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Diabetes is a major health problem for an ever-increasing number of Toronto residents. While rates for some chronic diseases are going down, those for diabetes continue to rise.

Toronto Public Health currently delivers a number of programs and services which address diabetes risk factors, including obesity, lack of physical activity and poor nutrition. However, increasing diabetes rates, particularly in some neighbourhoods with lower socio-economic status, points to a need to examine whether we could be doing more to reverse these trends.

Accordingly, I am asking the Toronto Board of Health to adopt the following motions:

- 1) That the Chair of the Board of Health and the Medical Officer of Health meet with the Ontario Minister of Health Promotion to explore collaborative strategies to address the risk factors for diabetes in Toronto; and
- 2) That the Medical Officer of Health report to the Board on the current status of diabetes and its risk factors in Toronto, current public health programs and services which address these risk factors, and further opportunities for prevention.



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