

MEMO

TO: Toronto Board of Health
FROM: Councillor Joe Mihevc, Chair
RE: Appointment of Acting Medical Officer of Health
DATE: June 17, 2016

The purpose of this letter is to recommend to the Board of Health that City Council appoint an acting Medical Officer of Health (MOH).

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

1. City Council appoint Dr. Barbara Yaffe as the acting MOH, effective August 1, 2016 until such time as Council appoints a new MOH.

Background:

Dr. McKeown, the current MOH has announced his retirement. His last day of employment with the City of Toronto will be July 31, 2016. An executive search firm has been retained to assist with the recruitment for a new MOH. It is anticipated that the recruitment process will not be completed before the fall of 2016. As a result, the appointment of an acting MOH is required.

Decision History:

At its meeting held on April 25, 2016, the Board of Health approved a Medical Officer of Health Hiring panel comprised of the Chair, the Vice-Chair, two citizen members, and two councillor members of the Board of Health.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.HL11.11>



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At its meeting held on May 30, 2016, the Board of Health received a report outlining the recruitment and selection process for a Medical Officer of Health.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.HL12.5>

Comments:

A formal recruitment process for a new MOH is underway but will not conclude prior to Dr. McKeown's retirement. The appointment of an acting Medical Officer of Health is required until such time as Council appoints a new MOH.

I would like to recommend that City Council appoint Dr. Barbara Yaffe as the acting Medical Officer of Health, effective August 1, 2016. A summary of her professional qualifications is provided below:

Curriculum Vitae Summary

Dr. Barbara Yaffe has been employed by the City of Toronto, and its predecessor municipalities, since 1982 and has held the position of Director, Communicable Disease Control & Associate Medical Officer of Health, with Toronto Public Health, since 1998.

A summary of her professional qualifications is provided below:

Employment

Director, Communicable Disease Control & Associate Medical Officer of Health
City of Toronto, Toronto Public Health 1998 – present

Acting Medical Officer of Health
City of Toronto, Toronto Public Health Feb. – Sept. 2004

Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
City of North York 1994 – 1998

Preventive Clinical Services Manager and Associate Medical Officer of Health
City of Toronto, Department of Public Health 1987 – 1994

Professional Awards, Appointment

W.H. Le Riche Prize in Epidemiology, 1982
Milton H. Brown Award in Community Health and Epidemiology, 1980 – 1981
Adjunct Professor, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto

Education

Fellowship in Public Health and Preventive Medicine, University of Toronto
Environmental Epidemiology and Cancer Epidemiology, Graduate programme,
University of Minnesota
Master in Health Sciences, Community Health & Epidemiology, University of Toronto
MD, University of Toronto

Sincerely,

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