

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of Board of Health

Meeting No. 6

Monday, June 10, 2002

The Board of Health met on Monday, June 10, 2002 in Committee Room No. 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1:12 p.m.

Members Present:

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	
Dr. Rosana Pellizzari	x
Ms. Nancy Peters	x
Councillor Jane Pitfield	x
Trustee Mark Stefanini	
Councillor Michael Tziretas	
Mr. Lee Zaslofsky	x

Also Present:

Ms. Fiona Nelson

Councillor Mihevc in the Chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Mr. Hyndman, the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Health held on May 13, 2002 were confirmed.

6.1 Peer Nutrition Program.

The Board of Health had before it a report (May 23, 2002) from the Medical Officer of Health, reporting on some of the successes and challenges of the Peer Nutrition Program in the first two years of operation; advising that there are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health forward this report to the Community Services Committee and the Children and Youth Action Committee for information; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

- (i) Nancy Cheng, South Riverdale Community Health Centre;
- (ii) Ken Sosa, CAST;
- (iii) Sherry Phillips, Lawrence Heights Community Health Centre;
- (iv) Irene on behalf of Woodgreen Community Centre;
- (v) Family Compana, Spanish Community;
- (vi) Claudia Carvalho, Portuguese Community;
- (vii) Zeinab, Somali Community;
- (viii) Thecla Neganegijig and Bernadette Martin, Native Child Family Services;
- (ix) Donna May, Epngishmok Aboriginal Head Start;
- (x) Polly Cho and Pamela Wang; and
- (xi) Luanne Rayvals.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Board of Health:

- (A) adopted the foregoing report; and
- (B) requested the Medical Officer of Health to include the Thorncliffe Park Community in the Peer Nutrition Program.

(Community Services Committee; Children and Youth Action Committee c. Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services; Interested Persons – June 11, 2002)

6.2 West Nile Virus Plan for 2002.

The Board of Health had before it a report (May 28, 2002) from the Medical Officer of Health, outlining the West Nile Virus Plan to be implemented by the City of Toronto for 2002; advising of financial implications; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health forward this report to the Works Committee and the Economic Development and Parks Committee for their information; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Dr. Karl Kabasele gave a brief presentation on the West Nile Virus Plan for 2002.

On motion by Councillor Jones, as amended by Dr. Pellizzari, the Board of Health:

- (A) adopted the aforementioned report;
- (B) requested the Medical Officer of Health to report to the Board of Health:
 - (1) in consultation with the Toronto Transit Commission, on a regular and ongoing public health advertising strategy throughout the Toronto Transit system;
 - (2) in October on a West Nile Virus plan for 2003; including budget requirements;
 - (3) on a strategy for the safe and effective use of repellants as part of the personal protection component of the prevention of West Nile Virus; and
- (C) encouraged the Provincial Government to continue to provide 100 percent funding for this program.

(Works Committee; Economic Development and Parks Committee; Minister of Health and Long Term Care; c. Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services; Interested Persons – June 11, 2002)

6.3 Update on Toronto Public Health's Response to a Tuberculosis Outbreak.

The Board of Health had before it a report (May 28, 2002) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing the Board of Health with an update on the outbreak of tuberculosis (TB) in a men's shelter in Toronto; advising of financial implications; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health forward this report to the Community Services Committee for information; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Dr. Barbara Yaffe gave a brief presentation on the Toronto Public Health's response to a TB outbreak.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board of Health unanimously adopted the report from the Medical Officer of Health.

(Community Services Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services; Interested Persons – June 11, 2002)

6.4 Drug Use in Toronto 2001.

The Board of Health had before it a report (May 24, 2002) from the Medical Officer of Health, forwarding, for information, the report "Drug Use in Toronto, 2001", summarizing the most recently available data regarding the local use of illicit drugs; advising that there are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report and recommending that the Board of Health receive for information the report "Drug Use in Toronto, 2001".

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

6.5 Managing the Disposal of Household Products that Contain Mercury.

The Board of Health had before it a report (May 27, 2002) from the Medical Officer of Health, reporting on the best means of managing the disposal of fluorescent light bulbs and other household products that contain mercury; advising that there are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health forward this report to the Works Committee for their information; 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.

(Works Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services – June 11, 2002)

6.6 Environmental Impact of All-Way Stop Controls.

The Board of Health had before it a communication (May 8, 2002) from the City Clerk, Midtown Community Council, advising that the Midtown Community Council, at its meeting on May 7, 2002, in considering the installation of an all-way stop control, among other things, forwarded a copy of a letter dated (April 19, 2002) from Mr. C.R. Jenkins, to the Works Committee, Board of Health and the Toronto Atmospheric Fund for consideration.

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

6.7 Local Health Committee Minutes.

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

- (i) York Local Health Committee held on March 27, 2002; and
- (ii) Scarborough Local Health Committee held on April 15, 2002.

On motion by Mr. Hyndman, the Board of Health received the foregoing minutes.

6.8 2002 AIDS Prevention Grants.

The Board of Health had before it a joint report (May 30, 2002) from Councillor Kyle Rae and Lee Zaslofsky, Co-Chairs, AIDS Prevention Grants Review Panel, outlining the review process, funding applications and recommendations of the Board of Health AIDS Prevention Grants Review Panel regarding allocations in 2002; advising that the City of Toronto Consolidated Grants Budget includes an allocation of \$1,228,800.00 for the AIDS Prevention Program; that this report proposes allocations of these monies to 50 projects; and, further, that there is no net impact on the 2002 Operating Budget approved by City Council; and recommending that:

- (1) City Council approve the allocation of \$1,228,800.00 to 50 projects as recommended by the AIDS Prevention Grants Review Panel in Appendices A and B of this report; and
- (2) authority be granted to the Medical Officer of Health to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, including the execution of Letters of Understanding on behalf of the City.

The Board of Health also had before it a communication (May 17, 2002) from the Committee Secretary, AIDS Grants Review Panel, advising that the Board of Health 2002 AIDS Grants Review Panel recommends that whereas the City of Toronto HIV/AIDS partner agencies are unable to provide the service levels required to adequately address continued and emerging HIV/AIDS prevention across the City of Toronto, that the Board of Health request Budget Advisory Committee to recommend that City Council allocate an additional \$275,000.00 to the 2003 Consolidated Grants Budget for AIDS Prevention Grants.

Lee Zaslofsky declared an interest in that portion of the foregoing report relating to the Hassle Free Men's Clinic, in that he is a member of the Board of the Hassle Free Clinic.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Board of Health:

- (A) recommended to Council, adoption of the joint report (May 30, 200) from Councillor Kyle Rae and Lee Zaslofsky, Co-Chairs, AIDS Prevention Grants Review Panel; and

- (B) recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that whereas the City of Toronto HIV/AIDS partner agencies are unable to provide the service levels required to adequately address continued and emerging HIV/AIDS prevention across the City of Toronto, that City Council allocate an additional \$275,000 to the 2003 Consolidated Grants Budget for AIDS Prevention Grants.

(Community Services Committee; Children and Youth Action Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services; Interested Persons – June 11, 2002)

(Clause 1, Report No. 5)

6.9 2002 Drug Prevention Grants.

The Board of Health had before it a joint report (May 30, 2002) from Cathy Kozma and Stephen Meredith, Co-Chairs, Drug Prevention Grants Review Panel, outlining the review process, funding applications and recommendations of the Board of Health's Drug Prevention Grants Review Panel regarding allocations in 2002; advising that the City of Toronto Consolidated Grants Budget includes an allocation of \$661,460.00 for the Drug Prevention Program; that this report proposes allocations of these monies to 58 projects; and, further, that there is no net impact on the 2002 Operating Budget approved by City Council; and recommending that:

- (1) City Council approve the allocation of \$661,460.00 to 58 projects as recommended by the Drug Prevention Grants Review Panel in Appendices A and B of this report; and
- (2) authority be granted to the Medical Officer of Health to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, including the execution of Letters of Understanding on behalf of the City.

The Board of Health also had before it a communication (June 8, 2002) from Marlene Bradshaw, Board Member, Willowridge Information and Recreation Centre, requesting an appeal in the Board of Health Drug Prevention Grants Review Panel's decision.

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

(Clause No 2, Report No. 5)

**6.10 'Our Health Our Say' The Word from the Streets
on Ontario's Health Care System Report.**

The Board of Health had before it a communication (May 27, 2002) from the City Clerk, forwarding, for information, Clause No. 12 contained in Report No. 5 of the Community Services Committee. Headed "'Our Health, Our Say' The Word from the Streets on Ontario's Health Care System Report", which was adopted, without amendment, by the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on May 21, 22 and 23, 2002.

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

**6.11 Toronto District Health Council Report: "Recommendations
for Improved Emergency Response Coordination in Toronto's
Health Sector".**

The Board of Health had before it a report (June 3, 2002) from the Medical Officer of Health, updating the Board of Health on the work being done by the Toronto Public Health Emergency Services Unit in partnership with the Toronto District Health Council and Toronto Emergency Medical Services to improve the coordination and capacity to respond to emergencies in Toronto's health sector; advising that there are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report; and recommending that the Board of Health receive this report for information.

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

6.12 Increasing the Fine for Dogs Running Off Leash.

The Board of Health had before it a communication (April 8, 2002) from Councillor Ron Moeser, forwarding a petition signed by approximately 136 members of the community, requesting that the fine given to pet owners who allow their dogs to run off-leash be substantially increased.

The Board of Health also had before it a communication (June 10, 2002) from Councillor Ron Moeser, requesting staff to report on the possibility of increasing the fines for dogs running off leash.

On motion by Dr, Pellizzari, the Board of Health referred the foregoing communications to the Medical Officer of Health, with a request that she review the current by-laws, enforcement and fines for efficacy, and submit a report thereon to the Board of Health.

(Medical Officer of Health; c. Linda and Thomas Robinson; Councillor Ron Moeser; Jane Speakman, Legal Services – June 11, 2002)

6.13 2002/2003 Student Nutrition Program Service Subsidies.

The Board of Health had before it a report (June 7, 2002) from the Medical Officer of Health, requesting that the Board of Health adopt the recommendations of the Student Nutrition Program Steering Committee regarding the 2002/2003 Student Nutrition Program service subsidy allocations; advising of financial implications and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health recommend that City Council execute agreements totalling \$1,955,340 with the Toronto Foundation for Student Success (\$1,788,639.24) and the Metropolitan Toronto Catholic Education Foundation (\$166,700.76) to administer the allocation of service subsidies to eligible student nutrition programs across the City of Toronto; and
- (2) authority be granted to the Medical Officer of Health to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, including the execution of agreements with the Toronto Foundation for Student Success and the Metropolitan Toronto Catholic Education Foundation on behalf of the City.

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

(Clause No. 3, Report No. 5)

6.14 Proposed Governance Structure for Water and Wastewater Services.

On motion by Mr. Hyndman, the Board of Health:

(A) adopted the following Resolution by Brian Hyndman:

“WHEREAS access to a safe, affordable water supply is essential for the health of Toronto residents; and

WHEREAS public accountability has been identified as a key prerequisite for a safe and effective water management system; and

WHEREAS the City of Toronto is currently contemplating changes to the governance and administration of Toronto’s water management system, as outlined in the report from the Chief Administrative Officer on Recommended Governance Structure for Water and Wastewater Services; and

WHEREAS there is, at present, insufficient information to adequately assess the implications of the proposed changes for public accountability and public health and safety;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health endorse Justice O’Connor’s view that, on matters relating to municipal water systems, caution is preferable to haste; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health recommends to City Council that any decision about the governance and administrative structure of Toronto’s water management system be made after:

- (i) a full assessment of the implications for public accountability and public health;
- (ii) a review of relevant provincial legislation, including the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Sustainable Water and Sewage Systems Act, and the New Municipal Act.; and

(B) referred the “Water Advocate’s Response to The Water Utility Study Report” submitted by Councillor Jones, to the Medical Officer of Health, with a request that she submit any comments with respect thereto directly to City Council, when this matter is considered.

(Joint Policy and Finance Committee and Works Committee; c. Marilyn Toft, Manager, Council Support; Medical Officer of Health; Jane Speakman, Legal Services; Brian Hyndman; Sean Meagher, Toronto Waterwatch – June 11, 2002)

6.15 Staff Recognition Award.

The Chair presented a Staff Recognition Award to Charmaine Peuramaki, a Registered Practical Nurse, working with the Directly Observed Therapy section of the TB Program, for her dedication and commitment to helping men who have been affected by the TB outbreak.

The Board of Health adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Chair