

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of Board of Health

Meeting No. s3

Monday, February 18, 2002

The Board of Health held a special meeting on Monday, January 28, 2002 in Committee Room No. 2, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1:00 p.m.

Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Ms. Fiona Nelson

Councillor Mihevc in the Chair.

3.1 Toronto Public Health Budget.

The Board of Health had before it a communication (February 7, 2002) from the Committee Secretary, Budget Subcommittee, submitting recommendations from the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee from its meeting on February 6, 2002 with respect to the 2002 Capital Budget.

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Mr. Brian MacKay declared an interest with respect to that portion of the Toronto Public Health operating budget as it relates to dental health program services and City grants, the nature of the conflict being that he is a board member of LAMP Community Health Centre.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board of Health advised the Budget Advisory Committee and Policy and Finance Committee that the Board:

- (1) supports the Budget Advisory Committee's recommendations that:
 - (a) unfunded programs for TB Control, Vulnerable Adults and Frail Seniors, and Environment Plan/Air Quality be reinstated to the Toronto Public Health (TPH) 2002 Operating Base Budget;
 - (b) the TPH gapping target be reduced by 1 percent (i.e. to 4.0 percent gross/4.8 percent net);
 - (c) the health emergency preparedness plan be approved to \$551.0 thousand net (operating) and \$100 thousand net (capital);
 - (d) the capital budget include full funding for completion of THEIS Phase 3 (\$633.0 thousand net) and the Community Nursing and Customer Management System (\$7.5 million); and
 - (e) the Environment Plan/Pesticides consultation be approved at \$30.0 thousand net;

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- (2) does not endorse the additional \$500.0 thousand net in service reductions options presented by the Medical Officer of Health and requests the Budget Advisory Committee to reconsider its decision not to add these funds to the TPH 2002 Operating Base Budget;
- (3) recommends that the service reduction options presented by the Medical Officer of Health totalling \$500.0 thousand net be referred to the Budget Advisory Committee for information; and
- (4) recommends approval of the 5-year capital plan and budget for the South Region Animal Centre pursuant to City Council's decision on February 14, 2002 to site this facility at Exhibition Place.

(Budget Advisory Committee; Policy and Finance Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services – February 19, 2002)

3.2 Healthy Babies Healthy Children Funding.

The Board of Health had before it a report (February 12, 2002) from the Medical Officer of Health, informing the Board of Health of a recent funding announcement for the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children program and seeking authorization to enter into the required service agreement with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care; advising that there are no net financial implications for the City; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health authorize the Chair of the Board and the Medical Officer of Health to sign the service agreement with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care;
- (2) \$616,839.00 (gross) and \$0 (net) be added to the Toronto Public Health 2002 basic operating budget;
- (3) the 2002 Operating Budget for Public Health be amended to include \$616,889.00 gross/\$0 net (6.0 FTE) for the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children program;
- (4) this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee and the Policy and Finance Committee for their consideration; 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 recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee and the Policy and Finance Committee that:

- (1) \$616,839.00 (gross) and \$0 (net) be added to the Toronto Public Health 2002 basic operating budget;
- (2) the 2002 Operating Budget for Public Health be amended to include \$616,889.00 gross/\$0 net (6.0 FTE) for the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children program; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(Budget Advisory Committee; Policy and Finance Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services – February 19, 2002)

3.3 Board of Health Tuberculosis Subcommittee Appointment of Chair.

The Board of Health had before it a communication (January 11, 2002) from Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, advising that the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons at its meeting on December 14, 2001, discussed the issue of TB and the associated risks of people who are homeless and submitting recommendations in that regard.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board of Health:

- (1) reconstituted the Tuberculosis Subcommittee and appointed Dr. Rosana Pellizzari as Chair; and
- (2) referred the communication (January 11, 2002) from Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons to the Subcommittee for consideration and report back to the Board of Health.

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(Board of Health Tuberculosis Subcommittee; c. Dr. Rosana Pellizzari; Councillor Jack Layton; Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services – February 19, 2002)

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The Board of Health adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Chair