



## Decision Document

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### Board of Health

<b>Meeting No.</b>	2	<b>Contact</b>	Candy Davidovits, Secretary
<b>Meeting Date</b>	Monday, February 26, 2007	<b>Phone</b>	416-392-8032
<b>Start Time</b>	1:00 PM	<b>E-mail</b>	cdavidov@toronto.ca
<b>Location</b>	Committee Room 1, City Hall		

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- *Declarations of Interest, if any, appear at the end of an item.*

***Minutes Confirmed – January 29, 2007***

HL2.1	ACTION	Adopted	Transactional	
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### **Mandatory Health Programs and Services Review**

(February 12, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

#### **Summary**

Boards of Health throughout Ontario ensure the delivery of services as required by the Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines (MHPSG) of the Health Protection and Promotion Act. The Ontario government's Operation Health Protection (2004) outlines a three-year action plan to revitalize the public health system. This includes a review and revision of

the MHPSG.

The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, in partnership with the Ministry of Health Promotion and the Ministry of Child and Youth Services, is currently in the process of reviewing and revising the Standards which make up the MHPSG. A Technical Review Committee of Ministry staff and community stakeholders has been established to oversee the process and each Standard has been reviewed and revised through a series of stakeholder consultations and expert writing panels. The first draft of the new Ontario Public Health Standards will be released on February 19, 2007 for review and feedback. Each Board of Health and Health Unit has been invited to submit comments on the draft through an e-survey tool by Friday, March 9, 2007.

Toronto Public Health staff has established an internal process to co-ordinate the review and consolidate the feedback. The Board of Health has established a MHPSG Sub-committee to provide Board of Health input into the Toronto's response.

### **Background Information**

2007-02-26hl02-1

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-1670.pdf>)

## **1a Ontario Public Health Standards**

### **Summary**

Copy of the consultation draft (February 19, 2007) of the Ontario Public Health Standards being considered by the Mandatory Review Sub-committee on February 26, 2007.

This draft is for consultation purposes only and is subject to change. The final Standards must be approved by the Ministers of Health and Long-Term Care, Children and Youth Services, and Health Promotion.

### **Background Information**

2007-02-26-hl02-1a

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-1732.pdf>)

### **Decision Advice and Other Information**

The Board of Health authorized the Medical Officer of Health to incorporate the Board of Health's comments in his submission to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care on the draft Ontario Public Health Standards in the Toronto region.

HL2.2	Information	Amended	Transactional	
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## **Interim Evaluation Report on Toronto's Pesticide By-law**

(February 9, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

### **Summary**

This report presents a preliminary evaluation of Toronto's Pesticide Bylaw (Municipal Code 612), which came into effect on April 1, 2004. The bylaw is being phased in together with an education program to promote natural lawn and garden care. Bylaw violation penalties began to apply for commercial pesticide users such as lawn care companies on September 1, 2005. Homeowners and renters will become subject to penalties for bylaw violations on September 1, 2007.

To evaluate the bylaw's impact, Toronto Public Health (TPH) has drawn on the best available data, primarily collected between 2003 and 2005. Early evidence shows promising signs of behaviour change regarding the use of pesticides in Toronto.

In 2005, 35 per cent fewer Toronto households reported any use of pesticides on their lawns, as compared with 2003. Furthermore, an increasing number of households report that they or their lawn care companies are using lower-risk pesticides and/or more natural alternatives. Each year, a consistent proportion of residents continue to hire lawn care or landscaping companies to care for their properties, and there is some evidence that Toronto's lawn care sector has grown each year since 2001. A majority of Torontonians, particularly those with lawns or gardens, know about the Pesticide Bylaw, and compliance is high.

It is essential that education, enforcement and evaluation activities continue in the years ahead to fully implement the bylaw and assess its impacts. This report identifies several TPH program priorities for 2007.

A more detailed evaluation report can be found on Toronto Public Health's website at [http://www.toronto.ca/health/pesticides/city\\_reports.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/health/pesticides/city_reports.htm).

### **Background Information**

2007-02-26-hl02-2

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-1671.pdf>)

### **Decision Advice and Other Information**

The Board of Health:

1. received the report (February 9, 2007) from the Medical Officer of Health; and
2. *requested the Medical Officer of Health, in consultation with Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff, and other appropriate staff, to report to a future meeting of the Board*

*of Health on options for mandating information sharing on pesticide use on public rights-of-way, such as hydro corridors, and expanding bylaw coverage and compliance in public rights-of-way through such things as easement agreements.*

HL2.3	Information	Received	Transactional	
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## **Eating Well with Canada's Food Guide - Assessment and Service Implications**

(February 12, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

### **Summary**

On February 5, 2007, Health Canada released Eating Well with Canada's Food Guide (see Attachment 1), an updated version of the 1992 Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating. The purpose of this report is to update the Board of Health on Eating Well with Canada's Food Guide, and to outline the steps that Toronto Public Health (TPH) will take to update resources, programs and services to incorporate the new Food Guide.

Eating Well with Canada's Food Guide is an improvement over the previous version because it provides clearer advice on the types and amounts of food to consume and is better tailored to meet the needs of Toronto's diverse ethno-cultural population.

As a result of the release of Eating Well with Canada's Food Guide, Toronto Public Health will review resources and program materials containing nutrition information to assess the need for revision. Those resources identified as a high priority will be revised in the very near future. In addition, there will be a need for staff training and for training and consultation with external partners. The implementation of Eating Well with Canada's Food Guide will be an important focus in Toronto Public Health nutrition programs and services over the next year.

### **Background Information**

2007-02-26-hl02-3attach

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-1673.pdf>)

2007-02-26-hl02-3

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-1672.pdf>)

### **Decision Advice and Other Information**

The Board of Health received the report (February 12, 2007) from the Medical Officer of Health.

HL2.4	ACTION	Adopted	Policy	
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## **Establishment of a Dental Clinic at North York Civic Centre**

(February 9, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

### **Summary**

At its September 14, 2006 meeting, the Board of Health requested the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) to report back on alternative solutions to establishing a dental clinic at the North York Civic Centre (NYCC).

After examining the issues and the possible alternatives to locating the dental clinic elsewhere, the NYCC is recommended as the best option. The site is accessible by public transit, is known to the community and will be less costly in the long term. This report recommends that additional funds totalling \$480,000 be included in the 2007 TPH Capital Budget to complete the construction of the dental clinic at the North York Civic Centre. The amount required is larger than previously anticipated and is based on the results of the Request for Quotations (RFQ) process. It is also recommended that the repayment of the project cost be extended to 2009.

### **Background Information**

2007-02026-hl02-4

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-1674.pdf>)

### **Decision Advice and Other Information**

The Board of Health:

- i. recommended that:
  1. City Council approve an additional \$480 thousand in the 2007 Toronto Public Health Capital Budget to establish a dental clinic at the North York Civic Centre; and
  2. the additional funds of \$480 thousand be repaid in the year 2008 (\$240 thousand) and 2009 (\$240 thousand) as summarized in Table 1; and
- ii. directed that its recommendations on this matter be forwarded to the Executive Committee on February 27, 2007, for consideration with the 2007 Capital Budgets.

HL2.5	ACTION	Amended	Policy	
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## **Citizen Appointments to the Board of Health and Local Health Committees**

(February 12, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

### **Summary**

Given the significant role that the City's agencies, boards and commissions have in municipal governance and city services, it is important that the membership of these ABCs reflect the population of the city. It is estimated that by 2017, 50.6% of GTA residents will be members of racialized groups. Removing barriers to full participation of all communities and increasing the diversity of ABCs is necessary for ABCs to reflect the population.

Over the past several years, the City of Toronto has made a number of commitments to achieving greater diversity in its public appointments to ABCs, culminating in the approval and implementation of a Public Appointment Policy that specifically includes diversity.

The Board of Health has an opportunity to demonstrate commitment to diversity through appointments of citizen members to both the Board itself and its four Local Health Committees (LHC). The City of Toronto already has a policy and the Board has terms of reference that address diversity. Therefore, this can be achieved without the development of a separate and distinct policy. Because of the limited number of citizen positions and the broad range of geographic, gender, ethnoracial, disability, and sexual orientation diversity that needs to be reflected in Board of Health and LHC membership, it is not recommended that specific targets be set. Rather, the Board of Health Nominating Sub-committee should increase diversity through active outreach, recruitment, screening and selection of its citizen appointments.

### **Background Information**

2007-02-26-hl02-5

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-1675.pdf>)

### **Decision Advice and Other Information**

The Board of Health:

1. *directed the Board of Health's Nominating Sub-committee to select at least 50 percent of the 2007 appointments to the Board of Health from visible minority groups; and*
2. *added Councillor Gord Perks to the membership of the Nominating Sub-committee.*

HL2.6	ACTION	Adopted	Transactional	
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### **Appointment of Associate Medical Officer of Health**

**Confidential - Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (Attachment 1)**

(February 9, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

#### **Board Recommendations**

The Board of Health recommends that City Council 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.

#### **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.

#### **Background Information**

2007-02-26-hl02-6

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-1676.pdf>)

HL2.7	ACTION	Adopted	Transactional	
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### **Toronto Public Health 2007 Operating Budget Adjustments**

(February 9, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

#### **Summary**

The purpose of this report is to request budget adjustments to Toronto Public Health's (TPH) 2007 Operating Budget Submission due to the following:

- A. Confirmation of funding from various Provincial ministries and external sources received after the submission of the 2007 Operating Budget Request in September 2006;
- B. Unspent 2006 funds of 100% funded programs required in 2007; and
- C. Recovery of salaries and benefits of staff seconded to other organizations.

#### **Background Information**

2007-02-26-hl02-7 (Table 3)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-1679.pdf>)

2007-02-26-hl02-7 (Tables 1 and 2)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-1678.pdf>)

2007-02-26-hl02-7 (Staff Report)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-1677.pdf>)

### Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health recommended to the Budget Committee that the following adjustments be made to Toronto Public Health's 2007 Operating Budget Submission:

- a. a reduction of \$111.2 thousand gross and \$76.8 thousand net to reflect confirmed funding from various Provincial ministries and external sources (Table 1, Attachment1);
- b. an increase of \$229.4 thousand gross and \$0.0 net to reflect unspent 2006 funds from various Provincial ministries and external sources required in 2007 (Table 2, Attachment 1); and
- c. an increase of \$56.5 thousand gross and \$0.0 net to reflect recovery costs of external secondments (Table 3, Attachment 2).

<b>HL2.8</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	Adopted	Policy	
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### Grants and Donations in Support of Toronto Public Health Services

(February 9, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

### Board Recommendations

The Board of Health recommends that City Council:

1. delegate authority to the Medical Officer of Health for the acceptance and use of grants and donations received by Toronto Public Health from individuals, bequests, and organizations in the amount of \$50,000 or less, and other City Council policies pertaining to donations continue to apply; and
2. delegate authority to the Medical Officer of Health to enter into contractual agreements when necessary with organizations for the purpose of accepting donated funds and grants for Toronto Public Health in the amount of \$50,000 or less.

### Summary

This report recommends policy and procedures to facilitate the acceptance and use of grants and donations for Toronto Public Health services.

This report seeks City Council authority for the Medical Officer of Health to accept grants and donations from third parties and to enter into contractual agreements with organizations for the



purpose of accepting grants and donations in the amount of \$50,000 or less.

The recommended policy complies with the Corporate policy on Donations to the City for Community Benefits that was adopted by City Council at its meeting of September 25 - 28, 2006.

### **Background Information**

2007-02-26-hl02-8

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-1681.pdf>)

HL2.9	Information	Received	Policy	
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### **Pandemic Influenza Update**

#### **Summary**

Medical Officer of Health to give a verbal update on Pandemic Influenza.

#### **Decision Advice and Other Information**

The Board of Health received the verbal update from the Medical Officer of Health.

HL2.10	Information	Received	Transactional	
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### **Scarborough Local Health Committee Minutes**

#### **Summary**

Minutes of the Scarborough Local Health Committee meeting held on November 14, 2006.

### **Background Information**

2007-02-26-hl02-10

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-1682.pdf>)

#### **Decision Advice and Other Information**

The Board of Health received the minutes of the Scarborough Local Health Committee meeting held on November 14, 2006.

HL2.11	ACTION	Amended	Transactional	
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## 2006 Performance Appraisal - Medical Officer of Health

**Confidential - Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees**

### Summary

Board of Health to establish a Sub-Committee to conduct the 2006 Performance Appraisal for the Medical Officer of Health.

### Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health established a Sub-committee to conduct the 2006 Performance Appraisal for the Medical Officer of Health, with the following membership:

Councillor John Filion, Chair;  
Nathan Gilbert;  
Councillor Gord Perks; and  
Valerie Sterling.

HL2.12	ACTION	Referred	Transactional	
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## Impact of Poverty on Children's Current and Future Health

(January 22, 2007) letter from Councillor Gord Perks

### Summary

Requesting that the Medical Officer of Health report back to the Board of Health on the causes and impacts of poverty on children in racialised groups and their health status; and

Submitting a literature review compiled by Access Alliance Multicultural Community Health Centre, "Racialised Groups and Health Status: A Literature Review Exploring Poverty, Housing, Race-Based Discrimination and Access to Health Care as Determinants of Health for Racialised Groups."

### Background Information

2007-02-26-hl02-12 (Attachment)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-1734.pdf>)

2007-02-26-hl02-12 (Letter)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-1733.pdf>)

### Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health referred the letter (January 22, 2007) from Councillor Gord Perks to the Medical Officer of Health for a report to the April 16, 2007, Board of Health meeting.

HL2.13	ACTION	Referred	Transactional	
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### **Inclusion of Dental Health Care under OHIP**

#### **Summary**

Motion (February 20, 2007) submitted by Fiona Nelson, Chair, Toronto/East York Local Health Committee, recommending that:

1. the Board of Health advocate vigorously for the inclusion of dental care under OHIP;
2. the Province be urged to fund the provision of dental care for vulnerable low income residents through a variety of programs and venues including Community Health Centre; and
3. these recommendations be forwarded to City Council for consideration.

#### **Decision Advice and Other Information**

The Board of Health referred the motion from the Toronto/East York Local Health Committee to the Community Development and Recreation Committee for consideration.

HL2.14	ACTION	Referred	Transactional	
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### **Enlargement of Supplies for School Food Programs.**

#### **Summary**

Motion (February 20, 2007) submitted by Fiona Nelson, Chair, Toronto/East York Local Health Committee, recommending that:

1. Toronto Public Health investigate the enlargement of supplies for school food programs (including clear nutritional and hygienic standards) using a partnership with the City's restaurant association while continuing its efforts to encourage the provincial and federal governments to establish full universal school meal programs, and that this motion be forwarded to staff for further discussion and report; and
2. Community Colleges be engaged in discussion regarding school food programs and food handling training as well as the University/dietitian program.

#### **Decision Advice and Other Information**

The Board of Health endorsed the motion from the Toronto/East York Local Health Committee and referred it to the Community Development and Recreation Committee for consideration.

HL2.15	ACTION	Referred	Transactional	
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## **Expansion of Local Food Production**

### **Summary**

Motion (February 20, 2007) submitted by Fiona Nelson, Chair, Toronto/East York Local Health Committee, recommending that City Council encourage a significant expansion of local food production in keeping with the City's green policies and that preference be given to purchasing locally-grown farm produce by City agencies.

### **Decision Advice and Other Information**

The Board of Health endorsed the motion from the Toronto/East York Local Health Committee and forwarded a copy to the Toronto Environment Office and the Toronto Food Policy Council for their consideration.

### **Meeting Sessions**

Session Date	Session Type	Start Time	End Time	Public or Closed Session
2007-02-26	Afternoon	1:10 PM	3:20 PM	Public