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January 23, 2017

To: City Council

From: Board of Health

Subject: Improving Safety at Large Private Electronic Dance Music Venues - Item CD17.7

The Toronto Board of Health on January 23, 2017 adopted item HL17.8 on Improving Safety at Large Private Electronic Dance Music Venues and among other things, forwards its decision to City Council for consideration with Item CD 17.7.

The Board of Health:

1. Endorsed the recommendations laid out in Councillors Fletcher's letter (December 22, 2016) to the Community Development and Recreation Committee on "Improving Safety at Large Private Electronic Dance Music Venues."

The Board of Health also:

1. Requested the Medical Officer of Health to work with the Deputy City Manager, Cluster A, to develop recommendations for a protocol to improve safety at private venue electronic dance music events which could include policies for preventing and responding to drug overdoses

Background Information

(January 20, 2017) Letter from Councillor Paula Fletcher, Ward 30, Toronto-Danforth on Improving Safety at Large Private Electronic Dance Music Venues

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2017/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-100480.pdf>)

(December 22, 2016) Attachment 1: Letter to the Community Development and Recreation Committee from Councillor Fletcher

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<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.HL17.8>

Sincerely,



Secretary,
Board of Health
Nancy Martins



方卓怡 市議員 **Paula FLETCHER**

Councillor Toronto-Danforth Ward 30

January 20, 2017
Chair Joe Mihevc
Toronto Board of Health
100 Queen Street W.

Dear Councillor Mihevc and members of the Board of Health

Re: Improving Safety at Large Private Electronic Dance Music Venues

I was very pleased to see Dr. Yaffe's recent letter regarding the Toronto Overdose Action Plan public consultations. This is a very important component of the ongoing and successful harm reduction strategy in the City of Toronto.

I am attaching a motion that was passed at Community Development and Recreation Committee last week. The motion asks the Deputy City Manager, Cluster A, to develop a protocol for potentially requiring comprehensive risk management plans at Electronic Dance Music events at large private venues.

The letter and initiative from the Medical Officer of Health is very timely as my motion was sparked by the overdose death of a young woman at an Electronic Dance Music event at the Rebel Nightclub in my ward.

The work that you are doing at Toronto Public Health to curtail overdoses is a very important public health initiative in the City. It would be exceptional if you could bring your expertise on harm reduction and overdose prevention to the review being conducted by the Deputy City Manager.

I would ask the Board of Health to support the following recommendations.

I recommend that the Board of Health:

1. Endorse the recommendations laid out in my attached letter to the Community Development and Recreation Committee on "Improving Safety at Large Private Electronic Dance Music Venues."

2. Request the Medical Officer of Health to work with the Deputy City Manager, Cluster A, to develop recommendations for a protocol to improve safety at private venue electronic dance music events which could include policies for preventing and responding to drug overdoses.

3. Forward its decision to City Council for consideration with Item CD17.7 on "Improving Safety at Large Private Electronic Dance Music Venues."

Sincerely,

City Councillor
Ward 30, Toronto Danforth

Attachment 1: Letter to the Community Development and Recreation Committee from Councillor Fletcher.