



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Board of Health Representation and Attendance at 2007 Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA) Meetings

Date:	April 27, 2007
To:	Board of Health
From:	Medical Officer of Health
Wards:	
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to request that the Board of Health appoint a representative on the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA) and approve the payment of expenses for the participation of Board of Health members at ALPHA meetings in 2007.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. the Board of Health appoint a Board of Health member to represent Toronto on the board of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA);
2. the Board of Health approve the participation of a Board of Health representative or alternate at all ALPHA Board meetings, ALPHA Board of Health Section meetings and ALPHA conferences in 2007 and cover expenses associated with this participation; and
3. the Board of Health encourage the participation of its members at alpha Board of Health Section meetings and the Toronto-based conferences in 2007 (see Attachment 1 for the first conference) and pay expenses associated with this participation.

Financial Impact

Funds to pay expenses for Board of Health members to attend alPHA conferences and meetings are within the 2007 Recommended Public Health Operating Budget. The Board of Health approves use of these funds on a meeting-by-meeting basis. However, this is an overall request to facilitate attendance at alPHA events.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Toronto Board of Health is an active member of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA). The Board of alPHA has an identified position for a representative from the Toronto Board of Health. The current representative is Valerie Sterling. All members of the Toronto Board of Health are members of alPHA's Board of Health Section. The Medical Officer of Health and Associate Medical Officers of Health with Toronto Public Health are members of the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health (COMOH), the other section of alPHA. alPHA holds regular meetings of its Board of Health and COMOH sections, its full membership (including affiliate organizations) and its regular board of directors.

COMMENTS

The Toronto Board of Health member of the alPHA Board participates in board meetings, Section meetings and conferences. Members of the Toronto Board of Health are welcome to attend alPHA Board of Health Section meetings and conferences. The majority of these meetings are held in Toronto. The Board of Health approves any expenses associated with attendance. To facilitate full participation throughout the year, it is recommended that the Board approve the attendance of a representative or designate for the full year and encourage Board of Health members to attend alPHA conferences and Board of Health Section meetings.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: 2007 alPHA Annual Conference