

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Office**

**Minutes of Board of Health**

**Meeting 9**

**October 24, 2005**

The Board of Health met on Monday, October 24, 2005 in Committee Room 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1.10 p.m.

Attendance

Members were present for some or all of the time periods indicated.

	1:10 p.m. to 5:40 p.m.
Councillor John Filion, Chair	X
Trustee Sheila Cary-Meagher	X
Councillor Oliva Chow	X
Cathy Crowe	
Councillor Janet Davis	X
Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker	X
Councillor Paula Fletcher, Vice-Chair	X
Nathan Gilbert	X
Brian Hyndman	X
Councillor Joe Mihevc	X
Fiona Nelson	X
Rhonda Roffey	X
Valerie Sterling	X

Councillor Filion in the Chair.

**Confirmation of Minutes**

On motion by Fiona Nelson, the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Health on September 26, 2005 were confirmed.

**Chair/MOH Announcements:**

Dr. David McKeown, Medical Officer of Health, announced the commencement of the Toronto Public Health Vaccination Clinics for the 2005/06 Influenza Season, and indicated that:

- the clinics are open October 25, 2005 to November 30, 2005 and January 16 to 19, 2006;
- this is the sixth year Toronto Public Health has offered free flu shots;

- Toronto Public Health flu vaccination clinics are open to individuals who work, live or attend school in Ontario;
- in 2004, Toronto Public Health vaccinated 41,511 people; in 2003, Toronto Public Health vaccinated more than 47,000 individuals;
- Toronto Public Health has 65 vaccination clinics conveniently located across the city in malls, civic centres, libraries, grocery stores and community centres; clinics are open during the day and evening including weekends; and
- to find out more information about the flu or to find a vaccination clinic near you, you could visit [www.toronto.ca/health](http://www.toronto.ca/health) or call 1-866-FLU-N-YOU.

### **9.1 Verbal Update by Medical Officer of Health – Legionnaires Outbreak**

The Board of Health considered a verbal update from Dr. David McKeown, Medical Officer of Health and Dr. Barbara Yaffe, Director and Associate Medical Officer of Health, Communicable Disease Control, regarding the recent Legionnaires Outbreak, and the investigation that has taken place to date by Public Health staff.

Councillor Fletcher in the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Filion, the Board of Health:

- (1) received the verbal update from Dr. David McKeown, Medical Officer of Health and Dr. Barbara Yaffe, Director and Associate Medical Officer of Health, Communicable Disease Control, regarding the recent Legionnaires Outbreak, and the investigation that has taken place to date by Public Health staff; and
- (2) requested the Medical Officer of Health to report to the Board of Health on the implications of the Legionnaires Disease outbreak at the Seven Oaks Homes for the Aged for the design and maintenance of air conditioning systems with particular attention to housing for vulnerable people.

Councillor Filion in the Chair.

### **9.2 Mandatory Certification of Food Handlers**

The Board of Health considered a report (October 14, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, proposing amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 545 – Licensing, pursuant to City Council’s approval of the mandatory certification of food handlers.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

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- (1) the Medical Officer of Health be authorized to implement mandatory certification of food handlers as described in this report;
- (2) Municipal Code Chapter 545 – Licensing, be amended as shown in Appendix 1 of this report, to require that:
  - (i) every owner/keeper of an eating and drinking establishment be the holder of a valid food handler photo identification card issued by the Medical Officer of Health;
  - (ii) every owner/keeper of an eating and drinking establishment ensure that there is at least one food handler who holds a food handler photo identification card working in a supervisory capacity in the area of the premises where food is served, prepared, processed, packaged or stored except where Chapter 545 currently mandates that all people working in an establishment must hold a valid food handler photo identification card;
  - (iii) the food handler photo identification card must be carried and displayed on his or her person and must be shown upon request by the Medical Officer of Health or his or her designate or the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division;
- (3) the By-law amendments referred to in recommendation (2) to take effect on June 1, 2006 and be phased in over a five year period starting with high risk food premises in 2006, medium risk food premises in 2007 and 2008 and low risk food premises in 2009 and 2010;
- (4) Municipal Code Chapter 441 – Fees, be amended so that effective immediately the following 2006 fees shall be paid to the City of Toronto for the Food Handler Training and Certification Program offered by the Medical Officer of Health: Food Handler Training Course: \$40; Food Handler Certification Examination, Food Handler Certification Certificate and Food Handler Photo Identification Card: \$40(Certificate); Food Handler Photo Identification Card only: \$30;
- (5) an amount of \$486.0 thousand gross expenditures (including a one-time cost of \$29.7 thousand) and \$486.0 thousand revenue be added to the 2006 TPH Operating Budget to implement mandatory certification of food handlers;
- (6) any revenue deficiencies in 2006 related to implementation of mandatory certification of food handlers initiative be funded from within TPH's overall under-spending for 2006;
- (7) this report be forwarded to the Planning and Transportation Committee for a statutory meeting under the Municipal Act, 2001;
- (8) this report be forwarded to Budget Advisory Committee for consideration; and

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- (9) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to implement the recommendations in this report.

Sid Girling, Ontario Restaurant Hotel and Motel Association, appeared before the Board of Health.

- A. Councillor Chow moved that the Board of Health recommend to the Planning and Transportation Committee that the Planning and Transportation Committee:

- (1) adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section Health of the report (October 14, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health; and
- (2) adopt a further recommendation, as follows:

“that all aspects of the implementation of certification of the food handling program (such as public information, training and the certification) be multilingual, especially to the main language groups in Toronto”

- B. Councillor Davis moved that the Board of Health:

- (1) recommend to the Planning and Transportation Committee that the Planning and Transportation Committee adopt the following further recommendation:

“that the costs associated with food handling certification for child care centres be recognized in Children’s Services purchase of service per diem rates.” and

- (2) request the Medical Officer of Health to provide an implementation report at a future meeting of the Board of Health with more details related to the phase-in of the program.

- C. Valerie Sterling moved that this report be sent to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

Motion A., moved by Councillor Chow, **Carried.**

Motion B., moved by Councillor Davis, **Carried.**

Motion C., moved by Valerie Sterling, **Carried.**

(Planning and Transportation Committee; c. Administrator, Budget Advisory Committee; Minister of Health and Long Term Care; c. Interested Persons – October 25, 2005)

**9.3 Governance Recommendations in “The SARS Commission Second Interim Report” and their Implications for Toronto Public Health**

The Board of Health considered a report (October 11, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, to present the implications for Toronto Public Health of the governance chapter in “The SARS Commission Second Interim Report – SARS and Public Health Legislation.”

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health reaffirm to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care that the boundaries of the City of Toronto Health Unit remain consistent with the City of Toronto boundaries;
- (2) the Board of Health reaffirm to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care that the current nomination and appointment process and composition of the Toronto Board of Health be maintained;
- (3) the Board of Health confirm its support to City Council and the Chief Medical Officer of Health for a shared funding model for public health programs with a municipal contribution and the option of 100% provincial funding for special programs;
- (4) the Board of Health request that the City Manager delegate authority to the Medical Officer of Health for the management of financial and human resources for Toronto Public Health within the Toronto Public Health (TPH) approved budget in order to address concerns identified in the SARS Commission Second Interim Report;
- (5) this report be forwarded for information to: City Council, the Local Capacity Review Committee, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Minister of Health Promotion and to the Honourable Mr. Justice Archie Campbell; and
- (6) 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 (October 24, 2005) from Ann Dembinski, President, C.U.P.E. Local 79.

Denis Casey, C.U.P.E. Local 79, appeared before the Board of Health.

- A. Councillor Davis moved that the Board of Health adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (October 11, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, subject to amending Recommendation (4) to read as follows:

“(4) the Board of Health request that the City Manager delegate authority to the Medical Officer of Health for the management of financial and human resources for Toronto Public Health within the Toronto Public Health (TPH) approved budget in order to address concerns identified in the SARS Commission Second Interim Report; and further, the Medical Officer of Health report, in consultation with the City Manager, to the June 2006 Board of Health Meeting with more detailed recommendations for changes in delegated authorities for Human Resources and Finance.”;

- B. Brian Hyndman moved that the Board of Health request the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to monitor the capacity of public health units to absorb the increased Provincial contribution to health unit budgets, and make any necessary adjustments to the funding process if the majority of the increased Provincial funding is not allocated to strengthening public health programs and services.

Motion A., moved by Councillor Davis, **Carried.**

Motion B., moved by Brian Hyndman, **Carried.**

**(Report 7, Clause 1)**

**9.4 Toronto Drug Strategy Report**

The Board of Health considered a report (October 7, 2005) from the Toronto Drug Strategy Council Reference Group, seeing Toronto Council’s adoption of the Toronto Drug Strategy report and its recommendations for action.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Toronto Council adopt the Toronto Drug Strategy report and its recommendations, as attached; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

- (i) Communication (October 19, 2005) from Dr. P.R.W. Kendall, Provincial Health Officer, Ministry of Health, British Columbia;
- (ii) Communication (October 19, 2005) from Dr. Margaret V. Fast, Medical Officer of Health, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority;
- (iii) Communication (October 21, 2005) from Dr. David Salisbury, Medical Officer of Health (Acting), City of Ottawa;
- (iv) Communication (October 23, 2005) from Don Purvis, Cabbagetown South;
- (v) Communication (October 23, 2005) from Howard Bortenstein;
- (vi) Communication (October 2005) from Lynn Raskin, Executive Director, Board of the South Riverdale Community Health Centre;
- (vii) Written submission (October 24, 2005) from Walter Cavalieri;
- (viii) Written submission (October 24, 2005) from Holly Kramer, Project Coordinator, Toronto Harm Reduction Task Force.
- (ix) Written submission (October 24, 2005) from Sarah Dover and Peter Markwell, The Coalition Against Detox Closures;
- (x) Written submission (October 24, 2005) from Raffi Balian, Project Coordinator, Counter Fit Harm Reduction Program;
- (xi) Written submission (October 24, 2005) from Maureen Gilroy, Citizens for a Better Toronto;
- (xii) Written submission (October 24, 2005) from Linda Dixon Trefrann;
- (xiii) Written submission (October 24, 2005) from Howard Bortenstein;
- (xiv) Written submission (October 24, 2005) from Susan Gapka;
- (xv) Communication (undated) from Eva Curlanis-Bart, President, The Garden District Residents Association; and
- (xvi) Written submission (October 24, 2005) from Mandy Wojcik and Josh Frost on behalf of The Law Union of Ontario.

The following persons appeared before the Board of Health:

- Dr. Peter Selby, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health;

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- Susan Gapka, and filed a written submission;
- Dr. Harvey Schiepper, Pine River Institute;
- Sarah Dover and Peter Markwell, Coalition Against the Detox Closures and filed a written submission;
- Howard Bortenstein, and filed a written submission;
- Suzanne Edmonds, Corktown Residents and Business Association;
- Barb Panter, Safer Crack Use Coalition;
- Walter Cavalieri, and filed a written submission;
- Raffi Balian, Project Coordinator, COUNTERfit Harm Reduction Program, South Riverdale Community Health Centre, and filed a written submission;
- Holly Kramer, Project Coordinator, Toronto Harm Reduction Task Force, and filed a written submission;
- Lorie Steer, Street Health;
- Silke Haller, Fred Victor Centre;
- Brenda Smith;
- Diane Buhler, Parent Action on Drugs;
- Linda Dixon Trefrann, and filed a written submission;
- Roman Polochansky;
- Maureen Gilroy, and filed a written submission;
- Joice Guspie;
- Frank Coburn; and
- Mandy Wojcik and Josh Frost on behalf of the Law Union of Ontario, and filed a written submission.

Councillor Kyle Rae, Chair, Toronto Drug Strategy Council Reference Group, also appeared before the Board of Health.

A. Councillor Mihevc moved that the Board of Health:

- (1) endorse the recommendations (Recommendations 1 to 66 inclusive) contained in the report titled, "The Toronto Drug Strategy – A comprehensive approach to alcohol and other drugs in the City of Toronto, October 2005;" and
- (2) recommend that the report (October 7, 2005) from the Toronto Drug Strategy Council Reference Group and the companion report, titled, "Toronto Drug Strategy – A comprehensive approach to alcohol and other drugs in the City of Toronto, October 2005" as well as all the communications and written submissions received by the Board of Health on October 24, 2005, be referred to the Policy and Finance Committee for its consideration.

Prior to voting on the motion, Councillor Filion requested that Recommendations 26, 62 and 65, contained in the report titled, "The Toronto Drug – Strategy – A comprehensive approach to alcohol and other drugs, in the City of Toronto, October 2005", be voted on separately from the rest of the recommendations contained in that report.



Voting:

Part (1) of Motion A., moved by Councillor Mihevc to endorse Recommendations 26, 62 and 65 contained in the report titled, “The Toronto Drug – Strategy – A comprehensive approach to alcohol and other drugs, in the City of Toronto, October 2005”, **Carried**, with Councillor Filion being opposed.

Part (1) of Motion A., moved by Councillor Mihevc to endorse Recommendations 1 to 25, 27 to 61 and Recommendation 63, 64 and 66, contained in the report titled, “The Toronto Drug – Strategy – A comprehensive approach to alcohol and other drugs, in the City of Toronto, October 2005”, **Carried**.

Part (2) of Motion A., moved by Councillor Mihevc, **Carried**.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. Drug Strategy Council Reference Group; Councillor Kyle Rae, Chair; Councillor Shelley Carroll; Councillor Frank DiGiorgio; Councillor Joe Mihevc; Councillor Michael Thompson; Medical Officer of Health; Interested Persons – October 25, 2005)

## 9.5 Update on Measures to Reduce Emissions from City Fleets

The Board of Health considered a report (October 5, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager and the Chief Corporate Officer, reporting on initiatives to reduce emissions from all City fleets, including the Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services and all agencies, boards and commissions (ABCs).

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

On motion by Fletcher, the Board of Health:

- (1) received the report (October 5, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health; and
- (2) requested that in order to achieve maximum emissions reductions in all fleets, Deputy City Manager Fareed Amin and the Chief Corporate Officer be requested to include in future RFP's, a provision that the provider identify the fuel source and associated emissions reduction associated within that fuel source in that fleet purchase.

## **9.6 Provision of Animal Services to the Town of Markham and the City of Pickering**

The Board of Health considered a report (September 9, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, providing information and recommendations to the Board of Health regarding the provision of Animal Services to the Town of Markham and the City of Pickering.

### Recommendations:

It is recommended that the City of Toronto not enter into an agreement with the Town of Markham or the City of Pickering for the provision of Animal Services.

The Board of Health also considered the following communications:

- (i) (August 15, 2005) from the City Clerk, Scarborough Community Council, forwarding Clause 15, Report 6 of the Scarborough Community Council entitled “Animal Services – City of Pickering and Town of Markham”, which was considered by City Council at its meeting on June 19, 20, 21 and 26, 2005.
- (ii) (December 6, 2004) from Eletta Purdy, City-Wide Manager, Animal Services, addressed to Councillor Filion, responding to the request by Town of Markham to Temporarily Contract with TAS (Toronto Animal Services) for the Provision of Part or All Animal Control Services.
- (iii) Animal Sheltering & Control Service Requirements - Town of Markham, By-law Enforcement & Licensing Division, provided by the Town Clerk, Town of Markham.

On motion by Councillor DeBaeremaker, the Board of Health deferred the report (September 9, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, to its next meeting on November 28, 2005.

## **9.7 Verbal Update by Medical Officer of Health on West Nile Virus**

Dr. David McKeown provided a verbal update on this matter.

The Board of Health received the verbal update from the Medical Officer of Health regarding the West Nile Virus.

## **9.8 Local Health Committee Minutes**

The Board of Health considered the minutes from the following Local Health Committees:

- (a) Etobicoke/York Local Health Committee meeting held on April 13, 2005;
- (b) Etobicoke/York Local Health Committee meeting held on May 11, 2005;

- (c) North York Local Health Committee meeting held on June 1, 2005; and
- (d) Etobicoke/York Local Health Committee meeting held on July 19, 2005.

The Board of Health received the minutes from the following Local Health Committees:

- (1) Etobicoke/York Local Health Committee meeting held on April 13, 2005;
- (2) Etobicoke/York Local Health Committee meeting held on May 11, 2005;
- (3) North York Local Health Committee meeting held on June 1, 2005; and
- (4) Etobicoke/York Local Health Committee meeting held on July 19, 2005.

**9.9 Toronto Public Health 2006 Operating Budget – Motions referred from the Board of Health meeting held on September 26, 2005.**

The Board of Health considered a communication (October 19, 2005) from the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee, forwarding recommendations to the Board of Health from its meeting held on September 26, 2005.

Nathalie Karvonen, Toronto Wildlife Centre, appeared before the Board of Health.

Councillor Shelley Carroll, Ward 33 – Don Valley East, also appeared before the Board of Health.

A. Councillor Davis moved that the Board of Health:

- (1) adopt the recommendations in the communication (October 19, 2005) from the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee, subject to Recommendations (a), (b) and (c) contained in the communication being amended to read as follows:

- “(a) \$1.4 million funding request for Child Nutrition Programs;
- (b) Toronto Strong Neighbourhoods Strategy recommended by the Board of Health; and
- (c) the City of Toronto’s Aquatic Strategy, including Drown Proof Swimming Lessons for Grade 3 students.”; and

(2) recommend to the Budget Advisory Committee that funds from the Toronto Public Health 2006 Operating Budget recovered by the City of Toronto be reallocated to support the:

- “(a) \$1.4 million funding request for Child Nutrition Programs;
- (b) Toronto Strong Neighbourhoods Strategy recommended by the Board of Health; and
- (c) the City of Toronto’s Aquatic Strategy, including Drown Proof Swimming Lessons for Grade 3 students.”

B. Councillor Fletcher moved that the Board of Health request the Medical Officer of Health to report, in May 2006, on what models and types of active services exist that have an arms length relationship with the City of Toronto, such as wildlife services; and further that the Medical Officer of Health, in conjunction with the City Manager, provide an appropriate review and recommendations on how to best operate wildlife services.

C. Councillor DeBaeremaker moved that the 2006 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget be increased by \$800,000.00 with \$500,000.00 allocated for a Trap/Neuter/Release Program and \$300,000.00 be allocated to the Toronto Wildlife Centre; and that the Medical Officer of Health be requested to report back on the benefits of these programs during consideration of the 2006 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget.

Voting:

Motion C., moved by Councillor DeBaeremaker, **Lost.**

Motion B., moved by Councillor Fletcher, **Carried.**

Motion A., moved by Councillor Davis, **Carried.**

#### **9.10 Draft Terms of Reference for the Peer Review of the Biosolids and Residuals Master Plan Decision Making Model**

The Board of Health considered a report (September 28, 2005) from the Acting General Manager of Toronto Water and the Medical Officer of Health, reporting back to Works Committee and the Board of Health on the draft Terms of Reference to hire a facilitator for the peer review of the Biosolids and Residuals Master Plan.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

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- (1) authority be granted to the General Manager of Toronto Water working together with the Medical Officer of Health, to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) in accordance with the draft Terms of Reference, for the hiring of a facilitator and to engage the services of a panel of experts to undertake a peer review of the decision making model used in the Biosolids and Residuals Master Plan; and
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Board of Health for information.

On motion by Councillor Fletcher, the Board of Health recommended to City Council that since the joint report from the Acting General Manager of Toronto Water and the Medical Officer of Health addressed to the Works Committee and the Board of Health, was to be before the Board of Health as a deputation item for report back on the draft Terms of Reference to hire a facilitator for the peer review of the Biosolids and Residuals Master Plan, and the Board of Health has not had an opportunity to consider the joint report, that City Council be requested to defer this item in order to allow the Board of Health an opportunity to consider this matter at the Board of Health meeting on November 28, 2005.

(City Council c. Acting General Manager of Toronto Water; Medical Officer of Health – October 25, 2005)

The Board of Health adjourned at 5: 40 p.m.

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Chair