

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
Scarborough Local Health Committee  
Monday, November 9, 2009  
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Scarborough Civic Centre-Council Chambers

**Present:** Vaij Chari (Chair), Dr. Abdul Fattah, Linda Napier, Marisa Charles, Haweiya Egeh  
Toronto Public Health Staff  
Jann Houston (minutes), Maria Herrera

**Regrets:** Brian Hyndman, Khaliq Jabbar, Dhinesh Sivananthan, Heidi Sin, Ed Castro, Saleem Haniff

1.0 **Agenda Approval**

The agenda was approved by Marisa Charles and Haweiya Egek

2.0 **Approval of Minutes**

Since quorum was not met, the minutes of October 13, 2009 were not approved.

**Action:** Vaij to send minutes electronically to members for approval.

3.0 **Toronto Food Strategy**

Guest Presenter: Peter Dorfman. Peter gave a presentation on the Toronto Food Strategy. If SLHC members would like to provide him with feedback or community contacts he can be reached at [pdorfma@toronto.ca](mailto:pdorfma@toronto.ca)  
The committee is interested in involving the community in a session to increase their awareness of the issue and to provide input into the strategy.

**Action:** Maria Herrera will assign a CHO to work with the committee on this. The idea will be discussed at the community engagement workgroup in December for a community session in January 2010.

4.0 **Business Arising:**

4.1 **Strategic Planning**

Ipsos Reid gave an overview of the findings of the TPH staff survey. Maria Herrera gave an overview of the key themes from the interviews with Board of Health members and the BOH/DMT retreat. The SLHC members gave feedback on the presentation.

**Action:** Jann will forward this feedback to Catherine Clarke, Manager for the TPH strategic planning process

- 4.2     **Community engagement update**  
Vaij distributed an updated workplan from the community engagement workgroup. The workgroup met on October 27, 2009 and made revisions to the workplan. Meeting dates and minutes are ready to go on the TPH website. Work will be done in January, including recruitment for new members.
- 4.3     **Chief Blair letter**  
Letter to Chief Blair sent. No response as yet. The hospital reports very positive feedback from the police and the space may be available.
- 4.4     **Letters to advocate for dental program**  
Vaij spoke with Dr. Hazel Stewart, Dental Director at TPH, who indicated that a dental clinic will be opening in West Hill (Brimley and Eglinton) for children and seniors in January. The province may be providing additional funds for dental services for children.
- 5.0     **Board of Health Update:**  
Jann Houston provided the committee with an overview of the reports going to the November 16, 2009 Board of Health meeting.
- 6.0     **New Business:**
- 6.1     **Wind Turbines**  
Vaij reported that several Scarborough councillors will be asking the Medical Officer of Health to prepare a report on wind turbines.
- 7.0     **Next meeting:**  
Dates for 2010 are as follows:  
January 11, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
February 8, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
March 15, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
April 26, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
May 31, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
June 21, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
September 7, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
October 18, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Action:** Jann will arrange for the rooms to be booked.