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CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENTS

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Deferred Clause:

Report No. 2 of The Board of Health, Clause No. 2a

and Notices of Motions as adopted by the Council of the City of Toronto at its Special Meeting held on April 24, 2003.

DEFERRED CLAUSE FROM REPORT NO. 2 OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Clause No. 2a - "Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)".

Council adopted the following recommendations:

"It is recommended that:

- (1) the Federal and Provincial Governments be requested to each provide funding in the amount of \$10 million and the City of Toronto provide \$5 million, for a total of \$25 million, to assist with the economic recovery of businesses in the City of Toronto and to provide that advertising be targeted to key cities whose residents are known to visit Toronto, such funds to be spent once the 20-day period of no new SARS cases has elapsed, a portion of funding to be used for a local campaign;
- (2) the appropriate City staff be authorized to commence the necessary program expenditures, once funding is available, to assist with the economic recovery of businesses in the City of Toronto;
- (3) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to submit a report to the Budget Advisory Committee and the Policy and Finance Committee on a recommended source of financing for the City of Toronto's share of funding for 2003;
- (4) the Premier be requested to:

- (a) recall the Provincial Legislature to provide a Provincial response to the economic impact on business and tourism sectors in the City of Toronto; and
- (b) provide funding to offset the City's exceptional costs during this crisis;
- (5) the Provincial and Federal Governments be requested to defer payment of PST and GST for hospitality-related businesses for 60 days;
- (6) the City of Toronto urge the Province to implement a dedicated hotel room tax to raise the funds necessary to promote economic recovery in the tourist industry in Ontario, as supported by Tourism Toronto and the Hotel Association;
- (7) the Federal government be requested to implement a health screening program at international airports within Canada;
- (8) the Province of Ontario be requested to co-ordinate the provision of medical and surgical procedures to other hospitals to address the backlog of surgeries and medical procedures;
- (9) Council adopt the recommendations embodied in the Public Statement (undated) issued by Local 75 of the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union, thereby requesting immediate action to be taken on the following initiatives:
 - (a) emergency Employment Insurance funds to be made available through Human Resources Development Canada, with the provision of necessary funding and relaxed eligibility requirements, in order to allow more workers to qualify for benefits (including the 10 percent unemployment rate threshold), including:
 - (i) the elimination of the two-week waiting period;
 - (ii) a reduced number of hours of work needed within the previous 52-week period so more hotel workers can quality; and
 - (iii) an extended benefit period so low-wage workers will not run out of Employment Insurance in only a few months;
 - (b) a provincial top-up to bring Employment Insurance benefits to a 100 percent level, with payments available for training and skills upgrading during this downturn, which has resulted in reduced hours of work for hospitality sector employees;
 - (c) additional Provincial funding for:
 - (i) the protection of medical benefits of laid-off workers;

- (ii) the provision of training programs for hospitality workers while laid off;
- (iii) a hotel tax to pay for future destination marketing; and
- (iv) emergency protection from evictions for laid-off hospitality workers who are unable to pay their rent;
- (10) Council adopt the following motion:

WHEREAS the SARS outbreak has put severe pressure on the public health system in the City of Toronto and the Province of Ontario, and compromised delivery of all mandatory programs; and

WHEREAS the infrastructure for public health response to emerging infections is under-resourced;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- (a) the Provincial Government be requested to increase its internal capacity to identify, monitor and respond to emerging infectious diseases;
- (b) the Provincial Government be requested to provide increased financial resources to the Toronto Public Health Department to develop and sustain sufficient local capacity to manage emerging infectious diseases; and
- (c) the Medical Officer of Health be directed to submit a report back to the Board of Health, City Council, and the Mayor for discussion with the Task Force, on a proposal to develop an enhanced local capacity for identification, monitoring and responding to emerging infectious diseases, including the option of creating a SARS program within Public Health.';
- (11) copies of all staff presentation material distributed at this meeting of Council be forwarded to the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Health and Ministers responsible for economic development, for their information;
- (12) Council adopt the following motion:

'WHEREAS the National Association of Local Government Auditors (NALGA) was encouraged to have its 2003 Conference in Toronto by the City's own Auditor General; and

WHEREAS this Conference, scheduled for June 2003, expects to attract over 400 participants; and

WHEREAS the World Health Organization's recent announcement has concerned the Board of Directors of NALGA to the point of desperation to make a decision; and

WHEREAS the Auditor General has been trying his best to convince his colleagues that the WHO release is not based on fact; and

WHEREAS the City of Toronto Council can show leadership in keeping this Conference on track;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Commissioners of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, in co-operation with the Auditor General, be directed to intervene on behalf of our city businesses and invite two Executive Members of NALGA to visit the City of Toronto immediately, at the City's expense, so that this Organization can experience first-hand that the City of Toronto is safe and that 2.6 million people are living and working in Toronto and carrying on with their normal lives.';

- (13) the City of Toronto Council declare its support for the South Asian Heritage Month and the subsequent activities that will take place in the City of Toronto at various venues commencing on May 2, 2003, at the Bright Pearl Restaurant in Toronto, to the culmination of the activities at Nathan Phillips Square on May 31, 2003;
- (14) funding continue to be provided for non-profit community agencies to deliver groceries and medications, if needed, to those in quarantine or afflicted by SARS;
- (15) the Mayor be requested to include the following on the SARS Advisory Task Force to the Mayor:
 - (a) the Chair of the Toronto Transit Commission;
 - (b) Councillor Sandra Bussin; and
 - (c) representatives of Locals 79 and 416 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees;
- (16) the members of the SARS Advisory Task Force to the Mayor be requested to advise the Mayor on whether they believe the membership of such Task Force should be increased;
- (17) the Mayor be requested to write to the President of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to inform him of City Council's opposition to the internal directive of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to suspend all non-essential travel to Toronto;

- (19) the Mayor be requested to accept the invitation of the World Travel and Tourism Council to attend their 3rd Annual Global Travel and Tourism Conference, to be held May 15 to 17, 2003, in Portugal, inasmuch as Mayor Lastman is the only international Mayor to be so invited, in order to address and reassure the international tourism industry as to the safety of Toronto as a tourist destination;
- (20) the Mayor, or his designate, be requested to meet with representatives from Lester B. Pearson International Airport and the Federal Ministry of Transportation, in order to determine what measures are being taken to ensure that possible SARS carriers do not enter our Country;
- (21) Toronto Public Health (TPH) and the Medical Officer of Health be requested to immediately develop, establish, and communicate an Infection Prevention Code of Conduct for the City of Toronto, community agencies, non-profit organizations, and private organizations, so that all employees in workplaces in the City of Toronto have consistent, accurate, and standardized infection control information to access and follow;
- (22) the Medical Officer of Health be requested to:
 - (a) seek a qualified opinion from another organization, such as The Centres for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, in opposition to that expressed by the World Health Organization (WHO), on the SARS situation as it relates to visitors to the City of Toronto;
 - (b) ensure that press releases respecting SARS are more widely distributed to the ethnic media and community newspapers in the City of Toronto; and
 - (c) continue to work with the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board to ensure increased levels of sanitation and hygiene facilities and promote increased awareness of personal hygiene;
- (23) the Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with Federal officials, request Air Canada to:
 - (a) refrain from encouraging citizens to delay their flights to Toronto; and
 - (b) consult with the proper health authorities prior to advising passengers about the possibility of delaying their flight to Toronto;
- (24) the Chief Administrative Officer and the Mayor be requested to give consideration to providing grants to business communities throughout the City

who wish to organize promotional activities to combat the negative commercial impacts that have resulted from SARS, and that the Chief Administrative Officer submit a report on this matter to the Policy and Finance Committee at its next meeting;

- (25) since the City of Toronto's motto is 'Diversity Our Strength', in order to address the stigmatization being experienced by the Chinese Canadian Community in Toronto and in other affected areas, both businesses and the residential population, the Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with the Medical Officer of Health, the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, the SARS Advisory Task Force to the Mayor and the Community Advisory Committee on Race and Ethnic Relations be requested to develop concrete initiatives and an outreach strategy to alleviate and curb any further discrimination and negative backlash that have been outlined by our Chinese Canadian Communities and other geographic affected areas such as Scarborough-Agincourt, Dundas-Spadina, and Gerrard-Broadview;
- (26) the Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Medical Officer of Health be requested to expeditiously develop a protocol of communication to deal with the West Nile Virus and any other unforeseen crisis, so that officials and the community can be engaged in dealing with the given crisis while not exaggerating the issue in such a way that it does serious, if not irreparable damage to the economy and the image of the City of Toronto;
- (27) the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to:
 - (a) review the SARS initiatives undertaken in other jurisdictions and report to the SARS Advisory Task Force to the Mayor on the applicability of those initiatives to the City of Toronto; and
 - (b) report to the SARS Advisory Task Force to the Mayor, as soon as possible, on the viability of establishing a fund along the lines of the 'Courage Fund' established by the City of Singapore, such report to include, but not be limited to:
 - (i) naming of the fund;
 - (ii) fundraising from the public and private sectors;
 - (iii) patronage of the fund;
 - (iv) publicity for donors to the fund;
 - (v) tax relief for donors; and
 - (vi) recipients for the fund;

- (28) the Commissioner of Corporate Services, in consultation with Corporate Communications staff, be requested to hold a press conference specifically for the Ethnic Media, in order to communicate information with respect to SARS and the City's economic revitalization strategy;
- (29) the Commissioner of Corporate Services be requested to expeditiously assist Scarborough Hospital and the Rouge Valley Health System (Centenary Site), as well as other health care providers and institutions in Toronto, in identifying and securing potential locations in Toronto for SARS-related and/or infectious disease clinics and facilities, and that appropriate City-owned properties be considered for this use;
- (30) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to:
 - (a) create a daily 'Good News' international media alert on events and success stories happening in the City of Toronto; and
 - (b) submit a report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee, on the possibility of providing additional funding for promotional purposes for City of Toronto summer events, including PRIDE and Caribana;
- (31) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Medical Officer of Health, be requested to monitor the adequacy of the Kingston Road quarantine facility for homeless persons affected by SARS;
- (32) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to:
 - (a) ensure that all shelters and drop-in facilities are immediately equipped with adequate hand sanitizers, soap and paper towels; and
 - (b) ensure that trained personnel, equipment and protocols are in place to screen and refer ill patrons in the shelter system and to minimize the risk of transmission of undetected SARS cases;
- (33) the City of Toronto develop a program for the homeless population to ensure that SARS is not spread;
- (34) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to submit a report to Council, through the Policy and Finance Committee, on:
 - (a) deferral of property tax payments for all hospitality-related businesses for a period of 60 days from the issuance of the final 2003 property tax bills; and
 - (b) financing by the Province of Ontario of the financial impact of delayed payment related to the education portion of the tax bills;

(35) the following motions be referred to the Mayor for discussion with the SARS Advisory Task Force to the Mayor:

Moved by Councillor Cho:

'It is recommended that:

 (a) the City of Toronto pronounce 'TORONTO – "The Best City" ' Celebration Weekend. (The date to be chosen by the Health Department, the Economic Development and Parks Committee of the City of Toronto and the Toronto Board of Trade)

Toronto: Safe to live – Safe to visit

Just as in New York City after 9-11, the City celebrated overcoming the crisis, Toronto can celebrate the return to normal life after the SARS crisis. Activities to include:

- (i) entertainment;
- (ii) multicultural festivities;
- (iii) visitations from all key members from all levels of government; and
- (iv) businesses (restaurants, hotels, airlines, trains, buses, TTC, etc.) will attempt to draw customers back again with special incentive discount offers;
- (b) the City of Toronto create an immediate SARS Emergency Relief Fund, with money to come immediately from the Federal and Provincial Governments, in order to help in the provision of relief for small business owners so they could avoid bankruptcy and other daily expenses/costs that the City is experiencing in treating and dealing with the SARS crisis;
- (c) the City of Toronto create a SARS Business Hotline for the purpose of individual companies to phone in and report:
 - (i) overall loss in business since SARS first surfaced in City of Toronto;
 - (ii) overall loss in dollars and patronage; and
 - (iii) whether in immediate need of financial assistance, i.e., interest-free or low-interest loans from financial institutions, Chambers of Commerce, etc.;
- (d) the City of Toronto create a SARS Community Hotline for members of the community who have come in contact with SARS, are quarantined and/or have symptoms, to phone in to report to the City if they are in need of financial assistance, groceries, medical

help, or other types of assistance, such as deferring property tax payments;

- (e) a supply of thermometers and masks be made available to Members of City Council, in order that local constituents, who request same, may have their health worries eased by requesting thermometers and masks from the local Councillor's office, in order to monitor and protect their own families; and
- (f) a Toronto Tourism communiqué be translated into French, German, Japanese, Spanish and Korean, for tour operators.'

Moved by Councillor Di Giorgio:

'It is recommended that:

- (1) to the extent possible, the City of Toronto ensure that travellers leaving Toronto for other parts of Canada, North America or the rest of the world be given yellow advisory forms, similar to those being given to incoming travellers; and
- (2) the City of Toronto City urge casualty insurance companies to give consideration to providing relief to businesses by viewing loss of business due to SARS as qualified business interruption losses.'

Moved by Councillor Irene Jones:

'It is recommended that Toronto City Council authorize a reduction in staff gapping in the Public Health Department to the average for City departments.'

Moved by Councillor Laura Jones:

'It is recommended that permit fees and user fees for special events throughout the City of Toronto between now and the fall of this year, such as the Taste of the Danforth and Canada Day in Riverdale Park East, be waived by the appropriate City departments.'

Moved by Councillor Li Preti:

'It is recommended that the Mayor and the Medical Officer of Health be authorized to travel to Geneva, Switzerland, as soon as possible, to make a formal presentation to the World Health Organization, and that Ambassador Marchi, Canada's representative at the World Trade Organization, be requested to facilitate this meeting.' Moved by Councillor Mihevc:

'It is recommended that SARS-affected workers and their immediate families be allowed to access the City of Toronto's dental program if they lose their medical and dental benefits while laid off, and further, the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to report on the amount of funds required to facilitate such a program to the Board of Health, and to the Mayor, for discussion with his Task Force.'

Moved by Councillor Miller:

'It is recommended that:

- (a) Council adopt the recommendations embodied in the Public Statement (undated) issued by Local 75 of the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union, thereby requesting immediate action to be taken on the following initiative:
 - "(4) support by the City of Toronto for hospitality sector employees:
 - (i) who are tenants threatened with eviction; and
 - (ii) by allowing them and their families access to the City's dental program should they lose their medical and dental benefits while laid-off."; and
- (b) a portion of the \$25 million requested of the Provincial and Federal Governments and the City of Toronto be used to clean the streets of litter and unsightly graffiti. '

Moved by Councillor Moscoe for Councillor Mammoliti:

'It is recommended that the City of Toronto Department of Public Health and the Corporate Services Department be requested to work with Members of Council to release a generic information package to be delivered to all residences in the City of Toronto, funding for which to be found from the Council Budget.'

Moved by Councillor Pitfield:

'It is recommended that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to consider new shelter spaces to lower occupancy and sleeping distances between clients.'; and (36) the following motion be referred to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism:

Moved by Councillor Moscoe on behalf of Councillor Mammoliti:

'It is recommended that representatives of each of the City's major attractions be included in the Tourism Industry Crisis Committee.'; and

(37) Toronto City Council thank and commend the staff of Toronto Public Health for their outstanding and dedicated efforts over the last several weeks in combating SARS in Toronto and, most particularly, extend its appreciation to Dr. Sheela Basrur, the Medical Officer of Health, for her calm, reasoned and brilliant handling of the SARS crisis to date."

NOTICES OF MOTIONS APPEARING UNDER ITEM F

(1) Impact of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) on Employment and the Economy

Moved by: Councillor Miller

Seconded by: Councillor Chow

"WHEREAS the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Parks, in conjunction with the Toronto Chinese Business Association and other interested organizations and Councillors should be given the authority to implement a plan that would promote shopping and dining locally; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Labour has access to contact information for all employers and unions in the Province; and

WHEREAS SARS is a Provincial, as well as a local issue; and

WHEREAS the best mechanism to prevent the spread of SARS is by quarantining people who have been in direct contact with a SARS case and by those people strictly adhering to their quarantine;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Toronto request that the Ministry of Labour communicate to all employers and unions in the province that people in quarantine must stay home for the full duration of their quarantine and that their jobs will not be in jeopardy as a result of not being at work for this period;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Labour be requested to remind employers of their legal obligation to provide appropriate compensation for people who need to be quarantined;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Federal and Provincial Governments be requested to determine the possibilities for compensation for affected businesses;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Parks, together with Tourism Toronto develop an immediate action plan to encourage international visitors to our safe and vibrant City."

Disposition: The Motion was adopted, without amendment.

(2) City of Toronto Initiative to Counter the Negative Perception of Toronto as a Tourist Destination and to Stimulate Local Business Development

Moved by: Councillor Minnan-Wong

Seconded by: Councillor Chow

"WHEREAS the City of Toronto is Canada's leading tourist destination, receiving over 16 million visitors annually; and

WHEREAS the tourism industry in Toronto generates over \$7.2 billion in economic impact and supports 95,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS the tourism industry in Toronto has suffered direct economic losses of revenues and hotel sector employees are being laid off, as a direct result of the impact of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS); and

WHEREAS local businesses, including restaurants, theatres and retail operations across the City of Toronto, are also negatively impacted; and

WHEREAS the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta and the World Health Organizations are not warning against travel to Toronto, but do warn about travelling to certain Asian countries where SARS is a more immediate public health issue; and

WHEREAS the epidemiology of SARS in Canada is significantly different than in Asia, with regard to community transmission; and

WHEREAS the period of May through September is the peak season for visitation and revenue generation for the tourist industry; and

WHEREAS Toronto attracts close to two million visitors annually from the border state region of the United States of America and the months of May and June are the key months in the vacation decision making process of Border States travellers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, in consultation and collaboration with key stakeholders, including Tourism Toronto, the Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership Corporation and the Canadian Tourism Commission, to engage the services of a communications agency to initiate a program that will counter the negative perception of Toronto and endeavour to preserve tourism revenues from key US Border States and stimulate the local market;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT City Council authorize expenditures, in an amount up to \$500,000.00 for this initiative, and that Federal and Provincial partners be requested to contribute at least an equivalent amount for this initiative;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the local and national print, radio and TV media partners of the City of Toronto be invited to participate in this civic initiative, through public service announcements and other contributions;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, in conjunction with the Toronto Chinese Business Association, other interested organizations and Councillors, a plan be implemented that would promote shopping and dining locally;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Budget Advisory Committee, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, recommend the source of funding for this initiative;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report back to Council, through the Economic Development and Parks Committee, on the actions and results."

Disposition: The Motion was adopted, subject to deleting the second Operative Paragraph and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

> "AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT City Council authorize expenditures in an amount up to \$500,000.00, as a seed fund to deal with the SARS situation and to develop a comprehensive action plan to address the economic and tourism impacts on the City of Toronto, and the Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with the SARS Advisory Task Force to the Mayor, determine the allocation of this fund;".

NOTICES OF MOTIONS APPEARING UNDER ITEM J

(1) Declaring the Distillery Jazz Festival an Event of Municipal Significance

Moved by: Councillor McConnell

Seconded by: Councillor Rae

"WHEREAS the Distillery Jazz Festival will be taking place at the Distillery District from May 22 to June 1, 2003; and

WHEREAS the Festival will be a significant and positive addition to this evolving and exciting neighbourhood, to Toronto's downtown core and to the entire City of Toronto; and

WHEREAS music lovers from the area and around the world will be drawn to this, the second year of the Festival, bringing interest and attention, not only to the Festival's program of alternative music but also to the Distillery District, the downtown southeast and the whole City of Toronto; and

WHEREAS the Festival is receiving support from the Tourism Enterprise Marketing Partnership with Tourism Ontario, among other sponsors; and

WHEREAS the Festival is presenting over 100 jazz and world music acts over ten days, as well as children's jazz programming and modern dance; and

WHEREAS as many opportunities as possible for promoting tourism and community spirit at this time should be supported;

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 40 of the Regulations of the <u>Ontario Liquor Licence</u> <u>Act</u>, an application for a special occasion permit for an event that is a community festival must be accompanied by a Resolution approving an event as a community festival made by the local Council for the Municipality in which the event is to occur;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Toronto deem the Distillery Jazz Festival to be a community festival and the Alcohol and Gaming Commission be so advised."

Disposition: The Motion was adopted, without amendment.

(2) **Proposed Referendum Question on the 2003 Municipal Elections Ballot**

Moved by: Councillor Moscoe

Seconded by: Councillor Shiner

"WHEREAS the Toronto Transit Commission requires extensive financial resources to undertake important capital initiatives; and **WHEREAS** subsection 8(1) of the <u>Municipal Elections Act</u>, 1996 (the 'Act') permits Council to pass a by-law to submit a question to the electors; and

WHEREAS May 14, 2003, is the last date for passing a by-law to enable the question to appear on the ballot for the 2003 election; and

WHEREAS subsection 8.1(3) of the 'Act' requires that, prior to passing a by-law, the City Clerk must give at least ten (10) days notice of Council's intention to pass a by-law and Council must hold at least one public meeting to consider the matter;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council consider enacting a by-law to submit a referendum question to the electors during the 2003 election for a dedicated tax increase for public transit capital expansion programs at a Special Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2003 at 9:30 a.m.;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council consider enacting a by-law to submit the following referendum question to the electors during the 2003 election:

'Are you in favour of a one (1) per cent tax increase per year in each of the years 2004, 2005 and 2006, for the purpose of funding a Toronto Transit Commission Capital expansion program?';

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Clerk give notice of Council's intention to pass a by-law to authorize a referendum question."

Disposition: The Motion was adopted, without amendment.

Toronto, Ontario April 28, 2003 City Clerk