

**BOARD OF HEALTH  
AGENDA  
MEETING No. 5**

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| <b>Date of Meeting:</b> | <b>June 16, 2003</b>         | <b>Enquiry:</b> | <b>Yvonne Davies</b>  |
| <b>Time:</b>            | <b>1:00 p.m.</b>             |                 | <b>Secretary</b>      |
| <b>Location:</b>        | <b>Committee Room No. 1</b>  |                 | <b>416-395-7345</b>   |
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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO  
THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT.**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – May 12, 2003**  
[Sent to Members by electronic mail]

**STAFF RECOGNITION**

**COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS**

**1. Report of the Immigration and Refugee Working Group of the Tuberculosis (TB) Sub-Committee of the Board of Health**

Report (May 29, 2003) from Dr. Rosana Pellizzari, Chair, TB Sub-Committee, providing the Board of Health with recommendations to improve TB Prevention and Control in immigrant and refugee residents; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health advocate with the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) and Citizenship and Immigration Canada to implement a national data system shared between federal, provincial and local partners to enable the monitoring of persons on immigration medical surveillance. The database should include the capacity to record results of medical investigations and consultations and should facilitate short term and long term follow-up of persons on immigration medical surveillance as currently recommended in the Canadian Tuberculosis Standards;

- (2) the Board of Health request that Citizenship and Immigration Canada provide provincial Ministries of Health (and through them, local jurisdictions) with annual reports on the outcomes of medical surveillance for the purposes of program planning and prioritization of services;
- (3) the Board of Health request the Canadian Tuberculosis Committee (CTC) extend representation on the Immigration Subcommittee of the CTC to include local public health representatives from urban centres (e.g., Vancouver, Montreal, and Toronto) with significant levels of immigration and active cases of tuberculosis (TB);
- (4) the Board of Health request that the Ontario Minister of Health and Long-term Care report back to the Board on the implementation of the Toronto District Health Council's (TDHC) recommendations contained in the "Report of the TDHC Tuberculosis Advisory Group: Tuberculosis: Enhancing a Coordinated Continuum of Care (July 2000)";
- (5) the Board of Health advocate with the MOHLTC to provide dedicated provincial funding for expanding the existing TB clinic capacity in Toronto as recommended by the Toronto District Health Council in its report "Tuberculosis: Enhancing a Coordinated Continuum of Care", July 2000;
- (6) the Board of Health advocate with MOHLTC to provide dedicated provincial funding to Community Health Centres to provide medical assessment of all persons on immigration medical surveillance for TB in Toronto. This would reduce financial barriers to accessing TB-related medical care;
- (7) the Board of Health request the Medical Officer of Health to report back to the board on the feasibility and resource implications of implementing: (1) targeted outreach and TB screening in recent immigrant communities from TB-endemic countries; (2) more comprehensive follow up of persons on medical surveillance for TB as recommended in the Canadian Tuberculosis Standards;
- (8) Toronto Public Health collaborate with Shelter, Housing and Support and other agencies working with refugees to facilitate screening for refugees with symptoms consistent with active TB disease prior to referral to the shelter system;
- (9) Toronto Public Health advocate with MOHLTC to implement the proposed TB-UP program immediately; and
- (10) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

## **2. Physical Activity and Public Health: A Call to Action**

Report (June 4, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health identifying physical activity as a significant public health issue requiring concerted City-wide action. The strong

connection between physical activity and health is presented and physical activity is examined in the context of the determinants of health, emphasizing the need to address the social, physical, political and economic conditions that affect physical activity participation. The key role of municipal government in increasing physical activity is established, as is the need for enhanced coordination and collaboration among City departments and the numerous community and institutional partners by ensuring action to eliminate the barriers to physical activity for all Toronto residents; and recommending that:

- (1) the Medical Officer of Health initiate a Call to Action by convening a Physical Activity Leadership Group involving key community and institutional stakeholders to plan and implement inter-sectoral action to increase physical activity in the population as a whole, beginning with children, youth and their families;
- (2) the Physical Activity Leadership Group develop an action plan to improve physical activity levels across the City and that this be reported back to the Board of Health through the Medical Officer of Health in early 2004;
- (3) the Board of Health endorse the Medical Officer of Health's Call to Action and forward this report for information and appropriate action to Community Services Committee, Economic Development and Parks Committee, Planning and Transportation Committee and City Council;
- (4) this report be forwarded for information and appropriate action to the relevant federal and provincial departments, ministries, and groups, including Health Canada and Sport Canada, the Ontario Ministries of Health and Long-Term Care, Tourism and Recreation, and Community, Family and Children's Services; the Ontario Public Health Association, the Ontario Physical and Health Education Association and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies; and
- (5) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

### **3. Air Pollution and Physical Activity**

Report (June 2, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health providing information on a new study by Toronto Public Health staff that examines the relationship between air pollution and physical activity; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health request that the Federal Minister of Health, in consultation with Toronto Public Health, the Federal Minister of Environment, the Ontario Minister of the Environment and the Ontario Minister of Health and Long Term Care:
  - (a) conduct or fund research on the health benefits and risks associated with urban air quality in relation to physical activity outdoors;

- (b) conduct or fund research on whether modifications in outdoor physical activity patterns, such as substituting less strenuous exercise, reducing the duration of exercise, or introducing more rest periods, can mitigate adverse health effects, especially when pollution levels approach or exceed smog-alert conditions; and
  - (c) provide guidance on the promotion of physical activity to health units that includes consideration of the appropriate times, locations and intensity of physical activity by children and adults, including those with heart and breathing problems, when outdoor air pollution levels are elevated.
- (2) the Board of Health request that the Ontario Minister of Environment issue a smog alert whenever the Air Quality Index (AQI) is forecast to or unexpectedly reaches a value of 50 or greater;
  - (3) the Board of Health forward this report to all Ontario health units, the Ontario Medical Association, the Canadian Lung Association, Ontario Lung Association, New Brunswick Lung Association, Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology, Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Ontario Public Health Association and Association of Local Public Health Authorities for their information and follow-up action as appropriate; and
  - (4) appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

#### **4. 20/20 The Way to Clean Air -Environment Canada Grants and Regional Co-ordination**

Report (June 2, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health seeking approval to receive grants from Environment Canada, and to enter into a Purchase of Service Agreement with the Clean Air Partnership for co-ordination of "20/20 The Way to Clean Air" in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA); and recommending that:

- (1) City Council authorize the Medical Officer of Health to:
  - (a) sign a Contribution Agreement between the Government of Canada (Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada as represented by the federal Minister of Environment) and the City of Toronto, and
  - (b) sign a Memorandum of Understanding between Environment Canada – Ontario Region and the City of Toronto, regarding 20/20 The Way to Clean Air campaign;
- (2) City Council authorize the Medical Officer of Health to award and execute a Purchase of Service Agreement for a total of up to \$59,000 between the City of the Toronto and the Clean Air Partnership, to cover the period between July 1,

2003 and December 31, 2004, for GTA co-ordination of 20/20 The Way to Clean Air;

- (3) the Board of Health forward this report to all the health units in the Greater Toronto Area; and
- (4) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

## **5. Health Canada Funding for a SARS Household Transmission Study**

Report (June 3, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health seeking approval to receive funding from Health Canada to carry out a Household Transmission Study of SARS in Toronto; and recommending that:

- (1) City Council authorize the Medical Officer of Health to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between Health Canada and the City of Toronto, regarding funding of the SARS Household Transmission Study;
- (2) City Council authorize a technical adjustment to increase the Toronto Public Health 2003 Operating Budget by \$36,000 (gross) and \$0 (net);
- (3) the Board of Health forward this report to York Region Health Services for information; and
- (4) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

## **6. 2003 AIDS Prevention Grants**

Report (June 2, 2003) from the, Co-Chairs, AIDS Prevention Grants Review Panel, outlining the review process, funding applications and recommendations of the Board of Health's AIDS Prevention Grants Review Panel regarding allocations for 2003; and recommending that:

- (1) City Council approve the allocation of \$1,363,800 to 52 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.

## **7. 2003 Drug Prevention Grants**

Report (May 30, 2003) from the, 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 for 2003; and recommending that:

- (1) City Council approve the allocation of \$661,460 to 50 projects as recommended by the Drug Prevention Grants Review Panel in Appendices A and B of this report;
- (2) City Council approve the listed applicants for multi-year assessment in Appendix C of this report; and
- (3) 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.

## **8. Physical Punishment of Children and Youth**

Report (May 29, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health describing two national initiatives regarding the prevention of physical punishment of children and current Toronto Public Health activities that address this issue; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health endorse the "Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth" (April 25, 2003) and send a letter of endorsement to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, with a copy to the Ontario Public Health Association and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies;
- (2) the Board of Health send a letter in support of repeal of Section 43 of the Criminal Code of Canada to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, the Honourable Martin Cauchon and the Minister of Health, the Honourable Anne McLellan, with a copy to the Ontario Public Health Association and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies;
- (3) this report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee, the Economic Development & Parks Committee, the Children and Youth Action Committee, the Toronto District School Board, and the Toronto Catholic District School Board for their information; and
- (4) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(A copy of Appendix 'A' referred to in the foregoing report was forwarded to Members of the Board of Health only)

**9. West Nile Virus**

Communication (May 30, 2003) from the City Clerk, forwarding Clause No. 3 of Report No. 3 of the Board of Health, entitled "West Nile Virus", which was adopted, as amended, by Council at its meeting on May 21, 22 and 23, 2003.

**10. Food Safety Programme, Toronto Public Health - Re-inspection Fees under the Food Safety Programme**

Report (May 22, 2003) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services, reporting on whether the City has the authority to charge licensed businesses for re-inspections carried out under the Food Safety Programme; and recommending that the Commissioner of Urban Development Services consult with the Medical Officer of Health during the review of Chapter 545, Licensing, Toronto Municipal Code and the development of the new Licensing Fees Model, as it impacts upon Public Health.

**11. Phase-out of Coal-fired Electricity Purchases**

Joint report (May 27, 2003) from the Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services reporting on the emission reduction benefits and financial costs of phasing out the City of Toronto's Purchase of coal-fired electricity by: a) 2005, b) 2006 and c) 2010 and recommending that this report be received for information.

**12. Local Health Committee Minutes**

- (a) Minutes of the Humber York Local Health Committee meeting held on January 16, 2003;
- (b) Minutes of the North York Local Health Committee meeting held on March 26, 2003;
- (c) Minutes of the Toronto/East York Local Health Committee meeting held on April 22, 2003; and
- (d) Minutes of the Humber York Local Health Committee meeting held on April 24, 2003.