



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED
Confidential Attachment**

Appointment of Associate Medical Officers of Health

Date:	January 12, 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.
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SUMMARY

To recommend the appointment of two public health physicians as Associate Medical Officers of Health for the City of Toronto Health Unit.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. The Board of Health ask City Council to appoint the physicians named in Attachment 1 as Associate Medical Officers of Health for the City of Toronto Health Unit and request the approval of the Ontario Minister of Health and Long Term Care.

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 (AMOHs) 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 & 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. Two public health physicians have recently joined Toronto Public Health to fill vacancies and require AMOH designation in order to have medico-legal signing authority.

The recommended changes in AMOH designations are outlined in confidential Attachment 1. This 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 Officers of Health