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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the June 1, 2026 Board of Health meeting on item 2026.HL33.3, 2026 and 2027 Toronto Urban Health Fund Allocations and Review Process

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Comments:

Dear Board of Health members!

During Feb 23, 2026 Board session, item HL30.10 - *Formal Request for a Comprehensive Review of Toronto Public Health's Role and Responsibilities in Regulating Indoor Air Quality* was carried based on ongoing public concerns of TPH failing to regulate and enforce healthy levels of Indoor Air Quality (IAQ), primarily in Public Schools and Toronto residential rental properties where half of local residents currently live.

This item is extremely important to support healthy grows and development of Child and Youth in Toronto public schools, and also support vulnerable elderly aging in place in Toronto residential properties owned by the City and privately.

During May 04, 2026 Board session, public members in comments to item HL32.2 - *Service Agreements Awarded and Executed by the Medical Officer of Health for 2026* proposed to start TPH Healthy Environment Unit IAQ Enforcement Pilot Project based on one of the existing branches close to a local industrial pollution zone.

It was noted that a good example of intentional IAQ contamination to speedup elderly tenants turnaround, and testing the new pilot enforcement methods would be dispersing chemical contaminants such as high concentration insecticide poisons and industrial cleaners through common areas ventilation by the landlord's staff at one of TSHC buildings located at 4455 Bathurst St, North York. Details of such contamination and failed North York HE Unit investigation were provided during March 30, 2026 Board session, in my deputation to item HL31.1 - 2025 - *A Year-in-Review of Toronto Public Health*.

I propose to consider allocating some funding from Toronto Urban Health Fund (TUHF) to the proposed IAQ Enforcement Pilot Project critical for healthy development of our youth and survival of local elderly. Implementation of the Pilot recommendations would also allow to save significant funds spent on treating major health problems developed due to exposure to contaminated indoor air.

Regardless of current TUHF funds allocation, I also ask the Board to request TPH leadership to conduct prompt in-depth investigation jointly with local enforcement branch of ON Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) of the above reports of purposeful IAQ contamination at TSHC building at 4455 Bathurst St, North York including placing and collecting overnight air samples and drinking water samples in the affected units to be analyzed at local MECP Environmental Protection Lab.

Thank you,
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Toronto Resident