

THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Minutes of Board of Health

Meeting No. 7

September 15, 2003

The Board of Health met on Monday, September 15, 2003 in Committee Room No. 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:44 a.m.

Members Present:

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

Councillor Mihevc in the Chair.

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Lee Zaslofsky, the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Health held on July 14, 2003 were confirmed.

7.1 Toronto Public Health's Response to the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) Outbreak 2003

The Board of Health had before it a report (September 9, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, describing the response of Toronto Public Health (TPH) to the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) outbreak, the entire provincial outbreak response and the roles and impacts arising at local health care facilities; and recommending that:

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- (1) the Board of Health commend the efforts of staff and officials from the provincial and federal governments for their support and contribution to the City's response to the SARS outbreak; and in particular the Board of Health express its appreciation to the public health staff from the City of Hamilton, County of Lambton and Middlesex-London Health Units for their invaluable assistance;
- (2) the Minister of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) revise and fund improvements to the Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines for the Control of Infectious Diseases and Infection Control, in consultation with local public health units, hospitals and long term care facilities, in order to strengthen the role of public health in the surveillance, prevention and control of infectious diseases in these facilities;
- (3) the MOHLTC set out requirements and provide the necessary funding to hospitals and long-term care facilities to strengthen infectious disease surveillance, prevention and control;
- (4) the MOHLTC establish and fund mechanisms and protocols to facilitate timely communication between the province, local public health units, laboratories, health institutions, physicians and other health care providers, in order to ensure that health risk information is conveyed as quickly as possible among health facilities and with front-line health workers;
- (5) the Board of Health advocate to the provincial and federal governments for the urgent development of flexible and robust information technology (IT) systems for infectious disease surveillance, case management and contact follow-up to support the investigation and control of major outbreaks and other emergencies across local jurisdictions;
- (6) the Board of Health urge the provincial and federal governments to develop shared service agreements with local public health authorities that clarify roles, responsibilities and levels of support that would be available across jurisdictions for the investigation and management of infectious disease outbreaks and other emergencies;
- (7) this report be forwarded to Mr. Justice Campbell, to the Ontario Expert Panel on SARS and Other Infectious Diseases, the Ontario Minister of Health and Long Term Care, the Ontario Minister of Public Safety and Security, the federal Minister of Health and the federal Solicitor General for consideration and appropriate action;
- (8) this report be forwarded to Community Services Committee and City Council for information; and

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

The Medical Officer of Health gave an overhead slide presentation.

The Board of Health recommended to City Council that:

- (1) the foregoing report (September 9, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health be adopted;
- (2) the Medical Officer of Health and the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to report to the next meeting of the Board of Health on the proposed comprehensive evaluation of the Toronto Public Health Unit's response to SARS, such evaluation to include timelines, key partners, anticipated outcomes and strategies to ensure the strongest possible response to any future such occurrences; **(moved by Councillor Mihevc)**
- (3) the Provincial government be requested to immediately undertake steps to ensure that the Province of Ontario and all the health units have major upgrades in IT capacity to easily deal with data requirements in a future similar event; **(moved by Mr. Zaslofsky)**
- (4) the Federal government be requested, in any future similar outbreaks of infectious diseases, to alert the provincial and municipal levels of government in a more timely manner than with the 2003 SARS outbreak; **(moved by Councillor Pitfield)**

The Board, further:

- (1) requested the Medical Officer of Health to contact officials at the provincial and federal levels of government to ascertain when the communicable disease control information

system project will be considered as a priority item and if this system can be implemented prior to 2004; **(moved by Councillor Pitfield)**

- (2) directed that this report be forwarded to the College of Physicians and Surgeons and the Ontario Medical Association with the recommendation that both the College and the OMA work with appropriate partners to address the infection control and the occupational health and safety needs of their community-based members. **(moved by Dr. Pellizzari)**

(Report No. 6, Clause No. 1)

7.2 Promoting Healthy Weights

The Board of Health had before it a report (September 2, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing information to the Board of Health on the "healthy weights" concept and on Toronto Public Health's approach to preventing the conditions of "unhealthy weight"; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health endorse the healthy weights approach described within this report;
- (2) the Board of Health urge Health Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Health to publicly recognize the conditions of unhealthy weights as a public health epidemic and call for national and provincial public health responses including population-based prevention strategies with adequate financial resources for research, implementation and evaluation at national and provincial levels;
- (3) this report be circulated for information to the Toronto Food Policy Council, the Food and Hunger Action Committee, Canadian Public Health Association, Ontario Public Health Association, Association of Local Public Health Agencies and other Boards of Health throughout Ontario; and
- (4) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Carol Timmings, Regional Director-East Division, Toronto Public Health, gave an overhead slide presentation in connection with the foregoing matter.

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

- Fiona Nelson, Chair, Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition;
- Colleen Logue, Ontario Public Health Association;
- Donna Buck;
- Lorie Nikkel ;
- Beulah Craig; and
- Debbie Fields, FoodShare.

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

(Minister of Health Canada, Ontario Minister of Health, Toronto Food Policy Council, Food and Hunger Action Committee, Canadian Public Health Association, Ontario Public Health Agencies, Association of Local Public Health Agencies, Onatario Board of Health Units– c. Medical Officer of Health, Jane Speakman, Legal Services Interested Persons– September 16, 2003)

7.3 Effects of Caffeine on Children’s Health and Promoting Healthy Eating in Toronto Schools

The Board of Health had before it a report (September 2, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health responding to the request from the Board of Health to report on the potential harmful effect of caffeine on children and any actions the Board could take to address this issue. In addition, this report highlights issues regarding food choices available in Toronto schools; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health advocate to the Ontario Ministry of Education and Training that regulations be formulated to specify what foods are to be available to children in schools to support healthy eating;
- (2) the Board of Health advocate to the Ontario Ministry of Education and Training, the Toronto District School Board, the Toronto Catholic District School Board, le Conseil scolaire de district du Centre-Sud-Ouest (French Public school board) and le Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud (French Catholic school board) to establish healthy eating policies in schools;
- (3) this report be forwarded for information and appropriate action to City of Toronto Parks and Recreation and Children’s Services Divisions as well as to the Toronto District School Board, the Toronto Catholic District School Board, le Conseil

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scolaire de district du Centre-Sud-Ouest and le Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud, and the Toronto Food Policy Council;

- (4) the Board of Health request the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA) to lead a consultation with the support of Toronto Public Health and other key stakeholders, to develop recommendations on foods offered to children in schools for consideration by the Ontario Ministry of Education and Training; and
- (5) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Carol Timmings, Regional Director-East Division, Toronto Public Health, gave an overhead slide presentation in connection with the foregoing matter.

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

- Fiona Nelson, Chair, Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition;
- Colleen Logue, Ontario Public Health Association;
- Donna Buck;
- Lorie Nikkel ;
- Beulah Craig; and
- Debbie Fields, FoodShare.

The Board of Health adopted the foregoing report, as amended:

- (i) by deleting Recommendation No. (2) and renumbering Recommendation No. (3) to Recommendation No. (2) and inserting a new Recommendation No. (3) to read:

“(2) this report be forwarded to the Ontario Ministry of Education and Training, the Toronto District School Board, the Toronto Catholic District School Board, le Conseil scolaire de district du Centre-Sud-Ouest (French Public school board) and le Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud (French Catholic school board) for information and as a basis for developing and/or revising healthy eating policies including policies governing the distribution of

caffeinated beverages in schools;”
(moved by Mr. Hyndman) and

- (ii) by adding the following further recommendation:

“the Toronto District School Board, the Toronto Catholic District School Board, le Conseil scolaire de district du Centre-Sud-Ouest (French Public school board) and le Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud (French Catholic school board) be requested to eliminate caffeinated drinks and other kinds of non-nutritional drinks from schools.”
(moved by Mr. Zaslofsky)

(Commissioner, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Commissioner, Coproate Services, Director, Children’s Services, Director, Parks and Recreation, Ontario Minister of Education, Toronto Catholic District School Board, Toronto District School Board, Toronto French Catholic District School Board, Toronto French District School Board, Ontario Public Health Agencies - c. Interested Parties, Medical Officer of Health, Jane Speakman, Legal Services – September 16, 2003)

7.4 Meeting the Student Nutrition Needs of Toronto’s Children and Youth

The Board of Health had before it a report (September 3, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, responding to a request by the Board of Health to document the level of funding necessary to meet the needs of student nutrition programs in Toronto and a strategy to achieve such funding; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health endorse a net increase of \$1,420,734 to cover food costs and restore the municipal contribution to the student nutrition program to 24%;
- (2) the Board of Health endorse a higher contribution rate for the 10% of programs in highest need locations for a total of \$732,475;
- (3) the Board of Health endorse municipal core funding for the 33 nutrition programs currently serving youth in Toronto at \$184,829;

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- (4) the Board of Health request the provincial government to restore matched funding for Toronto student nutrition programs at 24% of actual costs and to provide additional subsidies to achieve equity of outcomes in high needs neighbourhoods;
- (5) the Board of Health request the federal government to include student nutrition programs as a component of the National Healthy Living Strategy and to ensure that funding is provided to support evaluation of student nutrition programs;
- (6) this report is forwarded to the Children and Youth Action Committee, the Grants Sub-committee, the Toronto District School Board, the Toronto Catholic District School Board, The Food and Hunger Action Committee and the Toronto Food Policy Council; and
- (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Carol Timmings, Regional Director-East Division, Toronto Public Health, gave an overhead slide presentation in connection with the foregoing matter.

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

- Fiona Nelson, Chair, Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition;
- Colleen Logue, Ontario Public Health Association;
- Donna Buck;
- Lorie Nikkel ;
- Beulah Craig; and
- Debbie Fields, FoodShare.

The Board of Health adopted the foregoing report, and, further:

- (1) recommended to the Province of Ontario and the Federal government the establishment of a fully-funded school food program for all children in all schools from kindergarten to grade 12 as a primary prevention program which will, in both the short and long run, result in improved population health and decreased disease costs; **(moved by Mr. Hyndman as amended by Trustee Stefanini)**
- (2) requested the Medical Officer of Health to report to the Board of Health Budget

Subcommittee providing a breakdown of the increase to a 24% municipal contribution from the current 20.4% municipal contribution; **(moved by Councillor Pitfield)** and

- (3) requested the school boards to recycle and compost at schools with food programs. **(moved by Councillor Pitfield)**

Councillor Soknacki was recorded as voting it he negative with respect to Recommendations Nos (1) and (2) of the foregoing report.

(Community Services Grants Appeal Subcommittee, Ontario Minister of Education, Health Canada, Toronto District School Board, Toronto Catholic District School Board, The Food and Hunger Action Committee, Toronto Food Policy Council – c. Committee Secretary, Board of Health Budget Subcommittee, Jane Speakman, Legal Services – September 16, 2003)

7.5 Proposed Changes to Local Health Committees

The Board of Health had before it a report (August 29, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, reporting on proposed changes to the number and boundaries of local health committees based on the changes to community councils as approved by City Council in July 2003; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health approve the reduction of local health committees from six to four and change the boundaries to conform with the changes to community councils as approved by City Council in July 2003; and
- (2) 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 and, further, requested the Medical Officer of Health to examine the appropriateness of having the sum total of 44 local health committee members corresponding to 44 wards.

Councillor Mihevc resumes the Chair.

(Medical Officer of Health, – c., Jane Speakman, Legal Services –
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7.6 Emissions from Transit Buses

The Board of Health had before it a report (August 27, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, reviewing data on emissions from transit buses using various fuels and technologies; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health request that the Chief General Manager of the Toronto Transit Commission work with the City's Comprehensive Air Quality Strategy Working Group to develop a short and long-term strategy for reducing emissions from the transit bus fleet;
- (2) this report be sent to the Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services, and the Chief General Manager of the Toronto Transit Commission for consideration; and
- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto

Bob Boutilier, DGM Operations, TTC, appeared before the Board in connection with the foregoing matter.

Councillor Mihevc appointed Mr. Hyndman Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Board of Health adopted the foregoing report and forwarded it to Council, for consideration with Clause No. 55 of Report No. 9 of the Policy and Finance Committee for its meeting on September 22, 23, 24 and 25, 2003; and, further, recommended that as of 2006 the Toronto Transit Commission be requested to retrofit all diesel buses with filters or catalysts.

Councillor Mihevc resumed the Chair.

(City Council, Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission, Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, Medical Officer of Health, c. - Jane Speakman, Legal Services –
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7.7 Air Quality and Off-road Diesel Fuel in Toronto

The Board of Health had before it a report (August 29, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, reporting on recent developments relating to the use of off-road diesel fuel and their implications for air quality in Toronto; and recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health reiterate its request to the federal Minister of the Environment to reduce the public health risks arising from diesel emissions by:
 - (a) limiting the concentration of sulphur in off-road diesel fuel to 15 parts per million by 2010, as proposed in the United States;
 - (b) applying this limit to diesel fuel used in locomotive and marine applications and generators;
 - (c) providing incentives for the early introduction of low-sulphur diesel; and
- (2) 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
adopted the foregoing report.

(Federal Minister of Environment, Medical Officer of Health, c. -
Jane Speakman, Legal Services – September 16, 2003)

7.8 Interpretation Services - Request for Proposals No. 9112-03-7340

The Board of Health had before it a joint report (August 25, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, Commissioner, Community and Neighbourhood Services, and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, advising on the results of Request for Proposals No. 9112-03-7340, for interpretation services for the period October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2004, and to obtain authorization to award a contract to Access Alliance Multicultural Community Health Centre for a one-year term with the option to renew for two (2) additional one-year terms under the same terms and conditions; and recommending that:

- (1) the firm of Access Alliance Multicultural Community Health Centre, the highest overall scoring proponent, be engaged to provide interpreter services as outlined in the Request for Proposal for an estimated cost not to exceed \$800,000.00 annually including all taxes;
- (2) the option to renew for two additional one-year terms in the estimated amount of \$800,000 per year under the same terms and conditions be reviewed by the

Medical Officer of Health, in co-operation with the Purchasing Agent, to ensure that; the provision of interpretation services was performed at a satisfactory level, it is feasible to extend the contract, and funds are available in the Public Health Operating Budgets for the two (2) one-year renewals ending September 30, 2006;

- (3) provided that there is a favourable review, in accordance with Recommendation No. 2, the Medical Officer of Health be authorized to exercise the options to renew on the terms and conditions set out above and be authorized to instruct the Purchasing Agent to process the necessary contract; 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. 6, Clause No. 2)

7.9 Environmental Assessments at Lester B. Pearson International Airport

The Board of Health had before it a report (August 11, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing information on the applicability of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA) to future activities at Lester B. Pearson International Airport; and recommending that the Board of Health receive this report for information.

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

7.10 Contracts for Food Coupons

The Board of Health had before it a report (August 26, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, seeking approval for the sole source purchase of food coupons and to authorize the Medical Officer of Health to award and execute one year contracts with the grocery retailers, with option to renew for a second year under the same terms and conditions; and recommending that:

- (1) approve a sole source purchase of food coupons from Loblaws to ensure that Toronto Public Health can continue to provide food coupons to high-risk pregnant women and families through the Healthy Babies Healthy Children, Healthiest Babies Possible, and Peer Nutrition programs;

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- (2) authorize the Medical Officer of Health to award and execute a contract with Loblaws, within the approved budget and in accordance with divisional distribution protocol and corporate financial and legal protocols; and
- (3) authorize and direct the appropriate City Officials to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Coucillor Soknacki, the Board of Health recommended to Council the adoption of the following report, as amended by:

- (1) amending Recommendation No. (1) by adding thereto the words “for 2004 only”, so that such Recommendation shall now read as follows:

“approve a sole source purchase of food coupons from Loblaws to ensure that Toronto Public Health can continue to provide food coupons to high-risk pregnant women and families through the Healthy Babies Healthy Children, Healthiest Babies Possible, and Peer Nutrition programs for 2004 only”;

- (2) renumbering Recommendation No. (3) to No. (5) and adding the following new recommendations:

“(3) the Chief Administrative Officer be requested not to issue the sole source purchases from Sobey’s and A&P beyond December 31, 2004;

(4) the Medical Officer of Health, in consultation with the Director of Purchasing, investigate a means of achieving bulk volume discounts for the food coupon program for after 2004;”.

(Report No. 6, Clause No. 3)

7.11 Toronto Public Health Second Quarter, 2003 Capital Budget Variance

The Board of Health had before it a report (September 2, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, apprising the Board of Health of the Toronto Public Health 2003 capital budget variance as of the second quarter, 2003; and recommending that this report be received for information.

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

7.12 Toronto Public Health – Second Quarter, 2003 Operating Budget Variance

The Board of Health had before it a report (September 2, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health apprising the Board of Health of the Public Health operating budget variance as of the second quarter, 2003; and recommending that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Board of Health received the foregoing report for information and, further, requested the Medical Officer of Health to submit an organizational chart to the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee, such chart to include the number of associate medical officers of health, directors, managers, supervisors, and other employees.

(Medical Officer of Health, Board of Health Budget Subcommittee – c. Jane Speakman, Legal Services – September 16, 2003)

7.13 TB or not TB? Report of a Public Inquiry into the State of Tuberculosis Within Toronto's Homeless Population

The Board of Health had before it a communication (August 25, 2003) from Councillor Jane Pitfield, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, advising that at its meeting on July 11, 2003, the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, in considering the attached report entitled "TB or not TB? Report of a Public Inquiry into the State of Tuberculosis within Toronto's Homeless Population" presented by the TB Action Group, endorsed the recommendations of the TB Action Group report; and recommended that:

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- (1) the Board of Health adopt recommendations 8, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 of the TB Action Group report to the Board of Health, specifically that:
 - a) Toronto Public Health must immediately inspect shelters and drop in shelters) to identify and correct deficiencies that have negative implications for public health safety;
 - b) Toronto Public Health must develop and implement protocols for the prevention and management of infectious and airborne diseases in homeless service systems. Such protocols are critical and are urgently needed;
 - c) Toronto Public Health must develop and implement comprehensive TB screening programs in shelters, drop-in centres (day shelters) and other homeless service centres that includes TB skin testing. It is not sufficient to rely on contact tracing among homeless populations;
 - d) Toronto Public Health must develop and implement a standard of care for contact tracing among homeless people that tests individuals based on *locations* they have frequented, rather than on traditional tracing methods which depend on accurate recall of people with whom an infected person has had contact;
 - e) Toronto Public Health must expand its D.O.T. (Directly Observed Therapy) program to include D.O.P.T. (Directly Observed Prophylactic Therapy) among homeless populations; and
 - f) Toronto Public Health staff must liaise closely with health providers in jails to reduce the likelihood of losing individuals with LTBI or active TB to follow-up after release.

- (2) the Board of Health adopt recommendations 7, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27 of the TB Action Group report related to the federal or provincial governments with a request that Toronto Council forward these recommendations to the appropriate ministry, specifically that:
 - a) the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care must expand the Mandatory Core Program and Service Guidelines for infection control to include a requirement that Boards of Health must inspect shelters, drop in centers (day shelters) and other programs that provide temporary shelter for those who are homeless;
 - b) the Province of Ontario must provide adequate funding to Toronto Public Health so that it can ensure sufficient TB prevention, detection and treatment programs are in place to safeguard the public's health;

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- c) the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care must create a network of comprehensive TB clinics across Toronto for the purpose of diagnosing and treating latent or active TB. To reduce barriers to obtaining care, such as lack of health insurance, lack of identification and lack of transportation resources among homeless people, such clinics must provide convenient hours of operation, geographic access, and access to individuals regardless of health insurance status;
- d) the Ministry of Public Safety and Security must recognize the public health risks associated with dangerous overcrowding in correctional facilities and immediately move to reduce such overcrowding;
- e) the Ministry of Public Safety and Security must develop a protocol for ensuring that inmates who are being treated for active TB and are released into the community be provided with comprehensive discharge planning including referral to local public health authorities prior to release, to ensure appropriate follow-up is arranged;
- f) the Ministry of Public Safety and Security must test all inmates for TB within 24 hours of confinement, and must develop a mechanism for maintaining and transferring records of inmates' TB status when inmates are transferred to other facilities;
- g) the Ontario Ministry of Public Safety and Security must develop and administer guidelines for treating latent TB infection in jails which call for prophylaxis only in cases in which a full course of treatment can be guaranteed, or in those cases in which comprehensive discharge planning can be done;
- h) the federal government must provide Federal Interim Health Benefits to refugee claimants immediately upon entry to Canada;
- i) the federal government must provide all newcomers with comprehensive TB screening, and ensure timely follow up of any abnormal findings; and
- j) the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care must provide Ontario Health Insurance cards to landed immigrants immediately (without the current three-month waiting period) upon entry to Ontario.

The Board of Health also had before it a communication (September 8, 2003) from the City Clerk, Community Services Committee, advising the Board of Health of the Committee recommending to Council:

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- (1) the adoption of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons contained in the communication dated August 25, 2003, from Councillor Jane Pitfield, Co-Chair; and
- (2) endorsing the recommendations under the purview of the Shelter, Housing and Support Division, contained in the report, entitled "TB or not TB? There is no question – Report of a Public Inquiry into the State of Tuberculosis Within Toronto's Homeless Population, June 2003", from the TB Action Group; and further directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Medical Officer of Health, be requested to report to the Community Services Committee as soon as possible on the implications of these recommendations, and on how they can be implemented.

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

- (i) Kathy Hardill, RN, TB Action Group;
- (ii) Peter Tabuns (TB inquiry panel member);
- (iii) Pat Larson - Sherbourne Health Centre;
- (iv) Dr. Sharon Gazeley - Regent Park CHC;
- (v) Sheryl Lindsay - Hostel Outreach Program;
- (vi) Deb Phelps - Queen West CHC; and
- (vii) Amber Kellen- John Howard Society and submitted a written brief.

On motion by Dr. Pellizarri, the Board of Health advised City Council that it:

- (A) endorses, in principle, the report (June 2003) "TB or not TB? There is no question – Report of A Public Inquiry into the State of Tuberculosis Within Toronto's Homeless Population" and its 28 recommendations subject to the following amendments:

- (1) amending Recommendation No. (8) be amended to read:

"Toronto Public Health work in collaboration with Shelter, Housing and Support Division to inspect selected high risk shelters and drop-in centres as soon as possible in 2004";

- (2) amending Recommendation No (16)
be amended to read:

“Toronto’s Diseases Preparedness Committee develop protocols for prevention and management of infectious and airborne diseases in the homeless service system”;

- (3) amending Recommendation No. (17)
be amended to read:

“Toronto Public Health develop and implement comprehensive TB screening in shelters and drop-in centres and other homeless service centres”;

- (B) referred the following Recommendation No. 26 to the TB Subcommittee of the Board of Health for further discussion:

“the federal government must provide all newcomers with comprehensive TB screening, and ensure timely follow up of any abnormal findings”; and

- (C) referred all recommendations with financial implications to the Medical Officer of Health with a request that she report thereon to the Board of Health through its Budget Subcommittee as part of the 2004 Budget Process.

(City Council, TB Subcommittee, Budget Subcommittee, Medical of Health – c. Jane Speakman, Legal Services – September 16, 2003)

7.14 Appointment to the North York Local Health Committee

The Board of Health had before it a confidential communication (September 2, 2003) from the Chair, North York Local Health Committee recommending the appointment of three (3) members to the North York Local Health Committee; such report to be considered in-camera having regard that the subject matter may contain information which relates to an identifiable individual.

On motion by Ms. Chan, the Board of Health approved the appointment of Gulshan Allibhai, Kathryn Sim, and Eva Tavaries to the North York Local Health Committee for the remainder of the term to expire on November 30, 2003 or until their successors are appointed.

(North York Local Health Committee – c. Medical Officer of Health, Jane Speakman, Legal Services - September 16, 2003)

7.15 West Nile Virus

The Medical Officer of Health provided the Board with a verbal update on this matter.

On motion by Mr. Hyndman, the Board of Health received the foregoing verbal report for information.

7.16 Appointment of Associate Medical Officer of Health

The Board of Health had before it a report (September 9, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, recommending the appointment of a public health physician as Associate Medical Officer of Health for the City of Toronto Health Unit; and recommending that:

- (1) the public health physician named in Appendix 1 attached to this report be appointed as Associate Medical Officer of Health for the City of Toronto Health Unit and that this recommendation be transmitted to the Provincial Minister of Health and Long Term Care for approval; and
- (2) authority be granted to introduce the necessary bill in Council to give effect to the above recommendation.

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

(Report No. 6, Clause No. 4)

7.17 Coroner's Inquest on Tuberculosis Death of a Homeless Man who lived in a City of Toronto Shelter

The Board of Health had before it a report (September 10, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health requesting authorization from the Board of Health and Council to take all steps that are reasonably necessary to protect the interests of the City of Toronto and the Board of Health in the upcoming inquest into the tuberculosis (TB) death of a homeless man who lived in a City of Toronto shelter, which may include seeking standing at the inquest; and recommending that the Board of Health:

- (1) direct the Medical Officer of Health and the City Solicitor to take all steps that are reasonably necessary to protect the interests of the City of Toronto and the Board of Health at the upcoming inquest into the death from TB of a homeless man in a City of Toronto shelter, which may include seeking standing; and
- (2) 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. 6, Clause No. 5)

7.18 Medical Officer of Health – Performance Appraisal Committee

The Board of Health appointed the following Members to the Medical Officer of Health Performance Appraisal Committee:

Brian MacKay (Chair);
Brian Hyndman; and
Councillor Joe Mihevc.

(Councillor Mihevc, Brian Hyndman, Brian MacKay – c.
Jane Speakman, Legal Services – September 16, 2003)

7.19 Dental Care Campaign

The Board of Health received a verbal report from Lee Zaslofsky on this matter.

7.20 Nominating Subcommittee

The Board of Health appointed the following Members to its Nominating Subcommittee:

- Councillor Joe Mihevc, Chair
- Lee Zaslofsky;
- Dr. Pellizzari, and
- Councillor Jane Pitfield, Vice-Chair.

(Nominating Subcommittee – c. Councillor Mihevc, Councillor Pitfield, Dr. Roasana Pellizzari, Mr. Zaslofsky, Medical Officer of Health, Jane Speakman, Legal Services – September 16, 2003)

The Board of Health adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Chair