

Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario
Canada M5H 2N2
Phone: 416-392-7039
Fax: 416-392-1879
TDD: 416-392-7354

July 31, 1998

Novina Wong
City Clerk

Enquiry: Christine Archibald
Secretariat, City Clerk's
4th Floor, West Tower
carchib@city.toronto.on.ca

TO: MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

The Board of Health at its meeting on July 27, 1998 had before it a report (July 13, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health respecting a strategy for cancer prevention, recommending that:

- (1) the Board of Health support the formation of a Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition to coordinate a program of primary and secondary cancer prevention activities in the City of Toronto; and
- (2) the Board of Health explore options for resourcing a Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition through City staff, the Ontario Ministry of Health, Cancer Care Ontario, and other community partners.

The Board also had before it a communication (July 27, 1998) from Irving Rootman, Director, Health Promotion Centre, University of Toronto; Dr. Richard Schabas, Head, Preventive Oncology, Cancer Care Ontario; and Jack Shapiro, Past Chair, OCTRF (renamed Cancer Care Ontario).

Jack Shapiro and Irving Rootman gave a presentation on the report, and the following persons appeared before the Board of Health in connection with this matter:

- Sylvia Kerr, FoodShare Toronto
- Catherine Wicks, Alliance of Breast Cancer Survivors

The Board of Health took the following action with respect to this matter:

- (1) supported the formation of a Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition to coordinate a program of primary and secondary cancer prevention activities in the City of Toronto;
- (2) agreed to explore options for resourcing a Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition through City staff, the Ontario Ministry of Health, Cancer Care Ontario, and other community partners;

- (3) approved, in principle, the "Citizens Proposal for Cancer Prevention Activities in the new City of Toronto" appended to the joint communication from Irving Rootman, Dr. Richard Schabas and Jack Shapiro, and referred this Proposal to the new Coalition for consideration and appropriate amendments; and
- (4) requested the Coalition to report back to the Board of Health with a proposed City of Toronto Action Plan for the Prevention of Cancer.

Yours truly,



Interim Contact
Board of Health
for the City of Toronto Health Unit

/ed
Item No. 3

cc: / Interested Persons