



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED
Confidential Attachment**

Appointment of Associate Medical Officer of Health

Date:	February 9, 2007
To:	Board of Health
From:	Medical Officer of Health
Wards:	All
Reason for Confidential Information:	This report deals with personal matters about an identifiable person.
Reference Number:	

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.

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.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Under the City of Toronto Act 2006, City Council has the authority to appoint the Medical Officer of Health and Associate Medical Officers of Health for the City of Toronto Health Unit. These appointments are subject to the approval of the provincial Minister of Health and Long-Term Care. Public Health physicians require AMOH designation in order to have medico-legal signing authority under the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

COMMENTS

There has been considerable turnover in the physician complement of Toronto Public Health over the past few years, exacerbated by a Canada-wide shortage of Community Medicine Specialists. One public health physician will be joining Toronto Public Health on May 1, 2007 to fill a vacancy and will require AMOH designation in order to have medico-legal signing authority.

The recommended AMOH appointment is outlined in confidential Attachment 1. This appointment requires the approval of City Council and the provincial Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Appointment of Associate Medical Officer of Health