

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of Board of Health

Meeting No. 5

Monday, May 13, 2002

The Board of Health met on Monday, May 13, 2002 in Committee Room No. 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1:12 p.m.

Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Ms. Fiona Nelson

Councillor Mihevc in the Chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Brian MacKay, the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Health held on April 8, 2002 were confirmed.

**5.1 Early Years Challenge Fund and Community
Co-ordinator Initiative.**

The Board of Health had before it a report (April 29, 2002) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing an update on the City of Toronto's Early Years Challenge Fund and Community Co-ordinator Initiative (also called the Early Years Project), and recommending City endorsement of the Toronto Early Years Steering Committee report entitled "Moving Forward: Toronto Early Years Action Plan"; advising that there are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report and recommending that:

- (1) this report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee and the Children and Youth Action Committee;
- (2) the Board of Health and City Council reaffirm to the Minister of Community, Family and Children's Services, its expertise and strong interest in early years planning and recommend that a senior advisory group that includes City representation, be convened to guide the local planning process for Early Years Centres in Toronto;
- (3) the Board of Health and City Council endorse the planning recommendations contained in the "Moving Forward: Toronto Early Years Action Plan" and recommend that the Ministry of Community, Family and Children's Services incorporate them into planning the implementation of Early Years Centres in Toronto;
- (4) City staff continue to closely monitor provincial Early Years initiatives with a view to identifying potential impacts on the City's early child development system, including Child Care, Family Resource Centres and other community-based early years programs and developing strategies to mitigate any adverse impacts that may result; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Board Member, Nancy Peters, declared an interest in this matter in that the agency for which she works may benefit from the adoption of the recommendations.

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

(Clause No. 1, Report No. 4)

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

The Board of Health had before it a report (April 24, 2002) from the Medical Officer of Health, advising the Policy and Finance Committee, through the Board of Health, about two new provincial funding announcements and purchase of service contracts currently awarded and executed by the Medical Officer of Health; advising of financial implications; and recommending that the Policy and Finance Committee be requested to:

- (1) adjust the Toronto Public Health 2002 Operating Budget to include \$290,341.00 (gross)/\$0 (net) of additional funding for the Infant Hearing Program funding from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care;
- (2) adjust the Toronto Public Health 2002 Operating budget to include \$764,000.00 (gross)/\$0 (net) of new funding from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care for the West Nile Virus Control and Prevention Program to fund 4 FTE's, communications, surveillance and mapping;
- (3) authorize the Medical Officer of Health to award and execute purchase of service contracts for the Infant Hearing Program, within the approved budget and in accordance with established Ministry criteria and fee structures;
- (4) authorize the Medical Officer of Health to amend service contracts to reflect adjustments in funding amounts for the Preschool Speech and Language program, the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program, the Sexual Health program, the Early Postpartum Discharge program and the Community Heart Health Partnership Initiative; and
- (5) authorize and direct the appropriate City officials to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Board of Health also had before it a communication (May 10, 2002) from Anne Dembinski, President, CUPE Local 79, providing comments with respect to purchase of services contracts in Public Health.

Board Member, Lee Zaslofsky, declared an interest in this matter in he is a Board Member of the Hassle Free Clinic.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board of Health recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee adoption of the aforementioned report (April 24, 2002) from the Medical Officer of Health.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services; President, CUPE, Local 79 – May 14, 2002)

5.3 Air Quality and Enforcement of the City of Toronto Idling Control By-law.

The Board of Health had before it a joint report (April 30, 2002) from the Medical Officer of Health and Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, reporting on activities promoting compliance with the Idling Control By-law; advising that there are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health receive this report and forward it for information to the Works Committee; and
- (2) 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 received the joint report and forwarded same to the Works Committee for information.

(Works Committee; c. Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services – May 14, 2002)

5.4 Research on the Synergistic Impacts of Extreme Heat and Smog.

The Board of Health had before it a report (April 30, 2002) from the Medical Officer of Health, seeking approval of a Contribution Agreement between the Government of Canada and the City of Toronto to enable Toronto Public Health to receive a research grant from Health Canada; and seeking approval for a Purchase of Service Agreement between the City of Toronto and Environment Canada and a second Purchase of Service Agreement between the City of Toronto and Dr. David Pengelly to enable appropriate administration and completion of the study; advising of financial implications; and recommending that:

- (1) City Council authorize the Medical Officer of Health to sign a Contribution Agreement between the Government of Canada (Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada as represented by the federal Minister of Health) and the City of

Toronto regarding Health Policy Research Program Project Number 6795-15-2001/4400011;

- (2) City Council authorize the Medical Officer of Health to award and execute a Purchase of Service Agreement for a two-year period between July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2004, between the City and the Government of Canada (Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada as represented by the federal Minister of the Environment) and a second Purchase of Service Agreement between the City and Dr. David Pengelly, on terms satisfactory to the Medical Officer of Health and the City Solicitor. The total amount of funding is not to exceed \$255,473.00; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary steps to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 2, Report No. 4)

5.5 Board of Health Member Presentation to Canadian Public Health Association Annual Conference.

The Board of Health had before it a report (April 29, 2002) from the Medical Officer of Health, requesting approval for the participation of Board Member, Lee Zaslofsky, at the 93rd Annual Conference of the Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA) to be held in Yellowknife, North West Territories on July 7 – 10, 2002, with a view to giving a presentation at the conference; advising that the cost for registration, travel, and accommodation will be \$2,400.00; the monies to cover these expenses are available within the 2002 Public Health Operating Budget for Board of Health expenses; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health approve the participation of Lee Zaslofsky at the 93rd CPHA conference in Yellowknife, North West Territories on July 7 – 10, 2002 to present “Toronto Board of Health’s Commitment to Accessible and Effective Community Participation”; and
- (2) 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 foregoing report.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Lee Zaslofsky; Jane Speakman,
Legal Services – May 14, 2002)

5.6 Final Report on City's Response to Jordan Heikamp Inquest Recommendations.

The Board of Health had before it a communication (April 24, 2002) from the Acting Commissioner, Community and Neighbourhood Services, forwarding his report summarizing the City's response to the recommendations of the Coroner's Inquest into the death of Jordan Heikamp which will be considered at the meeting of the Community Services Committee on May 2, 2002, and requesting that the Board of Health forward any comments directly to Council for consideration with the Community Services Committee report with respect to this matter.

The Board of Health also had before it the report (April 18, 2002) from the Acting Commissioner, Community and Neighbourhood Services, recommending that:

- (1) this report be forwarded to the Office of the Chief Coroner;
- (2) the City of Toronto recommend that the Province allocate funding to all Children's Aid Societies to enable them to provide prenatal support to high-risk pregnant women thereby strengthening the network of services available to this population;
- (3) the City of Toronto recommend that the Province provide funding for ongoing training for shelter workers and other service providers to enable them to work more effectively with vulnerable populations such as high-risk pregnant or parenting women;
- (4) the City of Toronto include high-risk pregnant and parenting young women as one priority group for new affordable housing initiatives; and
- (5) 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 a communication (May 2, 2002) from the City Clerk, Community Services Committee, advising that the Community Services Committee, at its meeting on May 2, 2002, in considering the aforementioned report from the Acting Commissioner, Community and Neighbourhood Services:

- (1) recommended to Council:

- (i) the adoption of the aforementioned report from the Acting Commissioner, Community and Neighbourhood Services; and
 - (ii) that, in the expansion of the Robertson House model in other shelters, the principle of allowing pregnant young women to stay in the same shelter before and after birth of their babies not be violated, unless in emergency situations; and
- (2) directed that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee on:
- (i) the establishment of various recommended service protocols or agreements and their implementation; and
 - (ii) the feasibility of establishing supportive affordable housing units for homeless pregnant youth (Jordan Village); and further be requested to work co-operatively with the Young Parents of No Fixed Address Group in this regard.

Board Member, Nancy Peters, declared an interest in this matter in that the agency for which she works may benefit from the adoption of the recommendations.

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

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; City Clerk, Community Services Committee; Jane Speakman, Legal Services – May 14, 2002)

5.7 Strategy to Achieve a Phase-Out of Non-Essential Outdoor Uses of Pesticides.

The Board of Health had before it a communication (April 30, 2002) from the City Clerk, Economic Development and Parks Committee, advising that the Economic Development and Parks Committee, at its meeting on April 29, 2002, in considering the report (March 21, 2002) by the Medical Officer of Health, with respect to the development of a strategy to achieve a phase-out of non-essential outdoor uses of pesticides, took the following action:

- (1) received the report (April 9, 2002) from the Secretary, Board of Health, respecting the development of a strategy to achieve a phase-out of non-essential outdoor pesticide use on private property, together with the discussion document

and background information, which was forwarded to the Economic Development and Parks Committee for information; and

- (2) requested the Board of Health to not hold any public consultation meetings with regard to this matter until such time as the previously requested report from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism has been submitted, the said report to also include the following:
 - (a) results of an economic impact study, such study to include the impact on City businesses such as golf courses and private businesses such as landscape companies; and
 - (b) a forum for input from residents and any other interested parties.

The Medical Officer of Health gave a brief update on the community consultation program. The Board of Health noted that the community consultations had already been publicized.

On motion by Councillor Filion, the Board of Health received the foregoing.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. City Clerk, Economic Development and Parks Committee; Jane Speakman, Legal Services – May 14, 2002)

5.8 2002 Association of Local Public Health Agencies Annual Conference.

The Board of Health had before it registration and program information for the 2002 Association of Local Public Health Agencies Annual Conference, to be held on June 9 to 11, 2002, in Thunder Bay.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board of Health approved the participation of Board Member, Brian MacKay, at the 2002 ALPHA Annual Conference June 9 – 11, 2002, in Thunder Bay.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Brian MacKay; Jane Speakman, Legal Services – May 14, 2002)

5.9 Local Health Committee Minutes.

The Board of Health had before it the Minutes of the following meetings:

- (i) the Etobicoke Local Health Committee held on March 6, 2002;
- (ii) the Midtown Local Health Committee held on March 25, 2002;
- (iii) the North York Local Health Committee held on March 20, 2002; and
- (iv) the Scarborough Local Health Committee held February 20, 2002.

The Board of Health concurred with the following protocol for considering issues raised at the Local Health Committees:

- (1) Local Health Committee minutes, once approved, will be forwarded to the Board of Health for information;
- (2) time sensitive matters shall be submitted, in writing, by the Chair of the Local Health Committee, to the Chair of the Board of Health for inclusion on the next Board of Health agenda as a communication item; and
- (3) if necessary, the matter may be referred to the Medical Officer of Health for report back to the Board at a subsequent meeting at which time deputations may be heard.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board of Health
received the foregoing minutes.

5.10 Scarborough Dental Services Expansion.

The Board of Health had before it a communication (undated) from the Scarborough Dental Health Services Working Group, requesting the expansion of dental health services in Scarborough.

Mr. Hyndman submitted a petition signed by approximately 1,276 people, requesting that the Scarborough Civic Centre dental clinic be upgraded to the same levels as the other dental clinics outside of Scarborough.

The Board of Health adopted the following resolution by Brian Hyndman:

“WHEREAS the dental clinics operated by Toronto Public Health provide a needed source of dental care to children and seniors who would not otherwise be able to access these services; and

WHEREAS the only dental service in the former City of Scarborough operated by Toronto Public Health is preventive dental care for children available at the Scarborough Civic Centre; and

WHEREAS transportation to the other full-service dental clinics in Toronto is a barrier for many Scarborough residents; and

WHEREAS many Scarborough residents eligible for Toronto Public Health dental services may be going without adequate dental care as a result of this service gap;

WHEREAS the reduction of program and service gaps across the city of Toronto was identified as a key priority emerging from the Board of Health Planning retreat in November 2001;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Toronto Public Health reallocate the required resources to upgrade the dental clinic at Scarborough Civic Centre, to enable the clinic to offer residents the same level of service as other clinics operated by Toronto Public Health.”

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Scarborough Dental Health Services Working Group; Brian Hyndman; Jane Speakman, Legal Services – May 14, 2002)

5.11 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) HIV/AIDS Partnership with Botswana.

The Board of Health had before it a communication (May 9, 2002) from the City Clerk, Policy and Finance Committee, forwarding, for information, a copy of a report (April 24, 2002) from the Chief Administrative Officer, entitled “Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) HIV/AIDS Partnership with Botswana”; and wherein it is recommended that:

- (1) the City of Toronto enter into a partnership with a municipality in Botswana through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities International Centre for Municipal Development’s Municipal Partnership Program, with a view to increasing the capacity of that municipality and the municipal sector to address HIV/AIDS issues in Botswana;

- (2) subject to the satisfactory completion and outcome of the diagnostic mission, the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to enter into the necessary agreement to give effect to the partnership;
- (3) this report be forwarded to the Board of Health for information;
- (4) 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 advised Council that it endorses Recommendations Nos. (1), (2) and (4) contained in the report (April 24, 2002) from the Chief Administrative Officer.

(City Council; c. Chief Administrative Officer; Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services; Administrator, Policy and Finance Committee – May 14, 2002)

5.12 Medical Officer of Health Performance Appraisal.

At this point in the proceedings, on motion by Councillor Jones, the Board of Health recessed to meet in-camera to discuss a personnel matter.

The Board of Health recessed at 1:50 p.m. to meet in-camera.

The Board of Health resumed its public session at 1:55 p.m.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board of Health established a Performance Appraisal Subcommittee composed of its Chair, Councillor Mihevc, Councillor Fillion, Ms Peters and Mr. MacKay.

The Board of Health adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Chair