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## Board of Health

<b>Meeting No.</b>	2	<b>Contact</b>	Candy Davidovits, Secretary
<b>Meeting Date</b>	Monday, February 26, 2007	<b>Phone</b>	416-392-8032
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<b>Location</b>	Committee Room 1, City Hall		

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**Confirmation of Minutes - January 29, 2007**

**Speakers/Presentations – A complete list will be distributed at the meeting**

Item 2.2 - Staff Presentation

**Communications/Reports**

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**Mandatory Health Programs and Services Review**

(February 12, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

**Summary**

Boards of Health throughout Ontario ensure the delivery of services as required by the Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines (MHPSG) of the Health Protection and Promotion Act. The Ontario government's Operation Health Protection (2004) outlines a three-year action plan to revitalize the public health system. This includes a review and revision of the MHPSG.

The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, in partnership with the Ministry of Health Promotion and the Ministry of Child and Youth Services, is currently in the process of reviewing and revising the Standards which make up the MHPSG. A Technical Review Committee of Ministry staff and community stakeholders has been established to oversee the process and each Standard has been reviewed and revised through a series of stakeholder consultations and expert writing panels. The first draft of the new Ontario Public Health Standards will be released on February 19, 2007 for review and feedback. Each Board of Health and Health Unit has been invited to submit comments on the draft through an e-survey tool by Friday, March 9, 2007.

Toronto Public Health staff has established an internal process to co-ordinate the review and consolidate the feedback. The Board of Health has established a MHPSG Sub-committee to provide Board of Health input into the Toronto's response.

**Background Information**

2007-02-26hl02-1

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-1670.pdf>)

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**Interim Evaluation Report on Toronto's Pesticide By-law**

(February 9, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

## Summary

This report presents a preliminary evaluation of Toronto's Pesticide Bylaw (Municipal Code 612), which came into effect on April 1, 2004. The bylaw is being phased in together with an education program to promote natural lawn and garden care. Bylaw violation penalties began to apply for commercial pesticide users such as lawn care companies on September 1, 2005. Homeowners and renters will become subject to penalties for bylaw violations on September 1, 2007.

To evaluate the bylaw's impact, Toronto Public Health (TPH) has drawn on the best available data, primarily collected between 2003 and 2005. Early evidence shows promising signs of behaviour change regarding the use of pesticides in Toronto.

In 2005, 35 per cent fewer Toronto households reported any use of pesticides on their lawns, as compared with 2003. Furthermore, an increasing number of households report that they or their lawn care companies are using lower-risk pesticides and/or more natural alternatives. Each year, a consistent proportion of residents continue to hire lawn care or landscaping companies to care for their properties, and there is some evidence that Toronto's lawn care sector has grown each year since 2001. A majority of Torontonians, particularly those with lawns or gardens, know about the Pesticide Bylaw, and compliance is high.

It is essential that education, enforcement and evaluation activities continue in the years ahead to fully implement the bylaw and assess its impacts. This report identifies several TPH program priorities for 2007.

A more detailed evaluation report can be found on Toronto Public Health's website at [http://www.toronto.ca/health/pesticides/city\\_reports.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/health/pesticides/city_reports.htm).

## Background Information

2007-02-26-hl02-2

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-1671.pdf>)

HL2.3	Information		Transactional	
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## Eating Well with Canada's Food Guide - Assessment and Service Implications

(February 12, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

### Financial Impact

Any costs associated with revising resources and providing training pertaining to *Eating Well with Canada's Food Guide* will be addressed through the TPH 2007 Operating Budget.

## Summary

On February 5, 2007, Health Canada released *Eating Well with Canada's Food Guide* (see Attachment 1), an updated version of the 1992 Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating. The

purpose of this report is to update the Board of Health on Eating Well with Canada's Food Guide, and to outline the steps that Toronto Public Health (TPH) will take to update resources, programs and services to incorporate the new Food Guide.

Eating Well with Canada's Food Guide is an improvement over the previous version because it provides clearer advice on the types and amounts of food to consume and is better tailored to meet the needs of Toronto's diverse ethno-cultural population.

As a result of the release of Eating Well with Canada's Food Guide, Toronto Public Health will review resources and program materials containing nutrition information to assess the need for revision. Those resources identified as a high priority will be revised in the very near future. In addition, there will be a need for staff training and for training and consultation with external partners. The implementation of Eating Well with Canada's Food Guide will be an important focus in Toronto Public Health nutrition programs and services over the next year.

### Background Information

2007-02-26-hl02-3attach

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-1673.pdf>)

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(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-1672.pdf>)

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### Establishment of a Dental Clinic at North York Civic Centre

(February 9, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

#### Recommendations

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. City Council approve an additional \$480 thousand in the 2007 Toronto Public Health Capital Budget to establish a dental clinic at the North York Civic Centre;
2. the additional funds of \$480 thousand be repaid in the year 2008 (\$240 thousand) and 2009 (\$240 thousand) as summarized in Table 1; and
3. this report be forwarded to the Budget Committee.

#### Financial Impact

The Request for Quotation (RFQ) to establish a dental clinic in the NYCC confirms previous findings of an earlier RFQ that the \$300,000 in the 2006 TPH Capital Budget is insufficient to renovate the space allocated for the dental clinic at the NYCC. The lowest qualifying bid from the current RFQ is \$621,239. The bids submitted range from \$614,500 to \$891,000. The total required renovation costs, including design, construction and project management fees, will be \$780,000. Therefore, an additional \$480,000 will be required in the TPH Capital Budget to complete this project. If the requested additional funds are approved, the repayment of the

project cost would be extended to 2009. Repayment of the loan will be made using the savings realized from restructuring the delivery of services in the North York dental treatment program.

**Table 1**  
**Revised Capital Budget for North York Dental Clinic**

<b>Year</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>Total</b>
(\$000s)					
<b>Original Council Approved Budget:</b>					
Project Cost	300.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	300.0
Contribution from operating savings to capital	(120.0)	(180.0)	0.0	0.0	(300.0)
<b>Net Impact</b>	<b>180.0</b>	<b>(180.0)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Revised Budget</b>					
Project Cost	300.0	480.0	0.0	0.0	780.0
Contribution from operating savings to capital	(120.0)	(180.0)	(240.0)	(240.0)	(780.0)
<b>Net Impact</b>	<b>180.0</b>	<b>300.0</b>	<b>(240.0)</b>	<b>(240.0)</b>	<b>0.0</b>

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

### Summary

At its September 14, 2006 meeting, the Board of Health requested the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) to report back on alternative solutions to establishing a dental clinic at the North York Civic Centre (NYCC).

After examining the issues and the possible alternatives to locating the dental clinic elsewhere, the NYCC is recommended as the best option. The site is accessible by public transit, is known to the community and will be less costly in the long term. This report recommends that additional funds totalling \$480,000 be included in the 2007 TPH Capital Budget to complete the construction of the dental clinic at the North York Civic Centre. The amount required is larger than previously anticipated and is based on the results of the Request for Quotations (RFQ) process. It is also recommended that the repayment of the project cost be extended to 2009.

### Background Information

2007-02026-h102-4

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/h1/bgrd/backgroundfile-1674.pdf>)

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## **Citizen Appointments to the Board of Health and Local Health Committees**

(February 12, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

### **Recommendations**

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. The Board of Health refer this report to the Nominating Sub-committee to ensure that screening and selection for both the Board of Health and the four Local Health Committees reflect the commitment to diversity established in both the City's Public Appointment Policy and their respective Terms of Reference.

### **Financial Impact**

There are no financial implications related to this report.

### **Summary**

Given the significant role that the City's agencies, boards and commissions have in municipal governance and city services, it is important that the membership of these ABCs reflect the population of the city. It is estimated that by 2017, 50.6% of GTA residents will be members of racialized groups. Removing barriers to full participation of all communities and increasing the diversity of ABCs is necessary for ABCs to reflect the population.

Over the past several years, the City of Toronto has made a number of commitments to achieving greater diversity in its public appointments to ABCs, culminating in the approval and implementation of a Public Appointment Policy that specifically includes diversity.

The Board of Health has an opportunity to demonstrate commitment to diversity through appointments of citizen members to both the Board itself and its four Local Health Committees (LHC). The City of Toronto already has a policy and the Board has terms of reference that address diversity. Therefore, this can be achieved without the development of a separate and distinct policy. Because of the limited number of citizen positions and the broad range of geographic, gender, ethnoracial, disability, and sexual orientation diversity that needs to be reflected in Board of Health and LHC membership, it is not recommended that specific targets be set. Rather, the Board of Health Nominating Sub-committee should increase diversity through active outreach, recruitment, screening and selection of its citizen appointments.

### **Background Information**

2007-02-26-hl02-5

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-1675.pdf>

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### **Appointment of Associate Medical Officer of Health**

**Confidential - Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (Attachment 1)**

(February 9, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

#### **Recommendations**

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. The Board of Health ask City Council to appoint the physician named in Attachment 1 as Associate Medical Officer of Health for the City of Toronto Health Unit, effective May 1, 2007 and request the Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to approve the appointment.

#### **Financial Impact**

None.

#### **Summary**

This report recommends the appointment of a public health physician as Associate Medical Officer of Health (AMOH) for the City of Toronto Health Unit, effective May 1, 2007.

#### **Background Information**

2007-02-26-hl02-6

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-1676.pdf>)

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### **Toronto Public Health 2007 Operating Budget Adjustments**

(February 9, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

#### **Recommendations**

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. The Budget Committee make the following adjustments to Toronto Public Health's 2007 Operating Budget Submission:
  - a. a reduction of \$111.2 thousand gross and \$76.8 thousand net to reflect confirmed funding from various Provincial ministries and external sources (Table 1, Attachment1);

- b. an increase of \$229.4 thousand gross and \$0.0 net to reflect unspent 2006 funds from various Provincial ministries and external sources required in 2007 (Table 2, Attachment 1); and,
- c. an increase of \$56.5 thousand gross and \$0.0 net to reflect recovery costs of external secondments (Table 3, Attachment 2).

### **Financial Impact**

Table 1 (Attachment 1) reflects the budget adjustments required resulting from the confirmation of 2007 funds from various Provincial ministries and external sources.

Table 2 (Attachment 1) reflects the under expenditure of 2006 funds received from various Provincial ministries and external sources being carried forward to 2007

Table 3 (Attachment 2) reflects cost recoveries for four staff seconded to various Provincial ministries and related agencies.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

### **Summary**

The purpose of this report is to request budget adjustments to Toronto Public Health's (TPH) 2007 Operating Budget Submission due to the following: A

- A. Confirmation of funding from various Provincial ministries and external sources received after the submission of the 2007 Operating Budget Request in September 2006;
- B. Unspent 2006 funds of 100% funded programs required in 2007; and
- C. Recovery of salaries and benefits of staff seconded to other organizations.

### **Background Information**

2007-02-26-hl02-7

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-1679.pdf>

2007-02-26-hl02-7

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-1678.pdf>

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-1677.pdf>

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### **Grants and Donations in Support of Toronto Public Health Services**

(February 9, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health



## Recommendations

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. City Council delegate authority to the Medical Officer of Health for the acceptance and use of grants and donations received by Toronto Public Health from individuals, bequests, and organizations in the amount of \$50,000 or less, and other City Council policies pertaining to donations continue to apply; and
2. City Council delegate authority to the Medical Officer of Health to enter into contractual agreements when necessary with organizations for the purpose of accepting donated funds and grants for Toronto Public Health in the amount of \$50,000 or less.

## Financial Impact

There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

## Summary

This report recommends policy and procedures to facilitate the acceptance and use of grants and donations for Toronto Public Health services.

This report seeks City Council authority for the Medical Officer of Health to accept grants and donations from third parties and to enter into contractual agreements with organizations for the purpose of accepting grants and donations in the amount of \$50,000 or less.

The recommended policy complies with the Corporate policy on Donations to the City for Community Benefits that was adopted by City Council at its meeting of September 25 - 28, 2006.

## Background Information

2007-02-26-hl02-8

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-1681.pdf>)

HL2.9	Information		Policy	
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## Pandemic Influenza Update

### Summary

Medical Officer of Health to give a verbal update on Pandemic Influenza.

HL2.10	Information		Transactional	
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## Scarborough Local Health Committee Minutes

### Summary

Minutes of the Scarborough Local Health Committee meeting held on November 14, 2006.

**Background Information**

2007-02-26-hl02-11

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-1682.pdf>

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**2006 Performance Appraisal - Medical Officer of Health**

**Confidential - Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees**

**Summary**

Board of Health to establish a Sub-Committee to conduct the 2006 Performance Appraisal for the Medical Officer of Health.