

June 10, 2015

To: Licensing and Standards Committee

From: Board of Health

Subject: **Hookah (Waterpipe) Use in Licensed Establishments - Item HL4.1**

Recommendation

The Board of Health forwards the report (May 14, 2015) from the Medical Officer of Health for information to the Licensing and Standards Committee and requests the Licensing and Standards Committee to consider the Board of Health's recommendations when it considers prohibiting the use of a hookah in licensed premises.

Decision Advice and Other Information:

The Board of Health also recommended that:

1. Effective October 1, 2015, City Council prohibit the use of hookah in establishments that are licensed or required to be licensed under Municipal Code Chapter 545, Licensing; and
2. City Council request the Government of Ontario to enact provincial legislation that will prohibit the use of hookahs/waterpipes in all restaurants, bars, entertainment establishments, and patios, regardless of whether the substance being smoked is tobacco based or non-tobacco based shisha.

Background

The Board of Health on June 1, 2015, considered a report (May 14, 2015) from the Medical Officer of Health on Hookah (Waterpipe) Use in Licensed Establishments.

Background Information

(May 14, 2015) Report from the Medical Officer of Health on Hookah (Waterpipe) Use in Licensed Establishments

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-80194.pdf>

Appendix A: Summary of Stakeholder Consultations on Hookah Use

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-80195.pdf>

Presentation from the Medical Officer of Health on Hookah (Waterpipe) Use in Licensed Establishments

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-80876.pdf>

Communications

(June 1, 2015) Letter from Michael Perley, Director, Ontario Campaign for Action on Tobacco (HL.New.HL4.1.1)

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/hl/comm/communicationfile-52903.pdf>

(June 1, 2015) Letter from Buvani Sivagnanasunderam, Youth Health Action Network - On File with City Clerk's (HL.New.HL4.1.2)

(June 1, 2015) Letter from Sarah Butson, The Lung Association (HL.New.HL4.1.3)

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/hl/comm/communicationfile-52905.pdf>

(June 1, 2015) Letter from Lorraine Fry, Executive Director, Non-Smoker's Rights Association (HL.New.HL4.1.4)

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/hl/comm/communicationfile-52926.pdf>

(June 1, 2015) Letter from Roberta Ferrence, Senior Scientific Advisor, Ontario Tobacco Research Unit, University of Toronto (HL.New.HL4.1.5)

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/hl/comm/communicationfile-52927.pdf>

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