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To: Board of Health
Subject: My comments for Item 2026.HL34.4 on July 13, 2026 Board of Health
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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the July 13, 2026 Board of Health meeting on item 2026.HL34.4, **Public Health Role in Indoor Air Quality**.

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Comments:

Dear Board of Health members!

The TPH presentation on the topic and suggested by them Board of Health Recommendations says: *"Toronto Public Health (TPH) also plays a role in indoor air quality. Toronto Public Health helps protect indoor air quality by monitoring health risks and emerging evidence, responding to complaints and investigating health hazards, supporting outbreak prevention in indoor settings and working with other organizations to share information and coordinate action."*

In my verbal and written Board of Health deputations on 03.30 26 on Item 2026.HL31.1 2025: A Year-in-Review of Toronto Public Health, 05/04/26 on item 2026.HL32.2 Service Agreements Awarded and Executed by the Medical Officer of Health for 2026, 06/01/26 on Item 2026.HL33.3 2026 and 2027 Toronto Urban Health Fund Allocations and Review Process, I reported multiple deficiencies in TPH current practices of *"responding to complaints and investigating Environmental health hazards"* and suggested practical steps in implementing a **Pilot Project of Environmental Health Enforcement**.

I believe that current edition of 2026.HL34.4 Item **Public Health Role in Indoor Air Quality** entirely omitted today's near failed state factors in enforcing Indoor Air Quality in Toronto Residential Properties and Public Schools, and needs comprehensive rework. TPH staff claims in the Report that primary cause of failure to enforce IAQ locally is lack of public standards. This is not accurate, for years TPH relied on combination of International, American, Canadian, Ontario and certain Toronto standards, regulations and policies to issue Enforcement Orders offered by [ON Health Protection and Promotion Act 1990](#) to ensure proper IAQ in Toronto residences. Of course, Toronto may benefit from local **AIQ By-law** as well.

I suggest the presenters Drs. Michelle Murti and Shovita Padhi, who also serves in UofT Dalla Lana School of Public Health, Clinical Division to contact Ms. Padhi's colleagues at the same School's

[Occupational & Environmental Health Division](#) in particular Mr. [Paul Bozek](#), and Healthy Environment Unit's of Public Health Ontario [Indoor Air Quality Equipment Loan Program](#) for further comprehensive input on improving enforcement of Indoor Air Quality and on-the-scene measurements of health hazards present in the Indoor Air.

Thank you,
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