

Board of Health

Meeting No. 1	Contact Candy Davidovits, Secretary
Meeting Date Monday, January 29, 2007	Phone 416-392-8032
Start Time 1:05 PM	E-mail cdavidov@toronto.ca
Location Committee Room 1, City Hall	

Attendance

Members of the Board of Health were present for some or all of the time periods indicated under the section “Meeting Sessions”, which appears at the end of the Minutes.

Councillor John Filion, Chair	X
Councillor Raymond Cho	X
Councillor Janet Davis, Vice-Chair	X
Councillor Paula Fletcher	X
Councillor Chin Lee	X
Councillor Gord Perks	X
Sheila Cary-Meagher	R
Cathy Crowe	X
Nathan Gilbert	X
Brian Hyndman	X
Fiona Nelson	X
Rhonda Roffey	X
Valerie Sterling	X

HL1.1	ACTION		Adopted
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Election of Chair for 2007

Summary

Election of Chair for the year 2007.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Secretary of the Board of Health called for nominations for the office of Chair of the Board of Health for the year 2007.

Councillor Davis nominated Councillor John Filion as Chair of the Board of Health.

Councillor Filion accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Secretary declared Councillor Filion elected as Chair of the Board of Health for the year 2007 and until a successor is elected.

HL1.2	ACTION		Adopted	
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Election of Vice-Chair for 2007**Summary**

Election of Vice-Chair for 2007.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Chair called for nominations for the office of Vice-Chair of the Board of Health for the year 2007.

Councillor Fletcher nominated Councillor Janet Davis as Vice-Chair of the Board of Health.

Councillor Davis accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared Councillor Janet Davis elected as Vice-Chair of the Board of Health for the year 2007 and until a successor is appointed.

HL1.3	ACTION		Amended	
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Cost of the Nutritious Food Basket - Toronto 2006

(January 15, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

Recommendations

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. the Board of Health request the Premier of Ontario to increase social assistance benefit rates so that the Basic Allowance includes a nutrition allowance which meets daily

- nutritional needs as determined annually by the cost of the Nutritious Food Basket, and that the remainder of the Basic Allowance be set to enable recipients to afford other basic needs including transportation, clothing, and personal care items;
2. the Board of Health request the Premier of Ontario to publish annually the details of current social assistance rate components and how they are determined, including the nutrition allowance portion of the Basic Allowance;
 3. the Board of Health request the Premier of Ontario to increase the provincial minimum wage to allow low income workers to purchase adequate nutritious food, as well as shelter and other basic needs;
 4. the Board of Health request the Minister of Health Promotion to update the Nutritious Food Basket costing tool, based on the revised Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating after its release in 2007;
 5. the Board of Health forward this report to the Ontario Ministers of Community and Social Services, Children and Youth Services and Health Promotion, and to the Office of Nutrition Policy & Promotion at Health Canada, Community Development and Recreation Committee and Toronto City Council; and
 6. the Board of Health forward this report to the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, the Ontario Public Health Association's Community Food Security Workgroup, all Ontario Boards of Health, the Association of Ontario Health Centres, the Ontario Society of Nutrition Professionals in Public Health and Dietitians of Canada.

Financial Impact

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Summary

This report provides information on the cost of the Nutritious Food Basket in Toronto for 2006, and recommends measures to improve health through increased access to nutritious food for low-income individuals and families. The Nutritious Food Basket (NFB) is a food costing tool used to measure the cost of healthy eating in Board of Health jurisdictions within Ontario. The average weekly cost for a family of four in Toronto in 2006 is \$124.35 per week (\$538.43 per month), a slight decrease of 0.2% in food costs from the 2005 pricing survey. However, overall food costs have increased by 16.5% from 1999 when the costing tool was first implemented.

Adequate nutritious food is a basic requirement for health and well-being. The difficulty experienced by many Toronto residents in meeting daily nutritional needs to maintain health is a result of the combined effect of the rising cost of food, inadequate income due to a low minimum wage and inadequate social assistance rates and the high cost of other essential needs such as housing. This forces many people to rely on emergency support such as foodbanks.

The survey results were analysed according to the energy and nutrient needs of 23 age/gender groups, as defined in the 1990 Recommended Nutrient Intakes for Canadians. The 2006 results are summarized in Attachment 1.

Background Information

2007-h11-3

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/h1/bgrd/backgroundfile-896.pdf>

Speakers

Janice Etter, Toronto Food Policy Council

Rene Adams

Mr. Nick Saul, Stop Community Food Centre

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health adopted the recommendations in the report (January 15, 2007) from the Medical Officer of Health amended to read as follows:

1. the Board of Health request the Premier of Ontario to increase social assistance benefit rates so that the Basic Allowance includes a nutrition allowance which meets daily nutritional needs as determined annually by the cost of the Nutritious Food Basket, and that the remainder of the Basic Allowance be set to enable recipients to afford other basic needs including transportation, clothing, and personal care items;

(Motion by Councillor Cho)

2. the Board of Health request the Premier of Ontario to publish annually the details of current social assistance rate components and how they are determined, including the nutrition allowance portion of the Basic Allowance;

(Motion by Councillor Cho)

3. the Board of Health recommend to the Government of Ontario that the minimum wage in Ontario be increased to \$10.00 per hour as a step towards ensuring that the Province's low wage earners are better able to afford nutritious food;

(Motion by Councillor Cho)

4. the Board of Health request the Minister of Health Promotion to update the Nutritious Food Basket costing tool, based on the revised Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating after its release in 2007;

(Motion by Councillor Cho)

5. the Board of Health forward this report to the Ontario Ministers of Community and Social Services, Children and Youth Services and Health Promotion, and to the Office of Nutrition Policy & Promotion at Health Canada, as well as the City of Toronto's Community Development and Recreation Committee, and Toronto City Council for action;

(Motion by Valerie Sterling)

6. the Board of Health forward this report to the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, the Ontario Public Health Association's Community Food Security Workgroup, all Ontario Boards of Health, the Association of Ontario Health Centres, the Ontario Society of Nutrition Professionals in Public Health and Dietitians of Canada for action;

(Motion by Valerie Sterling)

7. the Board of Health forward this report to the Federal Ministers of Agriculture and Agri-Food and the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs drawing their attention to the connection among Canada's cheap food policy, the decline in food farming and its threat to Canada's food security;

(Motion by Valerie Sterling)

8. the Board of Health request Toronto Public Health to initiate a dialogue with key stakeholders, such as the Ontario Public Health Association and Association of Local Official Health Agencies, to develop a province-wide campaign highlighting the health impacts arising from the inaffordability of a nutritious food basket for low-income people in Ontario;

(Motion by Fiona Nelson)

9. the Board of Health request the Medical Officer of Health to work with the General Manager, Social Services, to ensure that the nutritious food basket recommendations are integrated into the City's Action Plan for Social Assistance "Systems of Survival, Systems of Support Implementation Strategy" scheduled to report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee in the first quarter of 2007 and that a copy of that report also be submitted to the Board of Health; and

(Motion by Brian Hyndman)

Later in the meeting, Valerie Sterling moved that Item HL1.3 be reopened for further consideration, which was **carried**.

On motion by Councillor Davis, the Board of Health:

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1. amended Recommendation 5 by deleting the words “as well as the City of Toronto’s Community Development and Recreation Committee and Toronto City Council”; and
2. referred Recommendations 1, 2 and 3 to City Council, through the Community Development and Recreation Committee and Toronto City Council, for endorsement.

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Progress Report: Meeting Current Nutrition Needs of Toronto's Children and Youth

(January 15, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

Recommendations

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. the Board of Health endorse continued planned growth of student nutrition programs currently serving 1 in 16 youth to reach 1 in 10 youth by 2008 at an additional municipal cost of \$623,981;
2. the Board of Health endorse 2007 municipal funding for the programs serving children in grades JK-8 of \$2,574,340, to restore the \$200,000 reallocated in 2005 to address youth programs, and the \$100,000 funding reduction from 2004 (a net increase of \$300,000);
3. the Board of Health request the Minister of Children and Youth Services to contribute to program sustainability by increasing its support from 7% of total program costs to a level matching the municipal contribution level; and adjusting future funding to keep pace with current food costs;
4. the Board of Health reiterate its request to the federal government to provide core funding for a national universal student nutrition program, including funding allocated for monitoring and evaluation of the program; and
5. the Board of Health forward this report to the Budget Committee, the Community Development and Recreation Committee, the Toronto District School Board, the Toronto Catholic District School Board and the Toronto Food Policy Council.

Financial Impact

To help meet the current nutrition needs of Toronto’s youth and continue the planned growth endorsed by the Board of Health in 2005, the City’s investment for 2007 requires expanded funding for youth programs of \$623,981 and restoration of funding to elementary programs of \$300,000. When added to the current Community Partnership and Investment Program base

budget of \$2,599,340 for student nutrition programs, it would bring the total municipal contribution to \$3,523,321.00.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and concurs with the financial impact information.

Summary

This report documents progress since 2005 in achieving access to student nutrition programs to meet the current nutrition needs of Toronto's youth. In September 2005, when student nutrition programs served only 1 in 30 youth, the Board of Health endorsed a multi-year plan to expand the program to reach 1 in 20 youth by 2006 and 1 in 10 youth by 2008. In January, 2007 the programs are on track to meeting this goal, serving 1 in 16 youth. To provide access to 1 in 10 youth and ensure adequate nutritional quality by 2008, an additional \$623,981 needs to be added to \$325,000 currently allocated to youth nutrition programs, bringing the total municipal contribution to \$998,981.

Elementary programs have also expanded since 2005 and now reach 1 in 3 children from grades JK-8. In 2005, the Board of Health endorsed restoration of funding to these programs that was lost by cuts (\$100,000) and reallocations to youth (\$200,000). Restoration of these previous cuts to elementary programs would cost an additional \$300,000, bringing the total municipal contribution to \$2,574,340.

In total, service level changes to meet the BOH approved incremental approach to addressing the student nutrition needs of Toronto's children and youth would require an additional \$923,981 to be added to the current Community Partnership and Investment Program base budget of \$2,599,340. This would bring the total municipal contribution to \$3,523,321. Ongoing and adequate provincial funding is also essential to program quality and sustainability.

Background Information

2007-h11-4

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/h1/bgrd/backgroundfile-897.pdf>

4a Children's Health and Nutrition Initiative

(January 22, 2007) letter from Olivia Chow, MP, Trinity Spadina

Recommendations

1. That the Toronto Board of Health endorses the Children's Health and Nutrition Initiative and request the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to support this initiative.
2. Further that the Federal government (through the Minister of Health and Finance) be requested to begin the implementation of the Children's Health and Nutrition Initiative by providing needed funding in its upcoming spring budget.

3. That the Toronto Board of Health invites its partners in the community, especially those who are involved in the Students Nutrition Program to urge their MPs to support this initiative.

Summary

Submitting the Children's Health and Nutrition Initiative recommendations to the Board of Health.

Background Information

2007-h11-4a

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/h1/bgrd/backgroundfile-1032.pdf>)

2007-h11-4a

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/h1/bgrd/backgroundfile-1035.pdf>)

2007-h11-4a

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/h1/bgrd/backgroundfile-1033.pdf>)

2007-h11-4a

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/h1/bgrd/backgroundfile-1034.pdf>)

Speakers

Susan Kwong, Constituency Assistant to Olivia Chow, M.P.

Danielle Franz, representing Olivia Chow, M.P.

Vince McCormick

Damien Francique

Khushboo Patel

Debbie Field, Foodshare Toronto

Joan Seignoret

Frank Liu

Debbie Field, FoodShare Toronto

Decision Advice and Other Information

On motion by Councillor Cho, the Board of Health adopted the recommendations in the report (January 15, 2007) from the Medical Officer of Health amended to read as follows:

1. the Board of Health endorse continued planned growth of student nutrition programs currently serving 1 in 16 youth to reach 1 in 8 youth by 2008 at an additional municipal cost of \$867,956.00;
2. the Board of Health endorse 2007 municipal funding for the programs serving children in grades JK-8 of \$2,574,340, to restore the \$200,000 reallocated in 2005 to address youth programs, and the \$100,000 funding reduction from 2004 (a net increase of \$300,000);
3. the Board of Health request the Minister of Children and Youth Services to contribute to program sustainability by increasing its support from 7% of total program costs to a

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level matching the municipal contribution level; and adjusting future funding to keep pace with current food costs;

4. the Board of Health reiterate its request to the federal government to provide core funding for a national universal student nutrition program, including funding allocated for monitoring and evaluation of the program;
5. the Board of Health forward this report to the Budget Committee, the Community Development and Recreation Committee, the Toronto District School Board, the Toronto Catholic District School Board and the Toronto Food Policy Council; and

On motion by Councillor Perks, the Board of Health further amended the report (January 15, 2007) from the Medical Officer of Health by adding the following recommendation:

- “6. the Board of Health request the Medical Officer of Health to approach the Toronto District School Board and the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to investigate opportunities for tying school gardens and allotment gardens into the Student Nutrition Program.”

HL1.5	Information		Received	
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Final Report of the SARS Commission

(January 15, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

Recommendations

Submitting, for information, an overview of the final report of the SARS Commission, which was released by the Honourable Mr. Justice Archie Campbell on January 10, 2007.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Summary

This report provides an overview of the third and final report of the Commission to Investigate the Introduction and Spread of SARS in Ontario which was released by the Honourable Mr. Justice Archie Campbell on January 10, 2007. The executive summary of the report is attached (see Attachment 1).

Background Information

2007-h11-5

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/h1/bgrd/backgroundfile-898.pdf>

2007-h11-5

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/h1/bgrd/backgroundfile-899.pdf>

5a Final Report of the SARS Commission - Letter from CUPE Local 79

(January 29, 2007) letter from President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79

Summary

Submitting comments on some of the issues and recommendations included in the Final Report of the SARS Commission.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health received the report (January 15, 2007) from the Medical Officer of Health and the letter (January 27, 2007) from CUPE Local 79.

HL1.6	Information		Referred	
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Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Update

(January 15, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

Recommendations

Submitting, for information, a report respecting the pandemic influenza preparedness update.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Summary

This report updates the Board on issues affecting the City of Toronto’s ability to respond to an influenza pandemic. The City is guided by the directions set out by the federal and provincial governments in their respective Pandemic Influenza Plans. Several important issues such as personal protective equipment and the distribution of antiviral medication for prophylaxis (prevention) remain unresolved in the latest versions of these plans which were released within the past four months.

Communication with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care indicates that Toronto Public Health will be responsible for planning the implementation of alternative assessment and care centres but that issues regarding the management and resourcing of such centres during a pandemic are still to be determined.

The report also updates information on the spread of avian influenza and outlines the Toronto Public Health (TPH) preparedness activities which will be priorities in 2007.

Background Information

2007-h11-6

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/h1/bgrd/backgroundfile-900.pdf>

2007-h11-6

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/h1/bgrd/backgroundfile-987.pdf>

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/h1/bgrd/backgroundfile-986.pdf>**Decision Advice and Other Information**

On motion by Councillor Filion, the Board of Health requested:

1. the Medical Officer of Health, as part of his next quarterly report on pandemic influenza preparedness to the Board of Health, to provide:
 - a. an update on progress made with respect to developing a City of Toronto plan for the use and stockpiling of personal protective equipment and infection control supplies, as well as other measures to prevent and control influenza among City staff;
 - b. an update on the resource and logistical requirements for the establishment of Influenza Assessment, Treatment and Referral centres;
2. the City Manager to accelerate work to address the human resources and labour relations issues that would arise in an influenza pandemic;
3. the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Ontario Ministry of Labour, in consultation with the Public Health Agency of Canada, to provide province-wide clarity and direction on the following issues with respect to pandemic influenza:
 - a. what personal protective equipment is recommended for health care workers and essential service workers during an influenza pandemic
 - b. the use of antiviral medications for prophylaxis
4. the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to provide guidance on the outstanding implementation issues for Influenza Assessment, Treatment, and Referral centres, including but not limited to:
 - a. funding roles and responsibilities between the province and the municipality
 - b. legal issues – e.g. insurance, malpractice insurance, personal liability, etc
 - c. licensing and scope of practice issues - licensing retired professionals, students, etc; clearly defined responsibilities to match skill sets
 - d. the use of medical directives and temporary licenses – medical directives to

provide direction to non-physician health care professionals

- e. financial compensation for those who work in these centres e.g. community physicians in private practice, volunteer health providers not currently employed, etc.
5. the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to create a mechanism to ensure that each local Medical Officer of Health can communicate with all physicians in their jurisdiction on an urgent/emergency basis.

HL1.7	ACTION		Amended	
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Supporting Breastfeeding in Toronto

(January 15, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

Recommendations

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. the Board of Health endorse the World Health Organization (WHO)/United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) International Code of Marketing of Breast Milk Substitutes (the Code) and all subsequent resolutions of the World Health Assembly as outlined in Attachment 1, to enable Toronto Public Health to continue working toward BFI designation;
2. the Board of Health request the Ontario Minister of Health and Long-term Care and the Minister of Children and Youth Services to:
 - a. support the implementation of the *BFI* in Ontario hospitals, public health units and other community health services,
 - b. include the *BFI* in the revision of Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-term Care Health Programs and Services Guidelines, and
 - c. provide funding to support *BFI* implementation in Ontario hospitals, public health units and other community health services;
3. the Medical Officer of Health develop a Breastfeeding Report Card for Toronto based on a survey of hospitals and the breastfeeding experience of new mothers in 2007 and report results to the Board of Health in early 2008;
4. the Board of Health request the Ontario Minister of Health and Long-term Care to provide sustainable funding to the Niday Perinatal Database Project to ensure that

Toronto hospitals consistently collect the enhanced data to document feeding practices in hospitals and at hospital discharge; and

5. the Medical Officer of Health report to The Board of Health with a draft City policy for breastfeeding in public places in consultation with the appropriate City of Toronto officials by October 2007.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications stemming directly from this report.

Summary

As a recognized leader in breastfeeding practice, Toronto Public Health is working towards the internationally recognized Baby-Friendly Initiative (BFI) designation and is well positioned to advocate for exclusive and sustained breastfeeding as well as act as a catalyst for BFI in local hospitals. In order to determine compliance with BFI in Toronto hospitals and identify gaps in service, Toronto Public Health will: (a) assess current hospital policies, practices, professional attitudes and behaviours as they relate to breastfeeding and (b) survey mothers about their breastfeeding experience in hospital (c) gather information about exclusive breastfeeding initiation rates in hospital and exclusive breastfeeding rates at hospital discharge. The results of these surveys will be summarized in a “Report Card on Breastfeeding in Toronto”. The report card will provide baseline data and will be a useful tool for both Toronto Public Health and hospitals to determine gaps and develop strategies for action.

The Board of Health is called on to advocate for provincial policy and funding support for hospitals, public health and community health services to protect, promote and support breastfeeding. Toronto Public Health will continue to champion BFI in public health services, develop a policy that affirms the right of breastfeeding mothers to breastfeed in all public places controlled by the municipality, and support Toronto hospitals to identify challenges and seek solutions.

Background Information

2007-h11-7

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/h1/bgrd/backgroundfile-901.pdf>

7a Breastfeeding and Baby Friendly Initiatives

(January 29, 2007) letter from Councillor Fletcher

Summary

Submitting recommendations to the Board of Health with respect to breastfeeding and baby friendly initiatives.

Speakers

Claudette Manhne, Toronto East General Hospital

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health adopted the recommendations in the report (January 15, 2007) from the Medical Officer of Health amended to read as follows:

1. the Board of Health endorse the World Health Organization (WHO)/United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) International Code of Marketing of Breast Milk Substitutes (the Code) and all subsequent resolutions of the World Health Assembly as outlined in Attachment 1, to enable Toronto Public Health to continue working toward BFI designation;
2. the Board of Health request the Ontario Minister of Health and Long-term Care and the Minister of Children and Youth Services to:
 - a. support the implementation of the *BFI* in Ontario hospitals, public health units and other community health services;
 - b. include the *BFI* in the revision of Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-term Care Health Programs and Services Guidelines; and
 - c. provide funding to support *BFI* implementation in Ontario hospitals, public health units and other community health services;
3. the Medical Officer of Health develop a Breastfeeding Report Card for Toronto based on a survey of hospitals and the breastfeeding experience of new mothers in 2007 and report results to the Board of Health in early 2008;
4. the Board of Health request the Ontario Minister of Health and Long-term Care to provide sustainable funding to the NidayPerinatal Database Project to ensure that Toronto hospitals consistently collect the enhanced data to document feeding practices in hospitals and at hospital discharge;
5. the Board of Health request the Medical Officer of Health to quickly develop a policy that allows and encourages-breast-feeding mothers to breast-feed in all public places controlled by the municipality, including all ABC's, and report to the Board of Health by June 2007;
6. the Board of Health request that Toronto Public Health explore the development of a Baby-friendly/Breast-feeding friendly recognition symbol and report back to the Board of Health by September 2007, and that staff meet with TABIA and the Toronto Board of Trade in the development of this report;

(Motion by Councillor Fletcher)

7. the Board of Health request Toronto Public Health to determine the best ways that Toronto Public Health can support breastfeeding moms once they leave hospital;

(Motion by Councillor Fletcher)

8. the Board of Health request the Medical Officer of Health to report to the Board of Health on the composition of breast milk compared to a typical formula and to list the ingredients in breast milk compared to a typical formula; and

(Motion by Councillor Fletcher)

9. the Board of Health direct the Medical Officer of Health to add the following statement to the Toronto Public Health breastfeeding advertising, educational and promotional materials:

“The following Toronto Hospitals have received World Health Organization Baby Friendly designation.”

(Motion by Councillor Perks)

HL1.8	ACTION		Amended	
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Revised Toronto Public Health 2007 Operating Budget Request

(January 15, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

Recommendations

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. the Board of Health recommend to City Council an addition to the Toronto Public Health 2007 Operating Budget of \$1,077.8 thousand gross and net for New and Enhanced Services for a total 2007 Operating Budget of \$211,570.9 thousand gross and \$51,827.9 thousand net, including a base budget of \$209,131.6 thousand gross and \$50,161.9 thousand net, and New and Enhanced Services of \$2,439.3 thousand gross and \$1,666.0 thousand net;
2. the Board of Health recommend to City Council the list of adjustments included in the Toronto Public Health 2007 Operating Budget and summarized in Table 2, “Summary of 2007 New and Enhanced Services” totalling \$2,439.3 thousand gross and \$1,666.0 thousand net;
3. the Board of Health forward this report to the Budget Committee for its consideration during the 2007 budget process; and,

4. the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

The Table 1 – Revised TPH 2007 Operating Budget Request, compares the original BOH Recommended and the Revised TPH 2007 Operating Budget Request. The revised TPH 2007 operating budget request reflects the addition of \$1,077.8 thousand gross and net for four new services proposed by the BOH at its meeting on September 14, 2006, bringing the total request for 2007 New and Enhanced Services to \$2,439.3 thousand gross and \$1,666.0 thousand net expenditures.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

Summary

This report provides the Board of Health (BOH) with an update on the confirmed 2006 base provincial funding for cost shared mandatory programs from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) and a revised 2007 Toronto Public Health (TPH) Operating Budget as requested by the BOH at its meeting on September 14, 2006.

The MOHLTC has approved base funding for 2006 cost shared mandatory programs in the amount of \$136,359.2 thousand gross and \$47,725.5 thousand net. This funding provides growth of 5 percent over the 2005 funding received, including COLA and harmonization costs.

The revised TPH 2007 Operating Budget request totals \$211,570.9 thousand gross and \$51,827.9 thousand net, including a base budget of \$209,131.6 thousand gross and \$50,161.9 thousand net and New and Enhanced Services of \$2,439.3 thousand gross and \$1,666.0 thousand net. This revised 2007 TPH Operating Budget adds four 100 percent City funded New and Enhanced Services, totalling \$1,077.8 thousand gross and net, to the 2007 TPH Operating Budget request.

Background Information

2007-h11-8

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/h1/bgrd/backgroundfile-903.pdf>)

2007-h11-8

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/h1/bgrd/backgroundfile-902.pdf>)

Speakers

Nathalie Karvonen, Toronto Wildlife Centre

Joseph Deogracias, Shout Clinic

Miu Lin Wong, Toronto Western Hospital

Decision Advice and Other Information

On motion by Councillor Perks, the Board of Health:

1. recommended to the Budget Committee that the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (January 15, 2007) from the Medical Officer of Health be adopted subject to amending Attachment 1 by deleting Item 7 entitled “Car Free Day Promotion” and replacing it with a New and Enhanced Service entitled “Urban Heat Island Effect”; and
2. requested the Medical Officer of Health to prepare a business case in support of the Urban Heat Island Effect proposal for submission directly to the Budget Committee.

HL1.9	Information		Received	
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Toronto Public Health Operating Budget Variance Report for the nine months ended September 30, 2006

(January 15, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

Recommendations

Submitting, for information, the Toronto Public Health Operating Budget Variance report for the nine months ended September 30, 2006.

Financial Impact

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

Summary

This report provides an update to the Board of Health on Toronto Public Health’s (TPH) Operating Budget Variance for the nine months of operation ending on September 30, 2006.

Toronto Public Health’s operating budget is underspent by \$549.5 thousand net or 1.3 percent for the nine-month period ending on September 30, 2006.

At year-end, TPH expects to be \$9,818.5 thousand gross (4.6 percent) and \$305.9 thousand net (0.5 percent) under the 2006 Operating Budget. The gross under expenditure of \$9,818.5 thousand is attributed primarily to under-spending in Provincial cost shared programs due to the five percent growth limitation announced by the Province in March 2006. The TPH year-end favourable net projection of \$305.9 thousand includes a possible shortfall in the provincial grant for COLA and the capital from current funding required for the Integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) capital project. The TPH net projection to year-end will be increased in the year-end operating budget variance report to reflect the confirmation received in January, 2007 of a 2006 provincial grant for cost-shared mandatory programs that includes COLA.

Background Information

2007-h11-9

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/h1/bgrd/backgroundfile-905.pdf>

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/h1/bgrd/backgroundfile-904.pdf>**Decision Advice and Other Information**

On motion by Councillor Davis, the Board of Health received the report (January 15, 2007) from the Medical Officer of Health.

HL1.10	Information		Received	
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Toronto Public Health Capital Budget Variance Report for the nine months ended September 30, 2006

(January 15, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

Recommendations

Submitting, for information, a report (January 15, 2007) from the Medical Officer of Health, respecting the Toronto Public Health Capital Budget Variance Report for the nine months ended September 30, 2006.

Financial Impact

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

Summary

This report provides an update to the Board of Health on the Toronto Public Health Capital Budget Variance for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2006.

Toronto Public Health (TPH) spent \$1.939 million or 52.1 percent of the 2006 approved cash flow of \$3.721 million as of September 30, 2006.

The year-end capital expenditure is projected to be \$2.721 million or 73.1 percent spent of the approved cash flow. The projected under-spending of \$1.0 million is attributed to the following three projects:

1. PHIPA System Compliance project (\$0.373 million) due to a delay in the availability of key information security software;
2. the North York Dental Clinic project (\$0.263 million) currently on hold pending a report to the Board of Health in February 2007; and
3. Animal Services On-Line Licence System project (\$0.364 million) due to hiring delays and difficulties in recruiting and retaining key information technology (IT) project team

members resulting in the project continuing into 2007.

Background Information

2007-h11-10

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/h1/bgrd/backgroundfile-907.pdf>)

2007-h11-10

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/h1/bgrd/backgroundfile-906.pdf>)

Decision Advice and Other Information

On motion by Nathan Gilbert, the Board of Health received the report (January 15, 2007) from the Medical Officer of Health.

HL1.11	ACTION		Adopted	
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Appointment of Associate Medical Officers of Health

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

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

Recommendations

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that 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.

Summary

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

Background Information

2007-h11-11

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/h1/bgrd/backgroundfile-908.pdf>)

Board Recommendations

On motion by Councillor Davis, the Board of Health recommended that City Council 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.

HL1.12	ACTION		Adopted	
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Secondment of Toronto Public Health Employee to the University of Toronto

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

(January 15, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

Recommendations

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. the Board of Health request City Council to approve the secondment agreement in confidential Attachment 1; and
2. the Toronto Public Health 2007 Operating Budget be increased by \$114,618.00 and \$0.0 net for external secondment recoveries.

Financial Impact

Toronto Public Health will second one employee on a part time basis to the University of Toronto to oversee the training of community medicine specialist physicians for a two year period, renewable for up to ten years. The University of Toronto will reimburse the City of Toronto for all salary and benefit costs, for the portion of the employee's time at the University under the secondment. The approximate value of the reimbursement for 2007 is \$114, 618. Toronto Public Health will backfill the part time vacancy created by the secondment using the funds received from the University of Toronto.

The employee will continue to be a City employee during the term of the secondment. Consequently, the City remains the accident employer and, subject to a pro rata contribution from the University, liable for any benefits awarded by the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board as a result of a workplace injury during the course of the employee's work at the University. Likewise, the City would be liable for any long term disability benefits for which the employee may be eligible in the event of illness during the secondment. The City may also be responsible for occurrences for which it may be vicariously liable in law or under insurance coverage.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

Summary

This report recommends that the Board of Health request City Council to approve the secondment of a Toronto Public Health employee to the University of Toronto on a part time basis for two years, renewable for up to ten years. Council approval is required for continuing liability coverage for the employee during the secondment.

The secondment benefits Toronto Public Health by strengthening the training of public health physicians and improving the supply of qualified professionals for the City of Toronto and the province as a whole. It also provides a unique opportunity for enhanced collaboration between Toronto Public Health and the University of Toronto.

Background Information

2007-hl-12

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-909.pdf>)

Board Recommendations

On motion by Council Davis, the Board of Health recommended that:

1. City Council approve the secondment agreement in confidential Attachment 1; and
2. The Toronto Public Health 2007 Operating Budget be increased by \$114,618 gross and \$0.0 net for external secondment recoveries.

HL1.13	ACTION		Adopted	
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Appointment of 2007 Review Panel Members for the AIDS Prevention and Drug Prevention Community Investment Programs

Confidential - Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (Attachment 3)

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

Recommendations

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that the Board of Health appoint the individuals listed in confidential Attachment 3 to the AIDS Prevention Community Investment Program Review Panel for 2007 and the Drug Prevention Community Investment Program Review Panel for 2007.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

Summary

The report recommends members of the Review Panels for the 2007 AIDS Prevention and Drug Prevention Community Investment Programs for appointment by the Board of Health. The individuals proposed for the panel membership are listed in confidential Attachment 3.

Background Information

2007-h11-13

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/h1/bgrd/backgroundfile-910.pdf>)

Decision Advice and Other Information

On motion by Councillor Perks, the Board of Health:

1. appointed the individuals listed in confidential Attachment 3 to the AIDS Prevention Community Investment Program Review Panel for 2007 and the Drug Prevention Community Investment Program Review Panel for 2007; and
2. requested the Medical Officer of Health to report to the February 26, 2007, Board of Health meeting on a policy to ensure the appointment and membership of visible minorities to the Board of Health and Local Health Committees.

HL1.14	ACTION		Adopted	
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Appointment of Members to Board Committees**Summary**

To appoint members to Board Committees

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health:

1. reconstituted the following Board of Health Subcommittees and appointed the members:
 - a. Animal Services Advisory Committee:

Councillor Paula Fletcher as its Chair;
Rhonda Roffey; and
a third member to be appointed at a later date;
 - b. Budget Sub-committee:

Councillor John Filion, Chair

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Councillor Janet Davis, Vice-Chair
 Councillor Chin Lee;
 Nathan Gilbert
 Bryan Hyndman; and
 Valerie Sterling;

c. Nominating Sub-committee:

Councillor John Filion, Chair;
 Councillor Janet Davis, Vice-Chair; and
 Bryan Hyndman;

d. Tuberculosis Sub-committee with the following membership:

Board of Health (Chair) or designate;
 Toronto District School Board;
 Toronto Catholic District School Board;
 Representative(s) of community or organizations advocating for and addressing needs of homeless/under-housed at increased risk from TB;
 Representative(s) of communities or organizations advocating for and addressing needs of ethnoracial communities at increased risk from TB;
 Representative of communities or organizations advocating for and addressing needs of aboriginal communities at increased risk from TB;
 Representative(s) of community or organizations advocating for and addressing needs of those infected with HIV at increased risk for TB;
 Representative from Correctional Services sector;
 Representative from Long-Term sector;
 Representative from Shelter, Housing and Support Division;
 Academic researcher involved with research on the prevention and control of TB (U of T);
 Respiriologist familiar with and skilled in the treatment of and issues affecting those infected with TB;
 Clinic director from St. Michael's TB Clinic;
 representative from CUPE Ontario (Board of Health meeting, January 17, 2005);
 and
 appointed Fiona Nelson as the Board of Health representative and as Chair of the Sub-committee.

2. disbanded the following Sub-committees:

Capacity Review Committee;
 School Health Services Sub-committee
 Substance Abuse Sub-committee; and

3. established a Mandatory Program Review Sub-committee (Mandate, Terms of Reference and Purpose to be submitted by the Medical Officer of Health) and appointed the following members:

Councillor John Filion, Chair;
Valerie Sterling; and
Fiona Nelson.

HL1.15	Information		Received	
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Health Risks and Legislative Authority of the Medical Officer of Health Regarding Marijuana Grow Houses and Clandestine Drug Laboratories in Toronto

(September 5, 2006) letter from Planning and Transportation Committee

Recommendations

It is recommended that this report be referred to the Board of Health for information.

Summary

The Planning and Transportation Committee on September 5, 2006, received the report (August 21, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, identifying any health effects that may be associated with environmental mould in Marijuana Grow Operations and describing the legislative authority of the Medical Officer of Health under the Health Protection and Promotion Act in relation to health hazards in marijuana grow houses and clandestine drug laboratories, and directed that a copy be forwarded to the Board of Health for information.

Background Information

2007-h11-15

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/h1/bgrd/backgroundfile-912.pdf>

2007-h11-15

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/h1/bgrd/backgroundfile-911.pdf>

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health received the communication (September 5, 2006) from the Planning and Transportation Committee.

HL1.16	Information		Received	
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Etobicoke/York Local Health Committee Minutes

Summary

Minutes of the Etobicoke /York Local Health Committee meetings held on:

- (a) July 12, 2006; and
- (b) September 11, 2006.

Background Information

2007-hl-16

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-913.pdf>)

2007-hl1-16

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-914.pdf>)

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health received the minutes of the Etobicoke/York Local Health Committee meetings held on July 12, 2006, and September 11, 2006.

HL1.17	Information		Received	
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North Region Local Health Committee Minutes

Summary

Minutes of the North Region Local Health Committee meeting held on May 10, 2006.

Background Information

2007-hl1-17

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-915.pdf>)

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health received the minutes of the North Region Local Health Committee meeting held on May 10, 2006.

HL1.18	Information		Received	
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Scarborough Local Health Committee Minutes

Summary

Minutes of the Scarborough Local Health Committee meetings held on:

- (a) June 13, 2006;
- (b) September 12, 2006; and
- (c) October 10, 2006.

Background Information

2007-h11-18

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-918.pdf>

2007-h11-18

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-917.pdf>

2007-h11-18

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-916.pdf>

Decision Advice and Other Information

On motion by Brian Hyndman, the Board of Health received the minutes of the Scarborough Local Health Committee meetings held on June 13, 2006, September 12, 2006, and October 10, 2006.

HL1.19	Information		Received	
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Toronto/East York Local Health Committee Minutes

Summary

Minutes of the Toronto /East York Local Health Committee meetings held on:

- (a) May 23, 2006; and
- (b) September 12, 2006.

Background Information

2007-h11-19

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/h1/bgrd/backgroundfile-920.pdf>)

2007-h11-19

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/h1/bgrd/backgroundfile-919.pdf>)

Decision Advice and Other Information

On motion by Fiona Nelson, the Board of Health received the minutes of the Toronto/East York Local Health Committee meetings held on May 23, 2006, and September 12, 2006.

HL1.20	ACTION		Adopted	
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Global AIDS Prevention Initiative for the City of Toronto

(January 24, 2007) report from Councillor Rae, Chair of AIDS Prevention Community Investment Programme

Recommendations

The 2007 AIDS Prevention Community Investment Program budget be increased by \$100,000 to establish a City of Toronto Global AIDS Prevention Initiative.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to recommend that the City of Toronto provide an increase of \$100,000.00 to the AIDS Prevention Community Investment Programme (APCIP) annual budget to enhance our response to HIV/AIDS globally and as a legacy to the XVI International AIDS Conference held in Toronto in August, 2006. This enhancement is intended to fund existing AIDS Service Organizations and community agencies with an AIDS prevention mandate, to partner with similar organizations in countries where HIV is endemic, for mutual knowledge exchange and skills transfer.

The theme of the Conference was “Time to Deliver”. This theme reinforces the demand and accountability for action on HIV/AIDS at every level. Enough is known to bring effective treatment measures and prevention strategies to communities across the world. As the host City, it is important that the City of Toronto accept the global challenge. One of the things we can do is fund community groups to establish information exchange and skills transfers with international partners who are disproportionately at risk for HIV/AIDS. Providing modest initial funding through APCIP will enable organizations to build on existing initiatives or start new ones. In addition, the City of Toronto can ensure that the application review, allocation and monitoring procedures established by the existing risk management framework is followed.

Background Information

2007-h11-20

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/h1/bgrd/backgroundfile-1005.pdf>**Speakers**

Councillor Kyle Rae, Ward 27 – Toronto Centre-Rosedale

Decision Advice and Other Information

On motion by Councillor Fletcher, the Board of Health recommended to the Budget Committee that the 2007 AIDS Prevention Community Investment Program budget be increased by \$100,000.00 to establish a City of Toronto Global AIDS Prevention Initiative.

Meeting Sessions

Session Date	Session Type	Start Time	End Time	Public or Closed Session
2007-01-29	Afternoon	1:05 PM	6:20 PM	Public