

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of Board of Health

Meeting No. 3

Monday, February 19, 2001

The Board of Health met on Monday, February 19, 2001 in Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1:15 p.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Joe Mihevc, Chair	x
Councillor Sandra Bussin	
Councillor John Filion	x
Councillor Irene Jones	x
Councillor Jane Pitfield	
Councillor Michael Prue, Vice Chair	x
Ms. Jan Campbell	
Mr. Robert Davies	x
Trustee Gerri Gershon	x
Ms. Gail Lindsay	x
Mr. Brian MacKay	x
Mr. Steven Pinnock	x
Mr. Lee Zaslofsky	x

Members were present for some or all of the time period indicated.

Also Present:

Ms. Fiona Nelson.

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Mr. Davies, the Minutes of the Board of Health special meeting held on January 8, 2001 and the regular meeting held on January 22, 2001, were confirmed.

3.1 Toronto Public Health 2001 Budget Submission.

Mr. Zaslofsky declared an interest in Recommendations Nos. 1(i) and 3(e) contained in the following report from the Medical Officer of Health in that he is a Board Member of the Hassle Free Clinic and is employed by the Aids Committee of Toronto.

Mr. Mackay declared an interest in Recommendation No. 3(b) contained in the following report from the Medical Officer of Health in that he is Vice-Chair of LAMP Community Health Centre.

The Board of Health had before it a report (February 14, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing the Board of Health with additional information on the operating budget submission and process; presenting revised estimates which are recommended by the Medical Officer of Health as a means of recognizing the financial pressures facing the City while minimizing the impacts on public health programs and services; and recommending that:

- (1) in order to accommodate the City's financial pressures while minimizing the longer term impacts on programs and services, the 2001 Public Health Operating Budget Submission be reduced as noted below:
 - (a) withdrawal of the budget increase to annualize CYAC initiatives for childhood dental decay prevention (\$21,000.00 gross/net) and mental health promotion (\$124,000.00 gross/\$62,000.00 net);
 - (b) deferral of the budget increase to annualize the Raccoon Rabies control program (\$91,100.00 gross/\$45,500.00 net);
 - (c) withdrawal of budget increase to re-design the courier service (\$22,300.00 gross/\$0 net);
 - (d) withdrawal of the budget increase to create a new Epidemiologist position in the Communicable Disease Surveillance Unit, this position to be funded through reallocation within the existing staff complement (\$43,000.00 gross/\$21,500.00 net);
 - (e) deferral of the budget increase for the Hot Weather Alert plan (\$30,000.00 gross/net);
 - (f) reduction of the budget increase to harmonize Animal Services from \$641,900.00 to \$200,000.00 gross/net, so as to defer harmonization of field services and instead set aside these funds as a contingency for one-time expenses in the event that the City takes over the direct delivery of animal shelter services in the South Region (thereby reducing this budget pressure by \$441,900.00 gross/net);

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- (g) withdrawal of the budget increase to make the Retirement Homes hotline program permanent (\$377,900 gross/\$251,900 net), with mandatory inspections to be funded through reallocation of half-year funding already contained in the 2000 base budget (\$597,400 gross/\$298,700 net);
- (h) withdrawal of the budget increase to make the Retirement Homes hotline program permanent (\$377,900.00 gross/\$251,900.00 net), with mandatory inspections to be funded through reallocation of half-year funding already contained in the 2000 base budget (\$298,000.00 gross/\$0 net);
- (i) withdrawal of the temporary budget increase for ETS by-law enforcement, such resources to be provided through temporary reallocation within the existing staff complement for Tobacco Control Act enforcement and other inspection activities as may be required (\$188,300.00 gross/\$94,200.00 net);
- (j) withdrawal of the budget increase to provide permanent funding for the shortfall in contracted payments to Hassle-Free Clinic (\$40,000.00 gross/\$20,000.00 net);
- (k) withdrawal of the one-time budget increase to fund a promotional campaign for sexual health clinics (\$125,000.00 gross/\$62,500.00 net);
- (l) withdrawal of the budget increase to develop an information and performance measurement framework (\$75,000.00 gross/\$37,500.00 net);
- (m) transfer of the Phase 2 costs to amalgamate the Reportable Disease Information System to the City's Transition Capital fund (\$112,000.00 gross/\$56,000.00 net);
- (n) withdrawal of the budget increase to conduct rapid risk factor surveillance for the purpose of program planning and evaluation (\$75,000.00 gross/\$37,500.00 net);
- (o) withdrawal of the budget increase for the Food Safety (basic) program, these resources being provided through internal reallocation within the existing staff complement, thereby ceasing investigation of nuisance complaints involving non-food premises (e.g. odours, insects, garbage, pigeons, recluses and other matters deemed by inspectors not to be public health hazards) (\$907,500.00 gross/\$453,800.00 net);
- (p) deferral of the budget increases to implement priority recommendations in the City's Environmental Plan to reduce air pollution and reduce community pesticide use (\$201,300.00 gross/\$100,600.00 net);

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- (q) permanent reduction in the base budget for the Public Health Planning and Policy Service totaling 10 percent over two years, this reduction to be accomplished through a service redesign that retains the skill sets essential to the development and support of public health policies, programs and services (\$238,900.00 gross/\$119,500.00 net);
 - (r) transfer of the base budget for the Extreme Cold Weather Alert program to the City's Shelter, Housing and Support Division (\$30,000.00 gross/net); and
 - (s) a technical adjustment to correct the FTE's in Phase 1 of the TB Control program expansion from 8.25 to 9.00, as per report under separate cover;
- (2) the corporate gapping target of 1.5 percent be added to the Division's budgeted gapping target of 4.1 percent, noting that:
- (a) the final gapping target for TPH will total 5.6 percent of payroll (\$5,506,200.00 gross/\$2,739,500.00 net);
 - (b) a total of 85 staff positions will have to be held vacant at all times through the year in order to meet this target, which will have widespread impacts on public health programs and service levels;
- (3) the Board of Health and City Council not approve the following reductions to public health programs and services as recommended in the corporate budget submission in view of their impact on the health of the City's residents, including:
- (a) reducing the annualized budget of the CYAC initiative for Prenatal Nutrition (\$240,000.00 gross/\$109,600.00 net);
 - (b) eliminating the City's non-mandatory public health dental treatment program (\$5,200,000.00 gross/net);
 - (c) eliminating nursing assessment and referral services for vulnerable adults and seniors (\$931,200.00 gross/\$465,600.00 net);
 - (d) reducing sexual health clinic staffing levels to the provincial minimum (\$205,400.00 gross/\$102,700.00 net);
 - (e) eliminating purchase-of-service agreements with community agencies for sexual health promotion and HIV risk reduction (\$675,000.00 gross/\$337,500.00 net);
 - (f) eliminating provincially mandated programs for Injury Prevention and Substance Abuse Prevention among seniors (\$273,000.00 gross/\$136,500.00 net);

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- (g) reducing public health inspection services for “demand” calls, such as investigation of potential health hazards, response to information requests and concerns from councillors and community members, and review of site plan and licensing applications (\$1,051,200.00 gross / \$525,600.00 net);
- (4) the Board of Health and City Council not approve the corporate recommendation to reduce the Toronto Animal Services budget, as this would reduce the hours of operation for shelters currently operated by the City’s Animal Services and increase response times for complaints and by-law enforcement (\$239,000.00 gross/net);
- (5) the Board of Health and City Council vigorously oppose any further cuts to public health programs and services, particularly cuts aimed at achieving a 5 percent reduction below the 2000 Approved Operating Budget, in view of the widespread impact on the health of Toronto residents;
- (6) any additional pressures arising from the recommendations of the Children and Youth Action Committee (CYAC) and from the Food and Hunger Action Committee be subject to the availability of additional funding, and not at the expense of existing public health programs and services; and
- (7) this report be adopted and forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration.

The Board of Health also had before it the following communications:

- (i) (February 6, 2001) from the Committee Secretary, Board of Health Budget Subcommittee, advising that the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee at its meeting on February 5, 2001:
 - (1) reviewed and received the Toronto Public Health 2001 Proposed Budget and Operating Plan for information;
 - (2) directed that the Toronto Public Health 2001 Operating Budget, with any revisions, be submitted to the Board for its consideration at its meeting on February 19, 2001;
 - (3) requested the Medical Officer of Health to:
 - (a) report directly to the Board on additional funding requests for TB program expansion; and
 - (b) provide an information sheet for Board members briefly describing the impacts to key public health program service areas;

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- (ii) (February 7, 2001) from the City Clerk, Children and Youth Action Committee, advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee, at its meeting on February 6, 2001 recommended to the Community Services Committee, Economic Development and Parks Committee, the Toronto Public Library and the Board of Health that:
 - (1) the recommendations contained in the report, titled "Toronto Youth Cabinet City of Toronto, Operating Budget Recommendations for 2001", of the CYAC Youth Action Plan be adopted; and
 - (2) the report (February, 2001) from Michele Papas and Miek Foderick, Youth Cabinet, Executive Committee Members, titled "Youth Employment Initiative Proposal" be received for information;
- (iii) (February 7, 2001) from the City Clerk, Children and Youth Action Committee, advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee, at its meeting on February 6, 2001, recommended to the Community Services Committee, the Economic Development and Parks Committee, the Toronto Public Library Board and the Board of Health that:
 - (1) the recommendations from the Joint report (undated) of the Chair of the Policy Subcommittee and the Children and Youth Advocate, titled "Children's Action Plan 2001", be adopted; and
 - (2) the report (February 5, 2001) from the Report Card Working Group, titled "Toronto Report Card on Children Update 2000", be received for information;
- (iv) (February 7, 2001) from Dr. Michael J. Sigal, Professor and Head, Pediatric Dentistry, University of Toronto, Faculty of Dentistry, expressing concern with respect to the possible reduction or elimination of dental services provided by the City of Toronto;
- (v) (February 8, 2001) from Mr. Dan Koenig, Program Co-ordinator (Acting) Physical/Outdoor Education, Toronto Catholic District School Board, expressing support for municipal funding for Toronto's Children and Youth Action Committee initiatives in the area of Improved Children's Fitness;
- (vi) (February 9, 2001) from Dr. C.P. Shah, Toronto, expressing concern with respect to the proposed budget cuts to the Public Health Program, in particular dental services;
- (vii) (February 12, 2001) from Mr. Kwon Yuen Liu, Chairman, Chinese Interagency Network, expressing concern with respect to the proposed budget cuts to the Public Health Program, in particular dental services;

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- (vii) (undated) from Maru Barrera, The Hospital for Sick Children, expressing concern with respect to the proposed budget cuts to the Public Health Program, in particular, Children's Physical Fitness Program;
- (ix) (February 14, 2001) from Mr. Jeremy Flemming, Toronto, expressing concern with respect to the proposed budget cuts to the Public Health Program, in particular, Men's Outreach Program;
- (x) (February 14, 2001) from Mr. Kenn Richard, Executive Director, Native Child and Family Services of Toronto, expressing concern with respect to the proposed budget cuts to the Public Health Program, in particular, Children's Physical Fitness Program;
- (xi) (February 14, 2001) from Ms. Michelle Brownrigg, Manager of Program and Public Affairs, Ontario Physical and Health Education Association, expressing concern with respect to the proposed budget cuts to the Public Health Program, in particular, Children's Physical Fitness Program;
- (xii) (February 15, 2001) from Ms. Nancy Usher and Ms. Beverley Koven, Beaking the Cycle, expressing concern with respect to the proposed budget cuts to the Public Health Program, in particular, dental services;
- (xiii) (January 16, 2001) from Mu Lin Wong, Chinese Women's Group Member, expressing concern with respect to the proposed budget cuts to the Public Health Program, in particular, the Peer Nutrition Program;
- (xiv) (undated) approximately twelve letters of support from seniors expressing concern with respect to the proposed budget cuts to the Public Health Program, in particular, dental services;
- (xv) (February 16, 2001) from Mr. Dan Rutembesa, Manager, Red Door Shelter, expressing concern with respect to the proposed budget cuts to the Public Health Program, in particular, the Public Health Program (Adults at Risk);
- (xvi) (undated) from Mr. Peter R. Vanderyagt, Caring Alliance, expressing concern with respect to the proposed budget cuts to the Public Health Program, in particular, Community Development Program;
- (xvii) (undated) from Mr. David Parker, Chair, Caring Alliance, expressing concern with respect to the proposed budget cuts to the Public Health Program, in particular, Community Development Program;
- (xviii) (undated) from Ms. Zahra Adam-Elmim, Community Worker, Somaliland Women's Organization of Metro Toronto, expressing concern with respect to the

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proposed budget cuts to the Public Health Program, in particular, the Peer Nutrition Program;

- (xix) approximately 31 copies of a petition letter, expressing concern with respect to the proposed budget cuts to the Public Health Program, in particular, the Sexual Health Program;
- (xx) (February 19, 2001) from Ms. Margaret Chin, expressing concern with respect to the proposed budget cuts to the Public Health Program, in particular, dental programs; and

The Medical Officer of Health gave an overhead slide presentation on the Revised Budget Proposals.

Councillor Pam McConnell gave a verbal presentation with respect to the Toronto Report Card on Children Update 2000.

The following persons appeared before the Board of Health in connection with the foregoing matter:

- (i) Ms. Joy Thompson, Executive Director, Planned Parenthood of Toronto;
- (ii) Ms. Jane Greer, Hassle Free Clinic;
- (iii) Ms. Judy Persad, Immigrant Women's Health Centre;
- (iv) Ms. Carolyn Egan, North York Birth Control and VD Information Centre;
- (v) Dr. Keith Titley, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto;
- (vi) Mr. Ken Sosa, Childrens' Aid Society;
- (vii) Mr. Aloy Ratnasingham, Seniors' Tamil Centre;
- (viii) Mr. Jeevaratnam, Tamil Seniors Group, Rexdale Community Health Centre;
- (ix) Mr. Mohammed Yusuf, Somali Seniors Group, Rexdale Community Health Centre;
- (x) Mr. Winston Brooks, Rexdale Community Health Centre Board Member;
- (xi) Ms. Kay Hodgson, Youthlink-Inner City;
- (xii) Ms. Carolyn Acker, Regent Park Community Health Centre;
- (xiii) Mr. David Parker and Mr. Peter Vanderyagt, Caring Alliance, and submitted written briefs;
- (xiv) Ms. Margaret Hefferon;
- (xv) Mr. Evan Collins, Vice-Chair, Board of Directors, Aids Committee of Toronto;
- (xvi) Ms. Connie Cheung, South Riverdale Community Health Centre, (translating for a participant in the Peer Nutrition Program);
- (xvii) Ms. Susan Butler, East End Community Health Centre;
- (xviii) Ms. Lois Corbett, Toronto Environmental Alliance;
- (xix) Ms. Monica Forrester, 519 Community Centre; and
- (xx) Ms. Anne Dubas, CUPE Local 79.

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Councillor Prue moved that Recommendation No. (2) of the report (February 14, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health be struck out, **carried**.

Councillor Mihevc appointed Councillor Prue Acting Chair, and vacated the Chair.

Councillor Mihevc moved that Recommendation No. (6) of the report (February 14, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health be amended to read:

“while the Board of Health supports the intent of the recommendations of the Children and Youth Action Committee (CYAC) and from the Food and Hunger Action Committee, any additional pressures arising from the recommendation from these two Committees be subject to the availability of additional funding, and not at the expense of the existing public health programs and services;” **carried**.

Councillor Mihevc resumed the Chair.

Councillor Jones moved that:

(a) the following new Recommendation be added:

“that the Budget Advisory Committee and Council consider funding some of the initiatives of the Toronto Environmental Plan through water and hydro revenues and that new initiatives for Air Quality and Pesticide Control programs be managed by Toronto Public Health”; and

(b) that the report be adopted, as amended, and forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee, in accordance with Recommendation No. (7), **carried**.

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Councillor Mihevc moved that the Medical Officer of Health be requested to report directly to the

Budget Advisory Committee when this matter is considered, with respect to:

- (a) gapping within the Toronto Public Health Unit, paying special attention to comparisons with other departments and the City's agencies, boards and commissions; and
- (b) costs for the Food Disclosure System, such report to clarify reports in the media inflating costs, **carried**.

Councillor Mihevc resumed the Chair.

The Board of Health also unanimously adopted the following motion by Ms. Lindsay:

“It is recommended that the Medical Officer of Health be requested to communicate to staff of the Toronto Public Health the commendations and support apparent in the many deputations from community-based organizations and private citizens on the budget heard at the meeting of the Board of Health on February 19, 2001.”

In summary, therefore, the action of the Board of Health is as follows:

The Board of Health recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that:

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- (4) City Council vigorously oppose any further cuts to public health programs and services, particularly cuts aimed at achieving a 5 percent reduction below the 2000 Approved Operating Budget, in view of the widespread impact on the health of Toronto residents;*
- (5) while the Board of Health supports the intent of the recommendations of the Children and Youth Action Committee (CYAC) and from the Food and Hunger Action Committee, any additional pressures arising from the recommendations from these two Committees be subject to the availability of additional funding, and not at the expense of the existing public health programs and services; and*
- (6) the Budget Advisory Committee and Council consider funding some of the initiatives of the Toronto Environmental Plan through water and hydro revenues and that new initiatives for Air Quality and Pesticide Control programs be managed by Toronto Public Health.*

The Board of Health also requested the Medical Officer of Health to report directly to the Budget Advisory Committee when this matter is considered, with respect to:

- (a) gapping within the Toronto Public Health Unit, paying special attention to comparisons with other departments and the City’s agencies, boards and commissions; and*
- (b) costs for the Food Disclosure System, such report to clarify reports in the media inflating costs.*

(Budget Advisory Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Shirley Macpherson, Budget Services; Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services; Interested Persons – February 21, 2001)

**3.2 Air Quality and the Low Sulphur
Fuel Purchasing Practice.**

The Board of Health had before it a report (February 5, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health, reporting on the success of the City's low sulphur fuel purchasing practice as a means to reduce air emissions that contribute to adverse health effects; advising that there are no financial implications for Toronto Public Health stemming directly from this report; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health encourage municipalities across Canada to adopt corporate purchasing practices for gasoline and diesel that considers sulphur levels as well as cost, as a cost effective means of reducing air pollution and its attendant health effects in their communities;
- (2) the Board of Health forward this report to all municipalities in Canada with a population greater than 50,000, to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM);
- (3) the Board of Health request that the Energy Efficiency Office consider the ways in which it might encourage other organizations that operate large corporate fleets within the City of Toronto to adopt corporate purchasing practices for gasoline and diesel that consider sulphur levels as well as cost, and report back to the Board of Health;
- (4) the Board of Health request that the Medical Officer of Health, in consultation with the City Solicitor, investigate the means by which the City could prohibit the selling and/or use of off-road diesel within the City, and report back to the Board of Health; and
- (5) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board of Health adopted the recommendations contained in the aforementioned report.

(Medical Officer of Health; Municipalities in Canada 50,000 plus population; Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Federation of Canadian Municipalities; Energy Efficiency Office; c. Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services – February 26, 2001)

3.3 Mandatory Health Programs and Service Guidelines.

The Board of Health had before it a report (February 6, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health, informing the Board of Health of impending changes to five of the Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines and Toronto Public Health comments on the proposed revisions; advising that if the proposed revisions to the Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines (MHPSG) are approved, it is likely that considerably more resources will be required for Toronto Public Health and other provincial health units to be able to meet these revised standards; that until the revisions are finalized, it is difficult to estimate the impact on the City of Toronto; the impact of the changes in the Guidelines would not occur until the year 2002; further advising that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care will be doing a financial impact analysis prior to adopting the revisions; and recommending that the Board of Health:

- (1) support, in principle, the general directions of the revisions to the Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines proposed by the Technical Review Committees, as these changes will support good public health practice throughout the province;
- (2) encourage the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to continue the review process with the remaining 12 programs of the Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines;
- (3) request the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to give priority to a review of the Health Hazard Investigation Program to ensure a focus on prevention of exposure to environmental hazards to health, and on adoption of pollution prevention strategies to achieve long term environmental sustainability;
- (4) recommend to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care that an “equivalency clause” be incorporated in all 17 programs of the Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines which would allow local boards of health to provide components of programs that are more appropriate and effective for their local population health needs while still meeting the provincial requirements;
- (5) request the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care assume responsibility for developing and providing 100 percent funding for the mass communication and social marketing campaigns required in both the revised and current Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines. This would ensure consistency, co-ordination and efficiency across the province and would allow health units to use their limited resources to supplement these general messages by addressing the specific needs of their local populations;
- (6) recommend that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care assume responsibility for developing and funding a comprehensive provincial health

status surveillance system to support the continued monitoring of the outcomes of public health programs;

- (7) recommend that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care adopt the Accountability Framework for Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines that was developed by the Public Health Research, Education and Development program; and
- (8) recommend the restoration of 100 percent provincial funding of the Public Health Research, Education and Development program to support applied research and best practices assessment in the ongoing updating of the Mandatory Health Program and Services Guidelines.

On motion by Mr. Zaslofsky, the Board of Health adopted the foregoing report.

(Minister of Health and Long Term Care; c. Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services – February 21, 2001)

3.4 Early Years Challenge Fund and Community Co-ordinator Program.

The Board of Health had before it a report (February 6, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health, reporting back to the Board of Health and the Community Services Committee on the planning process related to the Early Years Challenge Fund and related Community Co-ordinator program; advising that there are no direct financial implications for the City as this program is 100 percent funded through the Provincial Children's Secretariat; that total funding for this program is \$869,604.00 for the period October 1, 2000 to March 31, 2002; and the Funding allocation for 2001 has been included in the Toronto Public Health 2001 Operating Budget submission; and recommending that:

- (1) this report be forwarded for information to the Community Services Committee;
- (2) Toronto Public Health staff proceed with the necessary planning and implementation of the Early Years Community Co-ordinators program in a manner that ensures co-ordination with current community and corporate initiatives;
- (3) the Board of Health write a letter to the Children's Secretariat supporting the importance of funding to address healthy growth and development of children, asking the province to address their concerns regarding the provincial process to access local funds, including: Order-In-Council appointment of City employees; ambiguous accountability of the Selection Committee and the Steering

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Committee; and significant duplication in planning activities regarding services for children; and further, that the Province ensure that membership selection for the Toronto Steering Committee and Challenge Fund approvals integrate with current City initiatives; and

- (4) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to continue to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Councillor Mihevc appointed Councillor Prue Acting Chair, and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board of Health adopted the recommendations contained in the foregoing report (February 6, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health as amended by:

- (a) amending Recommendation No. (3) by deleting the words "Order-In-Council appointment of City employees"; so that such recommendation shall now read as follows:

"the Board of Health write a letter to the Children's Secretariat supporting the importance of funding to address healthy growth and development of children, asking the province to address their concerns regarding the provincial process to access local funds, including: ambiguous accountability of the Selection Committee and the Steering Committee; and significant duplication in planning activities regarding services for children; and further, that the Province ensure that membership selection for the Toronto Steering Committee and Challenge Fund approvals integrate with current City initiatives";

- (b) renumbering Recommendation No. (4) to Recommendation No. (5) and adding a new Recommendation No. (4), viz:

"(4) The Board of Health strongly urge the provincial government to reconsider its position that City employee appointments are required to be appointed by Order-In-Council."; and

- (c) requested the Medical Officer of Health to prepare an appropriately worded letter, for the Chair's signature, in accordance with Recommendations Nos. (3) and (4), as amended.

(Community Services Committee; Medical Officer of Health; c. Councillor Mihevc, Chair, Board of Health; Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services; Interested Persons – February 21, 2001)

3.5 Appointment of Members to the 2001 Public Health Grants Review Panels.

The Board of Health had before it a report (January 29, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health, recommending that the Board of Health:

- (1) appoint, to the AIDS Prevention Panel, the following individuals: Councillors Rae, Prue and Augimeri; Lee Zaslofsky; Indra Ramkissoon; Trevor Gray; LaVerne Monette; Andy Visser-deVries; Huldah Richards; Germaine Chazou; and Faudia Azeez; and,
- (2) appoint, to the Drug Abuse Prevention Review Panel, the following individuals: Councillors Bussin, Korwin-Kuczynski; Kathy Kozma; Stephen Meredith; Eduardo Castro; Khadigia Ali; Betty Miller; and Brad Melnychuk.

Councillor Jones declared an interest in this matter in that one of the nominees is a relative.

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Board of Health appointed the following members to the 2001 Public Health Grants Review Panels for a one-year term and/or until their successors are appointed:

- (1) AIDS Prevention Grant Review Panel:

Councillor Augimeri;
Councillor Prue;
Councillor Rae;
Faudia Azeez;
Germaine Chazou;
Trevor Gray;
LaVerne Monette;
Indra Ramkissoon;

Huldah Richards;
Andy Visser-deVries; and
Lee Zaslofsky

(2) Drug Abuse Prevention Grants Review Panel:

Councillors Bussin;
Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski;
Khadigia Ali;
Eduardo Castro;
Kathy Kozma;
Brad Melnychuk;
Stephen Meredith; and
Betty Miller.

(AIDS Prevention Grants Review Panel; Drug Abuse Prevention Grants Review Panel; c. Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services – February 21, 2001)

3.6 Appointment to the Sustainability Roundtable.

The Board of Health had before it a report (February 2, 2001) from the City Clerk, Sustainability Roundtable, recommending that a member of the Board of Health be appointed as the Board's representative to the Sustainability Roundtable for a term of office expiring May 31, 2002, and until their successor is appointed.

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Board of Health deferred consideration of the foregoing matter to its meeting scheduled to be held on April 10, 2001.

3.7 Animal Shelter Service in the South Region (formerly City of Toronto).

The Board of Health had before it a report (February 14, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing options regarding the provision of animal sheltering and related services for the South Region of the City of Toronto; advising that annual operating costs to provide animal sheltering services in the South Region will be no more than the current contract costs paid to the Toronto Humane Society to provide these services; that start-up costs to renovate a facility to meet the care and environmental needs of the animals will be included in the terms of the lease and would be amortized over the full term of the lease; that preliminary estimates indicate a cost of \$130.00 per square foot for a sheltering area of approximately 12,000 square feet, this cost reflecting a base rent of approximately \$13.00 per square foot plus leasehold improvement costs of \$1.56 million; in addition,

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there would be one time costs of about \$400,000.00 to purchase portable kennels, cages, freezers and accessories, all of which will be city-owned assets; further advising, it is anticipated that additional revenue from animal adoptions and user fees estimated to reach \$300,000.00 per year will provide a payback on this investment within 2 to 3 years; and recommending that:

- (1) the agreement between the City and the Toronto Humane Society for the provision of animal sheltering and related services be amended by:
 - (a) extending the term of the agreement to March 31, 2004; and
 - (b) requiring the Toronto Humane Society for and during the term of the agreement, to provide in its letters patent, supplementary letters patent or by-laws, that one of the directors of the Toronto Humane Society shall be a person who has been appointed by the City and if the letters patent, supplementary letters patent or by-laws do not so provide, then the Toronto Humane Society shall make the necessary amendment at the earliest possible opportunity.
- (2) if these terms are not acceptable to the Toronto Humane Society, Toronto Animal Services should be authorized to provide sheltering services as outlined in Option 3 of this report;
- (3) this report should be forwarded to Budget Advisory Committee for their consideration; and
- (4) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Board of Health also had before it the following communications:

- (1) (February 17, 2001) from Ms. J. Ingrassia, Toronto, regarding the Toronto Humane Society, and requesting an opportunity to address the Board; and
- (2) (February 13, 2001) from Ms. Donna C. Perry, regarding the Toronto Humane Society, and requesting an opportunity to address the Board.

The following persons appeared before the Board of Health in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Ms. Joanne Ingrassia, Toronto; and
- Mr. Darin Jackson, on behalf of CUPE Local 416, and submitted a written brief.

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At this point in the proceedings, and in accordance with the Municipal Act, on motion by Councillor Prue, the Board recessed to meet privately to discuss the security of the property of the municipality.

The Board resumed its public session.

Councillor Mihevc appointed Councillor Prue Acting Chair, and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board of Health recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee adoption of the following Resolution by Councillor Mihevc:

“WHEREAS the Toronto Humane Society (THS) has indicated that it is not prepared to continue to offer its services to shelter animals in the South Region of the City unless it receives a 35 percent increase for its contract with the City;

WHEREAS the THS is proposing changes to the terms and conditions of the contract to remove the 6 month notice of termination clause in the current agreement and has also changed its agency by-laws with the effect of eliminating the City Council appointee to the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS the City has a responsibility to provide animal services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City not renew its contract with the Toronto Humane Society and that staff be authorized and directed to make arrangements to directly deliver City operated animal shelter services for the South Region beginning April 1, 2001;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City support the transition to direct City-wide delivery as a priority by:

- (1) assisting with procurement of suitable facilities and the necessary IT infrastructure and support to meet

service delivery needs and IT support;
and

- (2) providing the required operational and one-time start-up costs.”

Councillor Mihevc resumed the Chair.

(Budget Advisory Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Shirley Macpherson, Budget Services; Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services; Toronto Humane Society; Interested Persons – February 21, 2001)

3.8 Toronto Wildlife Centre.

The Board of Health had before it a communication (February 5, 2001) from the Executive Director, Toronto Wildlife Centre, regarding a draft proposal submitted to Animal Services staff regarding contracting out the City of Toronto’s proposed Wildlife Information line.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board of Health referred the foregoing matter to the Medical Officer of Health with the request that she submit a report thereon to the next meeting of the Board of Health scheduled to be held on April 10, 2001.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Ms. Nathalie Karvonen, Toronto Wildlife Centre; Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services - February 26, 2001)

3.9 TB Prevention and Control Averting a Crisis.

The Board of Health had before it a report (February 14, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health, presenting the rationale and plan for an enhanced TB Prevention and Control Program in order to protect the citizens of Toronto; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health endorse in principle a four-year phased-in enhancement to the Toronto Public Health TB Control Program;
- (2) the Board of Health approve an additional \$567,000.00 gross/\$283,500.00 net in 2001 (including a one-time cost of \$30,600.00) along with an additional \$503,300.00 gross/\$251,600.00 net for the annualization in 2002, to implement the

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first phase of the TB Control Program enhancement as contained in the Toronto Public Health 2001 Operating Budget submission;

- (3) the City of Toronto reiterate its request to Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) to strengthen its medical surveillance system to identify TB cases in refugees and new immigrants to Canada, in consultation with Toronto Public Health and other key stakeholders;
- (4) the Board of Health endorse the Toronto District Health Council's July 2000 report, "Tuberculosis: Enhancing a Coordinated Continuum of Care" as recommended by the TB Subcommittee, and advocate that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care implement its recommendations;
- (5) this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee and then on to the Policy and Finance Committee for their consideration during the 2001 Operating Budget Process; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Board of Health also had before it the following communications:

- (i) (February 19, 2001) from Dr. Michael Gardam, Medical Director, Tuberculosis Clinic, University Health Network, expressing concern with respect to the proposed budget cuts to the Public Health Program, in particular, the Tuberculosis Control Program; and
- (ii) (February 19, 2001) from Hareda Mohamud, Volunteer at Somali Immigrant Aid Organization, expressing concern with respect to the proposed budget cuts to the Public Health Program, in particular, the Tuberculosis Control Program.

The Associate Medical Officer of Health gave an overhead slide presentation.

The following persons appeared before the Board of Health in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Dr Michael Gardam, Division of Infectious Diseases, Department of Medicine Toronto General Hospital, and submitted a written brief;
- Ms Jean Wilson, Division of Respiriology, St Michael's Hospital; and
- Ms Hareda Mohamud, Somali Community Centre, and submitted a written brief.

On motion by Mr. Mackay, the Board of Health adopted the report from the Medical Officer of Health, as amended by amending Recommendation No. (3) by deleting the words "reiterate its request

to” and inserting in lieu thereof, the words “strongly urge” so that such recommendation shall now read as follows:

“the City of Toronto strongly urge Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) to strengthen its medical surveillance system to identify TB cases in refugees and new immigrants to Canada, in consultation with Toronto Public Health and other key stakeholders”.

(Budget Advisory Committee; Policy and Finance Committee; Minister of Health and Long Term Care c. Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Shirley Macpherson, Budget Services; Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services; Interested Persons – February 21, 2001)

3.10 Appointment of Citizen Members to the Board of Health.

At this point in the proceedings, and in accordance with the Municipal Act, on motion by Councillor Prue, the Board of Health recessed in order to meet privately to consider a matter, the subject of which deals with personal matters about identifiable individuals. Mr. Brian Mackay, Mr. Steven Pinnock and Mr. Lee Zaslofsky, incumbent members of the Board, who have applied for reappointment to the Board, left the room.

The Board of Health had before it a confidential report (February 9, 2001) from the Committee Secretary, Board of Health, Nominating Subcommittee, recommending citizens for appointment to the Board of Health.

The Board of Health resumed its public session.

The Board of Health also had before it a communication (February 16, 2001) from the Toronto Catholic District School Board, forwarding the name of their representative to the Board.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board of Health:

- (1) amended and adopted the confidential report (February 9, 2001) from the Committee Secretary, Nominating Subcommittee, recommending citizens for appointment to the Board of Health and forwarded the

Board's recommendations to the Nominating Committee, for onward transmittal to Council; and

- (2) recommended to the Nominating Committee and Council, the appointment of Trustee Mark Stefanini, Toronto Catholic District School Board, as the representative for Education on the Board of Health.

(Nominating Committee – February 19, 2001)

3.11 Appointment of Representative to the Toronto District Health Council.

On motion by Mr. Zaslofsky, the Board of Health deferred consideration with respect to the nomination of its representative to the Toronto District Health Council, to replace Councillor Joan King, to its next meeting.

3.12 Toronto Food Charter and Food and Hunger Action Committee Phase II Report.

The Board of Health had before it a communication (February 12, 2001) from the City Clerk, Community Services Committee, advising that the Community Services Committee, at its meeting on February 12, 2001, recommended to the Board of Health that the recommendations pertaining to the Board contained in the Food and Hunger Action Committee Phase II Report, attached to the joint communication dated January 25, 2001, from Councillor Pam McConnell and Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, Co-Chairs, Food and Hunger Action Committee, be considered and any resulting recommendations thereon be processed as expeditiously as possible.

Councillor Pam McConnell, Co-Chair, Food and Hunger Action Committee, gave a verbal presentation.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board of Health:

- (a) recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that consideration be given to funding the additional \$106,500.00 for the Cooking Healthy Together Program in 2001; and

- (b) endorsed the Recommendations of the Toronto Food Charter and Food Hunger Action Committee Phase II Report.

(City Council; Budget Advisory Committee c. Medical Officer of Health; c. Ms. Shirley Macpherson, Budget Services; Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services; Interested Persons – February 21, 2001)

3.13 Integrated Model for Community Participation in the Toronto Board of Health.

The Board of Health had before it a joint report (February 14, 2001) from Councillor Irene Jones and Mr. Lee Zaslofsky, reporting on the recommendations of the Board of Health work group established to develop the model for community participation, determine the mandate for the Community Health Boards and develop an implementation plan; advising that there are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health approve the integrated model for community participation in the Toronto Board of Health including Community Health Boards, Community Roundtables, task forces and town hall meetings;
- (2) the Board of Health approve the recommended mandate, membership and structure of the Community Health Boards;
- (3) the Board of Health approve the implementation plan to establish six Community Health Boards to conform with the six Community Council areas;
- (4) the Board of Health approve the draft Terms of Reference for the Community Health Boards; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Mr. Zaslofsky, the Board of Health recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, adoption of the joint report (February 14, 2001) from Councillor Irene Jones and Mr. Lee Zaslofsky, regarding an integrated model for community participation in the Toronto Board of Health.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services – February 21, 2001)

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The Board of Health recessed at the following times:

recessed to meet in camera at 6:00 p.m.; and
resumed at 6:12 p.m.

The Board of Health adjourned its meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Chair