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1	Parenting Education for High Risk Neighbourhoods	<p>TPH currently delivers two evidence-based parent group education programs called Nobody's Perfect and Incredible Years and a variety of parent support programs for new parents. Each of these programs utilizes skill building activities such as group discussion, videotaping, role playing and problem solving strategies to enhance parent skills and child development. TPH's goal is to establish a harmonized, comprehensive range of parent programs that meet the needs of parents and children in high risk neighbourhoods throughout the City. This business case completes the harmonization of early parenting groups by moving the implementation of Make the Connection new parent program beyond the pilot phase, expands the number of Nobody's Perfect and Incredible Years parent group programs and increases TPH's capacity to more effectively target these programs in high risk neighbourhoods.</p> <p>Research demonstrates that a safe, stable and stimulating environment provided by parents/caregivers is critical to and child's growth and development and influences their health and functioning as a youth and adult. Group parent education provides support and education to parents to build their knowledge, confidence and skills to interact positively and consistently with their children. The Children's Mental Health report approved by the Board of Health in 2003 identified comprehensive, research-based parent education as an effective strategy which supports the healthy growth and development of children and the prevention of future mental health problems. The MOHLTC Mandatory Program and Services Guidelines requires health units to provide parent education regarding child development at a rate of 20 groups per 100,000 population, which would require Toronto Public Health to deliver approximately 500 parent education groups per year. At the current service delivery level of 197 groups per year, TPH is falling considerably short of this requirement and the community need.</p>	Strengthen Our At-Risk Neighbourhoods	1	1, 4	5.0	312.1	78.0	113.6	28.4	425.7	106.4
2	Communicable Disease Control Compliance	<p>Large infectious disease outbreaks which have occurred within the City of Toronto over the past years including SARS, Legionnaires Disease have demonstrated the importance of having sufficient numbers of trained/experienced managers and staff available to maintain an appropriate public health response. Large outbreaks quickly drain program resources from other program activities and overburden existing managers and staff resulting in huge back logs of disease case investigations, particularly Hepatitis B and C as well as infection control activities/inspections in licensed day nurseries (DN). Additional resources are needed to meet mandated provincial requirements to follow up on Hepatitis B/C clients and inspect DN.</p> <p>Every year, Toronto experiences approximately 300 outbreaks including an average of 3 large high profile outbreaks lasting several months. This often requires the reallocation of all staff in the Control of Infectious Disease and Infection Control (CID/IC) Program for long periods of time. As a result, the 900 licensed day nurseries (DN) receive infection control inspections only once every two years and there is currently a backlog of 950 reports of clients infected with Hepatitis B or C. Poor infection control contributes to increased infections and outbreaks among young children and staff in DN. Clients infected with Hepatitis B or C present an ongoing risk of disease transmission to their unprotected household or sexual contacts.</p>	Improve Public Services	1	3	6.0	457.3	114.3	119.9	30.0	577.2	144.3

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3	Public Health Services: Schools and Youth	<p>Increase Comprehensive Health Services in schools with a focus on high-needs schools; facilitating co-ordination between schools, families & community in promoting positive, healthy behaviour in youth. Schools are the key venue for the delivery of public health services for children and youth.</p> <p>TPH has been using a Comprehensive School Health model (CSH) that emphasizes collaboration between schools, families and community since 2000. This approach is effective in developing a supportive environment both within the school and the community to promote healthy behaviours among children and youth. With our current resources we are only able to work with approximately half of the 973 Toronto schools using this model. A School Health Benchmarking report reviewing 10 health units across Ontario using CSH, indicates an average ratio of 1 PHN to 15 schools. With current resources 1 PHN services about 40 schools (1:40). An increase in resources is required to provide public health services to all Toronto schools (1:35) with a priority on high-need schools. These TPH staff are the first point of service and ensure access to all health programs and activities. They provide support and service to school staff, students, parents and community members.</p>	Strengthen Our At-Risk Neighbourhoods	1	4	4.0	261.6	65.4	97.0	24.2	358.6	89.6
4	Food and Community Development for Youth	<p>Engagement of "at risk" youth in priority neighbourhoods by initiating food programs to promote job readiness, improve social skills, model conflict resolution methods, increase community capacity and enhance lifelong health habits. The two staff requested will initiate partnerships that support community gardening, farmers' markets, snack/meal or cooking programs, and food-based community economic development.</p> <p>Evidence (including FAHAC reports approved by City Council 2001) confirms that food-based programs (community gardens, community kitchens etc.) provide excellent opportunities for modelling behaviour change and experiential learning. Nutritional needs of youth are at the highest of the lifecycle. Food is also an effective vehicle to bring youth from diverse backgrounds together. Youth in these programs will learn coping, conflict resolution, job readiness, lifelong health and fitness habits.</p>	Strengthen Our At-Risk Neighbourhoods	2	5	2.0	146.1	146.1	58.4	58.4	204.5	204.5
5	Toronto Drug Strategy - Neighbourhood Support	<p>A dedicated Community Development Officer (CDO) is required to assist with implementation of the Toronto Drug Strategy recommendations. The CDO will work with diverse groups and stakeholders at a local/neighbourhood level to develop and implement effective strategies to prevent and reduce the harms of substance use for individuals, families and communities. Efforts will be co-ordinated with other City initiatives, such as the Community Safety Secretariat, to leverage the use of municipal and community resources to best effect.</p> <p>Effective implementation of the Toronto Drug Strategy requires a staff position whose key responsibility is to provide support at a local/neighbourhood level. The CDO will broker diverse partnerships/networks to identify local needs and promote actions to reduce the negative impact of substance use. The need for dedicated resources has been the experience of cities world wide who have made progress in implementing drug strategies (e.g., Vancouver, Frankfurt).</p>	Strengthen Our At-Risk Neighbourhoods	2	4 , 5	1.0	84.2	84.2	30.6	30.6	114.8	114.8
6	Health Component of Clean Air Action Plan	<p>Implementation of the City's Clean Air Action Plan will enable improvements in air quality, reduced health risk from air pollutants, and greater protection from the adverse impacts of climate change. TPH can play a pivotal role in delivering the health component of the proposed Action Plan. Successful implementation of the Action Plan requires full-time participation of an air quality health specialist to support the health assessment, policy review and community outreach needs of the corporation.</p> <p>In 2000, Council adopted the Environmental Plan, which recommended the development of a Comprehensive Air Quality Strategy. City Divisions have collaborated to prepare a Clean Air Action Plan. On June 27, 2006, City Council adopted the recommendation of Policy and Finance Committee (Report 5, Clause 21) supporting creation of a centralized office in Environmental Services to co-ordinate air quality and climate change issues, including improved data collection and management to better understand air quality and health impacts. The P&F Committee referred the recommendation from the Roundtable on the Environment "that the City make resources available to TPH to add a staff person to work on air quality measures" to BAC for consideration as part of the 2007 operating budget.</p>	Strengthen Our At-Risk Neighbourhoods	2	2	1.0	100.2	100.2	40.2	40.2	140.4	140.4

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7	Car Free Day Promotion	Funds are requested to plan and co-ordinate a public awareness program, in collaboration with community-based partners, to encourage people who drive single occupant vehicles to use other modes of transportation. An International Car Free Day event will be part of the program. The program is intended to act as a catalyst for long-term change in transportation patterns including increased walking, bicycling, car pooling and use of public transit. New TPH funding is required to facilitate community partnerships, develop a campaign brand and promotional materials and to coordinate promotional events. These funds will benefit city-wide programs such as smog reduction, physical activity and injury prevention and will support the City's environmental priorities.	Make Toronto a Clean and Beautiful City	2	2, 5	1.0	100.2	100.2	39.9	39.9	140.1	140.1
8	Enforcement Of Animal By-laws in Parks	Animal Services currently has insufficient staff resources to enforce animal related by-laws in Parks. During 2007, increasing staff by 12 temporary Animal Care and Control Officers (ACCOs) who are dedicated to focusing enforcement efforts in parks from May to September will result in more timely response to issues of dogs off leash and owners not picking up after their dogs while in parks. In future years this staffing may be funded through increased revenues realized from the Dog and Cat Licensing Strategy. Currently there not sufficient field enforcement ACCO staff to provide anything more than occasional response to requests for nonemergency parks patrols. The recommended increase in staffing dedicated to parks response will help to provide a consistent level of service across the city.	Improve Public Services	2	3	12.0	374.0	374.0	(374.0)	(374.0)	0.0	0.0
9	Senior Dental Services in Long Term Care Facilities	To complete the harmonization of the mobile dental program for seniors living in Long Term Care facilities. Harmonization of mobile dental services will enable seniors living in Long Term Care facilities across the City to receive Toronto Public Health dental services annually instead of every two years.	Improve Public Services	2	1, 2	5.0	268.9	268.9	66.7	66.7	335.6	335.6
10	Expansion of Toronto Dental Services Program	To enhance 3 community partnerships (Parkdale Partners for Oral Health, Evergreen Youth Centre, and the Scarborough Urban Health Outreach Clinic) who use volunteer dentists to provide dental care to residents who are not eligible for the TPH dental program in high needs communities (i.e. Street Youth and Low income adults). The resources required to provide dental treatment to these residents in these communities are 2 Dentists, 2 Dental Assistants and 1 Dental Clerk plus operating costs. These 3 community partnerships were set up to provide necessary dental treatment for residents (street youth and low/no income adults) who have no access to dental services. These initiatives use volunteer dentists, paid dental assistants and donated supplies. This model provides necessary services to high needs groups. However, it is unpredictable and unstable as evidenced by the limited hours of operation and the need for ongoing fundraising initiatives. For example - one clinic is open only 1 Saturday per month. This option would stabilize these 3 community programs and take advantage of existing dental clinics and equipment located in these facilities.	Improve Public Services	2	1, 2	5.0	334.7	334.7	108.2	108.2	442.9	442.9
Total:						42.0	2,439.3	1,666.0	300.4	52.5	2,739.7	1,718.5

Note 1:
Funding Source:

1. Service Enhancement - 75% Provincially Funded
2. Service Enhancement - 100% City Funded
3. Service Enhancement - 100% Provincially Funded

Note 2:
Strategic Goals:

1. Improve the health of the city's diverse population through responsive services
2. Champion public health for Toronto
3. Anticipate, prevent, and respond effectively to public health emergencies
4. Work with others to create integrated health and social systems that serve Toronto's health needs
5. Be an innovative and effective public health organization
6. Become the public health workplace of choice