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Minutes of Board of Health

Meeting No. 5

June 16, 2003

The Board of Health met on Monday, June 16, 2003 in Committee Room No. 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1:10 p.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Joe Mihevc, Chair	x
Councillor Augimeri	
Councillor John Filion	x
Councillor Norman Kelly	x
Councillor Jane Pitfield, Vice Chair	x
Councillor David Soknacki	x
Ms. Helen Chan	
Mr. Brian Hyndman	x
Mr. Brian MacKay	x
Dr. Rosana Pellizzari	x
Ms. Nancy Peters	
Trustee Mark Stefanini	x
Mr. Lee Zaslofsky	x

Councillor Mihevc in the Chair.

Confirmation of Minutes

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Board of Health meeting held on May 12, 2003, was deferred to the next meeting.

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

The Board of Health had before it a report 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:

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- (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 it's 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;

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- (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.

Dr. Rosana Pellizzari gave an overhead presentation.

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

- Dr. Ian Kitai, Consultant Paediatrician, The Hospital for Sick Children; and
- Dr. Anil Gupta, Rexdale Community Health Centre

On motion by Dr. Rosana Pellizzari, the Board of Health adopted the foregoing report and, further:

- (1) directed that this report be forwarded for information to the Association of Ontario Health Centres, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, the Ontario Public Health Association, and the Canadian Public Health Association; **(moved by Mr. Mackay)**
- (2) decided to advocate to the Provincial Government for the establishment of community health centres in areas of the City lacking adequate TB prevention and control services. **(moved by Mr. Hyndman)**

The following motion by Trustee Stefanini **failed**:

“It is recommended that Citizenship and Immigration Canada be urged to implement procedures to ensure that all TB screening x-rays be no more than 2 months old prior to the departure of individuals to Canada.”

(Minister of Health and Long Term Care, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Canadian Tuberculosis Committee, Association of Ontario Health Centres, Association of Local Public Health Agencies, Ontario Public Health Association, Medical Officer, Toronto District Health Council - c. Committee Secretary, TB Sub-Committee,

Commissioner, Community and Neighbourhood Services, Jane Speakman,
Legal Services, Interested Parties – June 19, 2003)

5.2 Physical Activity and Public Health: A Call to Action

The Board of Health had before it a report (June 4, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health identifying physical activity as a significant public health issue requiring concerted City-wide action; 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.

The Board of Health also had before it the following communications:

- (i) (June 11, 2003) from Tom Donovan, Director of Education, Toronto Catholic School Board;
- (ii) (June 13, 2003) from Bruce Kidd, PH.D., Dean, Faculty of Physical Education and Health, University of Toronto;
- (iii) (June 17, 2003) from Gerry Connelly, Associate Director, Toronto District School Board; and

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- (iv) (June 16, 2003) from Ann Dembinski, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 79.

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

- Phyllis Berck, on behalf of Canadian Advancement for Sports Education;
- Fiona Nelson; and
- Ginella Massa.

- (A) Councillor Pitfield moved adoption of the report, and further, that the Physical Activity Leadership Group be requested to make every effort to address reciprocity of services between the City and the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto District Catholic School Board, issues such as snow clearing and recycling in exchange for the opening up of gymnasiums in the evening for physical exercise and, further, that the Leadership Group look at opportunities to make further use of parks in the City for sport groups
- (B) Mr. Hyndman moved that the report also be forwarded to the Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance of Canada and the Active Living Coalition of Older Adults;
- (C) Councillor Kelly moved that the report also be forwarded to the Provincial Minister of Education with special reference to (a) the curriculum issue viz., the requirement for only one credit in physical and health education in order to graduate from secondary school and (b) the severe restrictions imposed on community use of schools by the school funding formula;
- (D) Trustee Stefanini moved that the Board of Health recommend to the Minister of Education that teachers not cancel gym or other forms of physical activities as a punishment choice;

- (E) Mr. Zaslofsky moved that:
- (1) Recommendation No. (3) be amended to provide that the report be forwarded to the Children and Youth Action Committee and, that the Committees listed be requested to submit their comments to Council for its meeting on July 22, 2003; and
 - (2) Council withdraw user fees that are discouraging citizens from taking recreational programs in the City of Toronto.

To summarize, the Board of Health took the following action:

- (A) recommended to Council, for its meeting on July 22, 2003, 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 Physical Activity Leadership Group be requested to make every effort to address reciprocity of services between the City and the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto District Catholic School Board, issues such as snow clearing and recycling in exchange for the opening up of gymnasiums in the evening for physical exercise and, further, that the Leadership Group look at opportunities to make further use of parks in the City for sport groups;
 - (4) the Commissioner of Economic Development Culture and Tourism be requested to report to the Budget Advisory Committee and Council on the withdrawal of user fees that are discouraging citizens from taking recreational programs in the City of Toronto;
 - (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;

- (B) (1) endorsed the Medical Officer of Health's Call to Action and directed that this report be forwarded for information and appropriate action to Community Services Committee, Economic Development and Parks Committee, Planning and Transportation Committee, and Children and Youth Action Committee with a request that they submit their comments thereon directly to Council for consideration at its meeting on July 22, 2003;
- (2) directed that 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, the Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance of Canada and the Active Living Coalition of Older Adults;
- (3) directed that this report also be forwarded to the Provincial Minister of Education with special reference to (a) the curriculum issue viz., the requirement for only one credit in physical and health education in order to graduate from secondary school; and (b) the severe restrictions imposed on community use of schools by the school funding formula; and
- (4) recommended to the Minister of Education that teachers not cancel gym or other forms of physical activities as a punishment choice.

(Provincial Minister of Health and Long Term Care, Ontario Public Health Agencies, Health Canada, Children and Youth Action Committee, Community Services Committee, Economic Development and Parks Committee, Planning and Transportation Committee - c. Interested Parties, Jane Speakman, Legal Services, Medical Officer of Health – June 19, 2003)

(Report No. 5, Clause No. 1)

5.3 Air Pollution and Physical Activity

The Board of Health had before it a 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

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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.

The Board also had before it a communication (May 6, 2003) from the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee.

Keith Stewart, Toronto Environmental Alliance, appeared before the Board of Health in connection with the foregoing matter and submitted a written brief.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Board of Health unanimously adopted the foregoing report.

(Provincial Minister of Health and Long Term Care, 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 Agencies, Ontario Health Units, Minister of

Environment - c. Medical Officer of Health, Jane Speakman,
Legal Services – June 19, 2003)

5.4 20/20 The Way to Clean Air -Environment Canada Grants and Regional Co-ordination

The Board of Health had before it a 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.

On motion by Mr. Zaslofsky, the Board of Health recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing report.

(Report No. 4, Clause No. 1)

5.5 Health Canada Funding for a SARS Household Transmission Study

The Board of Health had before it a 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.

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

(Report No. 4, Clause No. 2)

5.6 2003 AIDS Prevention Grants

The Board of Health had before it a 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.

Mr. Zaslofsky declared an interest in that portion of the foregoing matter relating to Project Application No. 8M [Hassle Free Clinic] in that he serves on the Board of the Hassel Free Clinic.

On motion by Mr. Hyndman, the Board of Health recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing report.

(Report No. 4, Clause No. 3)

5.7 2003 Drug Prevention Grants

The Board of Health had before it a 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.

Mr. Mackay declared an interest in that portion of the foregoing matter relating to Project Application No.G4 [LAMP Family Centre] in that he is an active volunteer for that organization.

The Board of Health:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing report; **(moved by Councillor Pitfield)** and
- (2) requested the Medical Officer of Health to submit a report to the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee that details the unmet needs and the budget required for the 2004 Drug Prevention Grants. **(moved by Mr. Mackay)**

(Report No. 4, Clause No. 4)

5.8 Physical Punishment of Children and Youth

The Board of Health had before it a 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 and 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.

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

- Fiona Nelson; and
- Sheryl Milne.

Councillor Kelly moved that the report be received, which **failed** on the following division of votes:

For: Councillor Kelly, Councillor Soknacki, Trustee Stefanini

Against: Councillor Filion, Dr. Pellizzari, Councillor Pitfield, Councillor Mihevc, Mr. Zaslofsky, Mr. Hyndman, and Mr. MacKay.

Councillor Mihevc appointed Councillor Pitfield, Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board of Health adopted the foregoing report, as amended, to provide that the Ontario Teachers’ Federation, School Board Associations in Ontario, and the

Jewish, Catholic, and Toronto Children's Aid Societies also be requested to endorse the repeal of Section 43 of the Criminal Code.

Councillor Mihevc resumed the Chair.

(Federal Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Minister of Health, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, Children and Youth Action Committee, Community Services Committee, Economic Development and Parks Committee - c. Association of Local Public Health Agencies, Ontario Public Health Association, Ontario Teachers Federation, Toronto District School Board, Toronto Catholic District School Board, Medical Officer of Health Jane Speakman, Legal Services, Interested Parties – June 19, 2003)

5.9.1 Enhanced Mosquito Control Activities to Prevent and Control West Nile Virus

The Board of Health had before it a report (June 12, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health outlining factors that will be considered in decisions regarding the control of adult mosquitoes to reduce the risk of human transmission of West Nile virus (WNV) in the City of Toronto in 2003; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health endorse the process for decision-making on enhanced mosquito control, including adult mosquito control, to prevent and control West Nile virus (WNV) as outlined in this report;
- (2) the Medical Officer of Health forward copies of this report to the members of the West Nile virus Advisory Committee for their review and comment to the Toronto Interdepartmental Environment Committee;
- (3) the Board of Health forward a copy of this report for information to City Council through the Economic Development and Parks Committee, the Planning and Transportation Committee and the Works Committee;
- (4) the Board of Health forward copies of this report to the Ontario Public Health Association, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, the Ontario Ministry of Environment and the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care for their information; and
- (5) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Councillor Mihevc appointed Councillor Pitfield, Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board of Health adopted the foregoing report (June 12, 2003), as amended, to provide that:

- (1) communication plans and materials be forwarded to the WNV Advisory Committee for review before implementation and/or distribution; and
- (2) requested the Medical Officer of Health to report to the Board on a program to monitor the effectiveness of public education and outreach activities.

Councillor Mihevc resumed the Chair.

(Medical Officer of Health, Minister of Health and Long Term Care, Ontario Minister of Environment, Association of Local Public Health Agencies, Ontario Public Health Association, Economic Development and Parks Committee, Planning and Transportation Committee, Works Committee – c. Councillor Flint, Jane Speakman, Legal Services, Interested Parties – June 19, 2003)

5.9.2 Program Update and Budget Implications for an Enhanced West Nile Virus (WNV) Prevention and Control in 2003

The Board of Health had before it a report (June 16, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health providing an update on the activities already underway for the control of West Nile Virus (WNV) in Toronto and outlining additional resources required to enhance the WNV program to adhere to new provincial regulations; responding to motions from City Council regarding WNV prevention and control; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health approve in principle the requested increase of \$2,493,353 (gross) / \$1,246,677 (net) to the 2003 approved TPH operating budget for enhanced WNV prevention and control;
- (2) this request be referred to the Board of Health Budget Sub-committee for review and a report thereon to the July 10th, 2003 meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration;
- (3) the Board of Health direct the Medical Officer of Health to undertake forthwith any actions necessary to give effect to the mandatory requirements of Ontario Regulation 199/03;

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- (4) the Board of Health forward this report for information and appropriate action to the Economic Development and Parks Committee and the Works Committee; 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 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.

Katrina Miller appeared before the Board in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Board adopted the foregoing report (June 16, 2003), as amended, and in so doing:

- (1) recommended to Policy and Finance Committee and Council that an increase of \$2,493,353 (gross)/\$0 (net), based on 100 percent Provincial funding be approved to the Toronto Public Health operating budget for enhanced WNV prevention and control;
- (2) referred the foregoing recommendation to the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee for review and report thereon directly to the meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee on July 10, 2003;
- (3) directed the Medical Officer of Health to undertake forthwith any actions necessary to give effect to the mandatory requirements of Ontario Regulation 199/03;
- (4) directed that this report be forwarded for information and appropriate action to the Economic Development and Parks Committee and the Works Committee;
- (5) requested the Medical Officer of Health and the Chief Financial Officer to report to the Policy and Finance Committee on the status of Provincial funding no later than September 2003, and provide an update report to the July 10, 2003 meeting;

- (6) requested the Medical Officer of Health to submit a written report to the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee on:
 - (a) how other Ontario municipalities are responding to the changed regulations, specifically how their scope of work has changed, and whether the changes can be accommodated within existing budgets;
 - (b) how much of the increase of \$2.0 million (gross) is to implement Ontario Regulation 199/03 and how much is to meet additional demands from the public; and
 - (c) a listing of the additional demands from the public, with corresponding estimated costs.

(Board of Health Budget Subcommittee, Policy and Finance Committee, Economic Development and Parks Committee, Works Committee, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Medical Officer of Health – c. Councillor Flint, Jane Speakman, Legal Services, Interested Persons – June 19, 2003)

5.10 Food Safety Programme, Toronto Public Health - Re-inspection Fees under the Food Safety Programme

The Board of Health had before it a 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.

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

(Commissioner of Urban Development Services, Medical Officer of Health – c. Jane Speakman, Legal Services – July 4, 2003)

5.11 Phase-out of Coal-fired Electricity Purchases

The Board of Health had before it a joint report (May 27, 2003) from the Chief Administrative Officer and the 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.

The Board of Health also had a communication from Jack Gibbons, Chair, Ontario Clean Air Alliance.

Keith Stewart, Toronto Environmental Alliance, appeared before the Board of Health in connection with the foregoing matter and submitted a written brief.

Councillor Mihevc appointed Councillor Pitfield, Acting Chair, and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board of Health recommended that Council:

- (1) request the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Corporate Services to develop a strategy to fully or partially phase-out the City's purchases of coal-fired electricity by purchasing green power and by implementing energy conservation when the City's Power Purchase Agreement with Toronto Hydro Energy Services expires in 2005; and
- (2) request the Provincial Government to advance its phase-out date for Ontario Power Generation's coal-fired plants by 2007.

Councillor Mihevc resumed the Chair.

On motion by Dr. Pellizzari, the Board of Health directed that the Canadian Council of Ministers of

the Environment be advised that the Board supports their consideration of an order to require coal-fired power plants to cut mercury emissions by 90 percent.

(Clause No. 5, Report No. 4)

5.12 Local Health Committee Minutes

The Board of Health had before it the following Minutes:

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

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

5.13 Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) Budget Pressures

The Board of Health had before it a report (June 11, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health informing the Board of Health about the costs incurred by Toronto Public Health (TPH) for SARS Phase 1 and the estimated costs for SARS Phase 2 to mid-June, 2003; advising that the costs from June 2003 to end of May 2004 for Toronto Public Health's ongoing work regarding surveillance and control of hospital-based infectious diseases are also outlined; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health and City Council submit all costs incurred by Toronto Public Health for control of the SARS outbreak on a monthly basis to the Ontario Minister of Health for 100 percent provincial funding;
- (2) Toronto Public Health's 2003 Operating Budget be adjusted by \$2.1 million (gross) and \$0 (net) to reflect Council's decision to approve an additional 46 positions.
- (3) the Medical Officer of Health report to the Board of Health on the status of the funding negotiations as developments occur;
- (4) this report be submitted to the federal Minister of Health for information and appropriate action;

- (5) this report be referred to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; and
- (6) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Mr. Zaslofsky, the Board of Health recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee adoption of the foregoing report.

(Policy and Finance Committee, Medical Officer of Health, Federal Minister of Health – c. Jane Speakman, Legal Services – June 19, 2003)

5.14 Response to a Report of the Homeless/Corrections Working Group of the Board of Health's Tuberculosis Sub-Committee

The Board of Health had before it report (May 20, 2003) from the Commissioner, Community and Neighbourhood Services, addressed to the Community Services Committee and the Board the Health, responding to the income, shelter, and housing recommendations contained in the October 3, 2002 report of the Homeless/Corrections Working Group of the Board of Health's TB Subcommittee; and recommending that:

- (1) Council urge the Ministry of Community, Family and Children's Services to expedite access to ODSP for individuals with active Tuberculosis for the duration of their treatment;
- (2) Council ask the Minister of Community, Family and Children's Services to undertake a review of the application process for social assistance, especially ODSP, to identify and address any barriers individuals experience in accessing these programs;
- (3) Council urge the Province to meet its commitment to provide land to develop 500 new units of affordable housing in the Greater Toronto Area;
- (4) Council urge the Province to match the federal funding levels as part of its contribution to the Community Rental Housing Program and that the funding be directed to increasing the affordability of the units developed;
- (5) Council urge the Province to increase funding for the New Tomorrow Rent Supplement Program as part of its contribution to the development of truly affordable units under the Community Rental Housing Program;
- (6) Council again urge the provincial government to increase funding for supportive housing, and the associated support programs in Toronto; and

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- (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Board also had before it a communication (June 9, 2003) from the City Clerk, Community Services Committee, advising that the Community Services Committee on June 9, 2003 recommend to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report dated May 20, 2003, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, and having further directed that a copy of the report be forwarded to the Board of Health with a request that it provide its comments thereon directly to Council for consideration at its meeting on June 24, 2003.

The Board of Health recommended to City Council adoption of the foregoing report; and, further, recommended that:

- (1) Council urge the Provincial government to restore rent controls on vacant apartments and housing stock; **(moved by Brian Hyndman)**
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Board of Health on the Board's request that TB patients be given priority on waiting lists for access to housing equivalent to the priority given to patients with terminal illness; **(moved by Dr. Pellizzari)**
- (3) Community and Neighbourhood Services shelter staff be directed to work with TB staff of Toronto Public Health in reviewing mandatory training requirements and protection for shelter staff; **(moved by Dr. Pellizzari)** and
- (4) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to work jointly with Toronto Public Health TB staff in a coordinated approach to address TB in the homeless population in the City's shelter system. **(moved by Councillor Pitfield)**

(City Council c. – Medical Officer of Health, Jane Speakman, Legal Services– June 17, 2003)

5.15 Citizen Nominees to District Health Council

The Board of Health had before it a communication (June 9, 2003) from the City Clerk, Community Services Committee, advising that the Community Services Committee, on June 9, 2003 recommend to Council adoption of the attached report (May 5, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services wherein it is recommended that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services advise the Toronto District Health Council of City Council's endorsement of Anita Gittens and Vinay Fernandes as nominees for consideration by the Province of Ontario as citizen members of the Toronto District Health Council; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and

further, directed that a copy of the report be forwarded to the Board of Health with a request that it provide its input thereon directly to Council for consideration at its meeting on June 24, 2003.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Board of Health concurred with the recommendation of the Community Services Committee.

(City Council c. Medical Officer of Health, Jane Speakman, Legal Services– June 17, 2003)

5.16 Appointment to the Toronto/East York Local Health Committee

The Board of Health had before it a confidential communication (June 5, 2003) from the Chair, Toronto/East York Local Health Committee, recommending the appointment of a member to the Toronto/East York Local Health Committee which was considered in camera, having regard that the subject matter contains personal information related to an identifiable individual.

On motion by Mr. Hyndman, the Board of Health appointed Radha Nayar to the Toronto/East York Local Health Committee for the remainder of the term to expire November 30, 2003 or until her successor is appointed.

(Toronto/East York Local Health Committee; c. Medical Officer of Health, Jane Speakman, Legal Services – June 19, 2003)

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The Board of Health adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Chair