy Update”. This report provides an update on the Toronto Food Strategy, a project

spearheaded by Toronto Public Health in collaboration with City and community stakeholders. The goal of the project is to inspire action toward a health-focused food system – one that supports broad social determinants of health.

The consultation report proposes six directions for food system renewal:

- Grow food-friendly neighbourhoods;
- Make food a centerpiece of the new green economy;
- Eliminate hunger;
- Empower residents with food skills and information;
- Connect city and countryside through food; and,
- Embed food system thinking in City government.

TPH will conduct a broad consultation and engagement process early in 2010. Discussions will be held among a broad range of people and organizations, including farmers, community agencies, gardeners, newcomers, youth, TPH and other City staff, the private sector and other orders of government. The feedback from the process will be incorporated into a revised Toronto Food Strategy report containing more detailed action steps and mechanisms to move towards a health-focused food system. The report will be submitted to City Council by summer 2010.

Brian Cook also presented report “Food Advertising to Children: Update”. This report provides updates on trends and practices in commercial advertising to children in Canada and advocacy developments related to the Board’s February 26, 2008 decision to urge governments to prohibit all commercial advertising of food and beverages to children under the age of thirteen years. Children continue to be exposed to a greater intensity and frequency of marketing messages than any previous generation. To protect children and support parents, the Board of Health should continue to urge local, provincial and national stakeholders to endorse legislated restrictions on commercial advertising targeted to children.

There was a questions- answers time regarding both reports. The members of LHC expressed their ideas, suggestions and concerns. Fiona Nelson suggested that members of LHC send their notes with ideas and recommendations to Brian to be considered as feedback.

4.0. Update on Community Development and Recreation Committee

Fiona Nelson updated the members regarding the situation with Daycare system in Toronto and how this issue is addressed at the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

5.0. Other

Liz Janzen is going to retire in March. LHC members thanked her for all her support and wished her well.

6.0. Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8: 30 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, March 16, 2010
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