

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of Board of Health

Meeting No. 6

Monday, June 18, 2001

The Board of Health met on Monday, June 18, 2001 in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1:15 p.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Joe Mihevc, Chair	x
Councillor Sandra Bussin	x
Councillor John Filion	x
Councillor Irene Jones	x
Councillor Jane Pitfield	x
Councillor Michael Prue, Vice Chair	x
Ms. Helen Chan	x
Mr. Brian Hyndman	x
Mr. Brian MacKay	x
Dr. Rosana Pellizzari	x
Ms. Nancy Peters	x
Trustee Mark Stefanini	x
Mr. Lee Zaslofsky	x

Also Present:

Ms. Fiona Nelson

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Minutes of the Board of Health meeting held on May 22, 2001, were confirmed.

6.1 2001 Drug Abuse Prevention Grants.

The Board of Health had before it a joint report (May 30, 2001) from Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski and Ms. Cathy Kosma, Co-Chairs, Drug Abuse Prevention Grants Review Panel, submitting recommendations of the Drug Abuse Prevention Grants

Review Panel; advising that on May 1, 2001 City Council approved \$656,700.00 for the Drug Abuse Prevention Program; that these funds are in the Consolidated Grants Program Budget; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health recommend that City Council approve allocations totaling \$656,700.00 for 89 projects recommended by the Drug Abuse Prevention Grants Program Review Panel; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Mr. Brian MacKay declared an interest in this matter in that he is a member of the Board of LAMP Health and Community Service Centre.

Dr. Rosana Pellizzari declared an interest in this matter in that she is on staff at the Davenport-Perth Neighbourhood Centre.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board of Health recommended to Council adoption of the foregoing joint report; and, further, that the feasibility of providing multiyear funding, within the term of City Council, to AIDS Prevention and Drug Abuse Prevention Grants recipients be examined through the Grants Business Process Improvement Project.

(Clause, No. 1, Report No. 4)

6.2 2001 AIDS Prevention Grants.

The Board of Health had before it a joint report (May 29, 2001) from Councillor Kyle Rae and Mr. Lee Zaslofsky, Co-Chairs, AIDS Prevention Grants Review Panel, Submitting recommendations of the AIDS Prevention Grants Review Panel regarding the 2001 AIDS Prevention Grants allocations; advising that on May 1, 2001, City Council approved an amount of \$1,242,464.00 for AIDS Prevention Grants plus \$119,736.00 for 4 projects formerly funded through the Community Services Grants program for a total amount of \$1,362,200.00; these funds are in the Toronto Consolidated Grants Program Budget; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health recommend that City Council approve allocations totaling \$1,362,200.00 for the 62 AIDS prevention projects recommended by the AIDS Prevention Grants Review Panel; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Mr. Brian MacKay declared an interest in this matter in that he is a member of the Board of LAMP Health and Community Service Centre.

Dr. Rosana Pellizzari declared an interest in this matter in that she is on staff at the Davenport-Perth Neighbourhood Centre.

Mr. Lee Zaslofsky declared an interest in this matter in that he is a member of the Board of the Hassle Free Clinic and employed by the AIDS Committee of Toronto.

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

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board of Health recommended to Council adoption of the foregoing report; and, further, that the feasibility of providing multiyear funding, within the term of City Council to AIDS Prevention and Drug Abuse Prevention Grants recipients be examined through the Grants Business Process Improvement Project.

Councillor Mihevc resumed the Chair.

(Clause No. 2, Report No. 4)

**6.3 Falls Prevention Project for Seniors:
A Multi-Agency Pilot Project.**

The Board of Health had before it a report (June 1, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health, reporting on a collaborative falls prevention pilot project for older adults that will be delivered through a formal partnership between Toronto Public Health, York Region Health Services and Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and to seek authority to enter into such a partnership; advising that an external grant of \$53,382.00 has been awarded to this Project by Health Canada's Population Health Fund, conditional upon in-kind contributions from the partner organizations; that Toronto Public Health will contribute in-kind resources consisting of one full time equivalent of a Public Health Nurse and manager support, which are provided for in the approved 2001 Operating Budget; and recommending that:

- (1) the Medical Officer of Health be authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the City of Toronto, between the City of Toronto, the Regional Municipality of York and the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care as described in this report; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Mr. Lee Zaslofsky declared an interest in this matter in that he is a member of the Board of the Hassle Free Clinic and employed by the AIDS Committee of Toronto.

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Board of Health recommended to Council adoption of the foregoing report.

(Clause No. 3, Report No. 4)

6.4 Service Agreement Contracts Awarded and Executed by the Medical Officer of Health.

The Board of Health had before it a report (June 5, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health, Informing the Policy and Finance Committee, through the Board of Health, about purchase of service contracts currently awarded and executed by the Medical Officer of Health; seeking authority to award and execute a number of new contracts related to new or expanded initiatives within the Family Health and Healthy Lifestyle Programs; advising that there are no financial implications for the City of Toronto; and recommending that the Board of Health request the Policy and Finance Committee to:

- (1) authorize the Medical Officer of Health to amend the fees awarded to purchase of service contracts related to the Healthy Babies Healthy Children, Preschool Speech and Language, and Sexual Health programs as set out in this report;
- (2) authorize the Medical Officer of Health to award and execute contracts, within approved budgets and in accordance with established selection criteria, as necessary to implement the Infant Hearing program, Early Years Challenge Fund Initiative, Early Postpartum Discharge Follow-up program, and the Community Heart Health Partnership Initiative;
- (3) require annual (as opposed to quarterly) reports to the Policy and Finance Committee, on service agreement contracts awarded and executed by the Medical Officer of Health; and
- (4) authorize and direct the appropriate City officials to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Mr. Lee Zaslofsky declared an interest in this matter in that he is a member of the Board of the Hassle Free Clinic and employed by the AIDS Committee of Toronto.

On motion by Mr. MacKay, the Board of Health recommended that City Council:

- (1) authorize the Medical Officer of Health to amend the fees awarded to purchase of

service contracts related to the Healthy Babies Healthy Children, Preschool Speech and Language, and Sexual Health programs as set out in this report;

- (2) authorize the Medical Officer of Health to award and execute contracts, within approved budgets and in accordance with established selection criteria, as necessary to implement the Infant Hearing program, Early Years Challenge Fund Initiative, Early Postpartum Discharge Follow-up program, and the Community Heart Health Partnership Initiative;
- (3) require annual (as opposed to quarterly) reports to the Policy and Finance Committee, on service agreement contracts awarded and executed by the Medical Officer of Health; and
- (4) authorize and direct the appropriate City officials to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services – June 19, 2001)

6.5 Harmonization of PCB Transfers, Decontamination and Waste Storage Procedures.

The Board of Health had before it a report (June 5, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health, regarding the harmonization of the policy and procedures on PCB transfers, PCB decontamination and PCB storage waste sites of the former municipalities of the City of Toronto; advising that there are no new financial implications arising from this report; resource requirements for the management plan of city-owned PCBs will be subject to a future report to be prepared by Facilities and Real Estate Division of Corporate Services; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health request that City Council endorse in principle a PCB management plan that results in the phase out of PCBs in the City of Toronto and that does not result in a transfer of PCBs or PCB by-products into the surrounding environment;

- (2) City Council request that the Ontario Minister of the Environment inform the City of Toronto regarding applications for PCB transfers, decontamination and storage within the City of Toronto as follows:
 - (a) send notification of applications for transfer of PCBs into the City of Toronto to the City Clerk, the Medical Officer of Health, and Toronto Fire Services;
 - (b) send copies of Director's Instructions for transfers of PCBs within, through and out of the City of Toronto to the City Clerk, the Medical Officer of Health, and Toronto Fire Services in advance of any transfers taking place; and
 - (c) continue to request proponents to send a copy of applications for decontamination of low-level PCBs to the City Clerk;
- (3) City Council request the Ministry of Environment not to issue Approvals for PCB transfers into the City that result in the long-term storage of PCBs in Toronto;
- (4) the Board of Health recommend City Council adopt a destruction criterion for PCBs that reflects new international obligations and includes:
 - (a) destruction efficiency of effectively 100 percent of all PCBs;
 - (b) complete containment of all residues and wastes; and
 - (c) no uncontrolled releases to the environment;
- (5) the City Clerk forward a copy of the applications and notifications as follows:
 - (a) applications and Director's Instructions for PCB transfers to the Emergency Planning Office of Works and Emergency Services;
 - (b) notifications for decontamination of low level PCBs to Toronto Fire Services, the Emergency Planning Office and Technical Services of Works and Emergency Services; and
 - (c) copies of the applications for decontamination of low level PCBs to the Medical Officer of Health, and Toronto Fire Services, the Emergency Planning Office and Technical Services of Works and Emergency Services;
- (6) in order to improve the ability of the Toronto Fire Chief to reduce public safety risks:

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- (a) Toronto Fire Services review applications for transfers and decontamination of PCBs in order to update their database and emergency response information;
 - (b) Toronto Fire Services computer-aided dispatch system, currently under development, be approved as the corporate system to incorporate information about PCB storage sites in the City of Toronto;
 - (c) all City departments, agencies, boards and commissions provide to Toronto Fire Services their inventory of PCBs in storage, including where feasible, sites containing less than 50 litres;
 - (d) Toronto Fire Services make its information on PCB storage sites available to other City divisions at their request; and,
 - (e) if in its regular surveillance activities, Toronto Fire Services identifies properties that contain unrecorded storage of PCBs or PCBs that are abandoned, Toronto Fire Services will notify the appropriate authorities including, but not limited to, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and City Planning Division of Urban Development Services;
- (7) if there is cause for concern on receipt of applications for transfers or decontamination of PCBs, the Medical Officer of Health request the Ontario Minister of the Environment to delay approval as necessary and where warranted, and thereafter, provide comments to the Minister of the Environment and to the Board of Health on those concerns;
- (8) Solid Waste Management Services of Works and Emergency Services investigate the possibility of accepting small quantities of PCB as part of its Household Hazardous Waste program;
- (9) Facilities and Real Estate, in consultation with other relevant divisions, prepare a plan, which includes resource implications, for the destruction of the City's PCB wastes and take into consideration benefits that could be gained by co-ordinated action between all City departments, agencies, boards and commissions, as well as the feasibility of using mobile non-incineration destruction technology;
- (10) the City Solicitor, in conjunction with the City Planning Division of Urban Development Services, review the need for changes in existing by-laws to ensure the harmonization of policy and procedures for PCB transfers, decontamination and storage with in the City;
- (11) the City Clerk forwards this report to all City departments, agencies, boards and commissions for their information and action; and

- (12) the appropriate city officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Dr. Darryl Luscombe, appeared before the Board of Health in connection with this matter.

On motion by Dr. Pellizzari, the Board of Health:

- (1) recommended to the Works Committee and Council adoption of the aforementioned report from the Medical Officer of Health;
- (2) forwarded the report to the Sustainability Roundtable for information;
- (3) requested the Ontario Minister of the Environment to extend the requirements for reporting the storage of PCBs to sites containing less than 50 litres; and
- (4) requested the Medical Officer of Health to submit a report to the Board of Health on a mechanism to allow the public at large to have access to the location of storage sites in Toronto.

(Works Committee; Sustainability Roundtable; Ontario Minister of the Environment; Medical Officer of Health; c. Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services – June 19, 2001)

6.6 Air Quality and Federal Standards for Sulphur in On-Road Diesel.

The Board of Health had before it a report (June 5, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health, soliciting the Board's endorsement of recommendations directed at the Federal Minister of Environment respecting new sulphur standards for on-road diesel; advising that there are no financial implications for Toronto Public Health or the City stemming directly from this report; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health encourage the Federal Minister of Environment to:
 - (a) establish a 15 ppm sulphur standard for on-road diesel effective June 2006 as proposed through an amendment to the existing federal Diesel Fuel Regulations;

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- (b) develop tax differentials to promote the early introduction of on-road diesel with 15 ppm of sulphur; and
 - (c) harmonize sulphur standards for off-road diesel with those being established for on-road diesel;
- (2) the Board of Health forward this report to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and
 - (3) 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 Resolution by Mr. Brian MacKay:

“WHEREAS the Toronto Board of Health at its May 22, 2001 meeting, endorsed the Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition’s Action Plan that called for the City of Toronto to eliminate the use and/or release of suspected carcinogens in the workplace, for the phase out of diesel fuel and to advocate to the federal and provincial governments for the elimination of carcinogens from our environment;

WHEREAS Diesel exhaust contains 40 chemicals that are listed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as toxic air contaminants, known carcinogens, probable carcinogens, reproductive toxicants or endocrine disrupters;

WHEREAS fine particulate matter (PM) is a major component of diesel exhaust and has been linked to lung cancer; and

WHEREAS the California Environmental Protection Agency Air Resources Board (ARB) reported that particulate matter (PM) can be reduced in diesel exhaust by more than 85 percent through particulate trap retrofit or repowering existing engines when used with low sulphur diesel fuel; and

WHEREAS the Air Resources Board (ARB) stated that “Overall, emissions from diesel engines are responsible for the majority of the potential airborne cancer risk in California” and has approved a comprehensive Diesel Risk Reduction Plan to reduce diesel emissions from both new and existing diesel-fueled engines and vehicles that will reduce the diesel PM emissions and associated health risk by 75 percent by 2010.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- (1) the City and its agencies, boards and commissions:
 - (a) investigate the particulate trap retrofit or repowering of existing City-owned diesel powered on, and off road applications; and
 - (b) where possible, purchase or lease non diesel fueled vehicles and engines for on and off road applications;
- (2) the Medical Officer of Health and the Chair of the Board of Health write to the Federal Minister of the Environment requesting them to:
 - (a) report on the establishment and implementation of diesel exhaust particulate matter and exhaust emission limits for both light and heavy duty diesel engines that reduce their potential adverse health effects;
 - (b) report on the development of a clean engine incentive program that will encourage diesel engine retrofit and use of low sulphur diesel fuel through the provision of grants and/or tax advantage; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.”

On motion by Mr. MacKay, the Board of Health unanimously:

- (1) adopted the foregoing report from the Medical Officer of Health and forwarded same to the Sustainability Roundtable for information; and
- (2) adopted the Resolution by Mr. MacKay, and recommended to Policy and Finance and Council that:
 - (a) City Council request its Agencies, Boards and Commissions to:

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- (i) investigate the particulate trap retrofit or repowering of existing City-owned diesel powered on and off road vehicles and engines;
 - (ii) where possible, purchase or lease non-diesel fueled vehicles and engines for on and off road applications;
 - (iii) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and
- (b) requested the Medical Officer of Health and the Chair of the Board of Health to write to the Federal Minister of Health and the Federal Minister of the Environment requesting them to report on the:
- (a) establishment and implementation of diesel exhaust particulate matter and exhaust emission limits for both light and heavy duty diesel engines that reduce their potential adverse health effects; and
 - (b) development of a clean engine incentive program that will encourage diesel engine retrofit and use of low sulphur diesel fuel through the provision of grants and/or tax advantages.

(Policy and Finance Committee; AMO; FCM; Medical Officer of Health; Chair, Board of Health; Minister of the Environment; Minister of Health – June 19, 2001)

6.7 Proposed 2001 West Nile Virus Response Plan.

The Board of Health had before it a report (June 13, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health, proposing a Contingency Plan for the Prevention and Control of the West Nile Virus (WNV Contingency Plan) for the City of Toronto, as requested by the Toronto Board of Health at its meeting on April 24, 2001; advising of financial implications; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health and City Council endorse the Proposed Contingency Plan for the Prevention and Control of the West Nile Virus (WNV Contingency Plan);
- (2) City Council reiterate its request to the Province of Ontario to provide 100 percent funding for comprehensive measures to prevent and control the spread of WNV, recognizing the inter-municipal and international aspects of WNV disease transmission, and the need for provincial coordination and support of WNV prevention and control activities;
- (3) the Chair of the Board of Health request a meeting through the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) with the provincial Minister of Health and Long Term Care to request provincial funding for local WNV Contingency Plan, with progress to be reported to City Council for its July 24 meeting;
- (4) the Medical Officer of Health report through the 2002 operating budget process on:
 - (a) health-related criteria by which mosquito surveillance and control activities would be undertaken in the City of Toronto, along with associated costs;
 - (b) an update on the degree of WNV prevention and control activities having been undertaken in other Ontario health units, including associated costs and results to date;
 - (c) financial implications for 2002 and beyond from implementation of the WNV Contingency Plan;
- (5) the appropriate City Officials report back jointly through the 2002 budget process on recommended service levels and costs for WNV prevention and control; and
- (6) this report be forwarded to the Works Committee, to the Economic Development and Parks Committee, and to the Sustainability Roundtable for their consideration.

The Medical Officer of Health gave an overhead slide presentation.

Mr. Peter Tabuns, Greenpeace, appeared before the Board of Health in connection with this matter.

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

The Board of Health:

on motion by Dr. Pellizzari:

- (1) endorsed the Proposed Contingency Plan for the Prevention and Control of the West Nile Virus;
- (2) recommended to Works Committee and Council adoption of Recommendations Nos. (1), (2) and (5) of the foregoing report;
- (3) forwarded the report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee and the Sustainability Roundtable for consideration and a request that they submit their comments directly to Council for consideration with the report from the Works Committee, in accordance with Recommendation No. (6);

on motion by Councillor Mihevc:

- (4) adopted Recommendation No. (3) and No. (4);
- (5) forwarded the report to:
 - (a) the City's Occupational Health and Safety Committee, the Chief Building Official and the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards for information and appropriate action; and

on motion by Councillor Mihevc on behalf of Ms. Nelson:

- (b) the Toronto school boards and respective unions and associations and requested the school boards to provide students with educational material (fact sheets provided by the Medical Officer of Health) as soon as possible and before the end of the school year.

(Works Committee; Toronto District School Board; Toronto Catholic District School Board; Conseil scolaire de district Catholique Centre-Sud; Conseil de district du Centre Sud-Ouest;

School Board Unions/Associations c. Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services; Interested Persons – June 19, 2001)

6.8 Appointment of Associate Medical Officers of Health.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Board of Health deferred consideration of this matter to its next meeting.

6.9 Implications of the 2001 Budget.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Board of Health deferred consideration of the implications of the 2001 Budget on the Board's ability to provide mandatory programs and services to early fall.

6.10 Update on the Environmental Tobacco Smoke By-law

The Board of Health had before it the following communications expressing concern with respect to the City's Environmental Tobacco Smoke By-law:

- (1) (June 12, 2001) from the Managing Director, Whistler's Grille and Café-Bar; and
- (2) (June 15, 2001) from Mr. Thomas J. Bitove.

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Board of Health agreed to hear one deputation with respect to the Environmental Tobacco Smoke By-law.

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

- Mr. Steven Mastoras, Managing Director, Whistler's Grille and Café-Bar and submitted a written brief; and
- Councillor Frances Nunziata.

The following motion by Councillor Prue **failed**:

“That the Medical Officer of Health be requested to submit a report in the early fall to the Board of Health evaluating the early stages of the implementation of the Environmental Tobacco Smoke By-law, such

report to examine the feasibility and appropriateness of advancing the date for the implementation of smoke-free bars and pool halls.”

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board of Health received the foregoing communications and deputations.

The Board of Health adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Chair