
Board of Health

Meeting No.	5	Contact	Candy Davidovits, Committee Administrator
Meeting Date	Tuesday, June 12, 2007	Phone	416-392-8032
Start Time	1:00 PM	E-mail	cdaidov@toronto.ca
Location	Committee Room 2, 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
Cathy Crowe	X
Nathan Gilbert	X
Brian Hyndman	R
Fiona Nelson	X
Rhonda Roffey	X
Valerie Sterling	R
Trustee Soo Wong	X

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Nathan Gilbert, the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Health held on May 14, 2007, were confirmed.

HL5.1	ACTION	Adopted	Policy	
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Breastfeeding in Public

(May 17, 2007) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Recommendations

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. the Board of Health recommend that City Council approve the attached policy “Breastfeeding in Public”, and direct the City Manager to inform all City divisions and ABCs of the policy.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications stemming directly from this report.

Summary

This report recommends Board of Health and City Council approval and implementation of a policy supporting breastfeeding in all public places controlled by the City and its Agencies, Boards and Commissions (ABCs).

Committee Recommendations

On motion by Councillor Fletcher, the Board of Health recommended that City Council approve the policy "Breastfeeding in Public", as outlined in Attachments 1 and 2 of this report, and direct the City Manager to inform all City divisions and ABC's of the policy.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health requested the Medical Officer of Health:

- a. to invite breastfeeding organizations, mothers’ groups, hospitals and other interested parties to submit proposals for a symbol that would signify a ‘breastfeeding friendly place’;

(Motion by Councillor Fletcher)

- b. in consultation with the Executive Director of Facilities and Real Estate, to include in his report to the Board of Health in September 2007, a summary of City facilities that provide designated breastfeeding space; and

(Motion by Councillor Davis)

- c. to include in his report to the Board of Health in September 2007:
 - (i) information on the annual breastfeeding conference and challenge; and

(Motion by Councillor Cho)

- (ii) on public participation in the annual event through the internet.

(Motion by Councillor Fletcher)

Links to Background Information

Breastfeeding in Public

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-4311.pdf>)

HL5.2	Information	Adopted	Transactional	
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Composition of Breast Milk Compared to Infant Formula

(May 14, 2007) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Summary

Breastfeeding is the optimal method of feeding infants. Toronto Public Health (TPH) recommends exclusive breastfeeding to six months of age followed by the introduction of appropriate complementary foods and continued breastfeeding to two years and beyond. If breastfeeding is not undertaken, TPH considers infant formula an acceptable alternative.

Modifications to infant formulas have been made in an attempt to create products that resemble breast milk and meet infants' nutritional needs. However, infant formulas are missing the immune factors, hormones, antimicrobial agents, antioxidants and enzymes that make breast milk the ideal food for infants.

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of Health about the composition of breast milk compared to a typical infant formula.

Decision Advice and Other Information

On motion by Councillor Fletcher, the Board of Health requested the Medical Officer of Health to report back to the Board of Health on how information can be provided to women who are making a choice on breastfeeding and/or infant formula feeding.

Links to Background Information

Composition of Breast Milk Compared to Infant Formula

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-4312.pdf>)

HL5.3	Information	Received	Transactional	
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Toronto-Botswana HIV/AIDS Capacity Building Partnership

(May 17, 2007) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Summary

Botswana has one of the highest HIV/AIDS prevalence rates in the world (38%). With a population of 1.7 million, everyone in that country is either infected or affected by the pandemic. An HIV/AIDS capacity building partnership between the City of Toronto and South East District, Botswana, was established in 2002 after Stephen Lewis, the Special UN Envoy on HIV/AIDS, made a plea to Canadians to take up the HIV/AIDS challenge. Funded by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) the partnership has two areas of focus: i) palliative care and support; and ii) youth engagement.

Led by Toronto Public Health, the partnership has mobilized considerable additional resources by bringing in other partner organizations. For example, Casey House, a hospice and community care organization in Toronto, has played a mentoring and training role in integrating palliative care principles into SEDC's Home Based Care program. Commonwealth Games Canada (CGC) is a key partner in the youth engagement initiatives. The youth engagement component is primarily focused on establishing a sustainable Kicking AIDS Out (KAO) initiative through the South East District Youth Empowerment League (SEDYEL). The KAO approach integrates HIV/AIDS awareness, health promotion, life skills, sexual health and youth leadership development into the youth run soccer league which extends across the entire district. SEDYEL is a partnership between the City of Toronto, SEDC, Commonwealth Games Canada (CGC) and Mathare Youth Sports Association of Kenya (MYSA), with support from UK Sport.

The Toronto-SEDC Partnership was approved by City Council in May 2002 and is funded and supported through FCM.

Speakers

Dr. Barbara Emanuel, Senior Policy and Strategic Issues Advisor, and Liz Janzen, Director, Healthy Living, Healthy Communities, gave a presentation and played a documentary video titled "The Partnership: A Creative Fight Against HIV/AIDS".

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health received the staff presentation for information.

Links to Background Information

Toronto-Botswana HIV/AIDS Capacity Building Partnership
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-4313.pdf>

HL5.4	ACTION	Adopted	Transactional	
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Toronto Public Health 2007 Operating Budget Adjustments

(May 29, 2007) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Recommendations

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. the Budget Committee make the following adjustments to Toronto Public Health's 2007 Operating Budget:
 - a. an increase of \$1,443.3 thousand gross and \$0.0 thousand net and a staff increase of 11 temporary positions, to reflect confirmed funding from various provincial ministries (see Attachment 1 – Table 1);
 - b. an increase of \$556.1 thousand gross and \$0.0 net to reflect recovery costs of external secondments (see Attachment 1 – Table 2); and
2. this report be forwarded to the Budget Committee for consideration.

Financial Impact

Table 1 (see Attachment 1) reflects the budget adjustments required resulting from the confirmation of 2007 funds from various provincial ministries.

Table 2 (see also Attachment 1) reflects cost recoveries for staff seconded to various provincial ministries and related agencies.

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

Summary

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

- A. confirmation of funding for the 2007 Operating Budget from various provincial ministries received subsequent to the February Board of Health meeting; and
- B. recovery of salaries and benefits of staff seconded to provincial ministries and agencies.

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:

- a. an increase of \$1,443.3 thousand gross and \$0.0 thousand net and a staff increase of 11 temporary positions, to reflect confirmed funding from various provincial ministries (see Attachment 1 - Table 1); and
- b. an increase of \$556.1 thousand gross and \$0.0 net to reflect recovery costs of external secondments (see Attachment 1 - Table 2).

Links to Background Information

Toronto Public Health Operating Budget Adjustments

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-4314.pdf>)

HL5.5	Information	Received	Transactional	
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Toronto Public Health Programs and Activities Promoting Early Detection and Screening for Cancer

(May 29, 2007) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Summary

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of Health about Toronto Public Health (TPH) programming to promote early detection & screening of breast, cervical and colorectal cancer. It outlines the rationale for public health involvement in early detection and screening programs and briefly describes current health promotion activities aimed at reducing incidence and mortality from these cancers in Toronto.

Toronto Public Health also works to reduce the incidence of cancer through primary prevention programs such as nutrition, physical activity and environmental health promotion, and tobacco control and substance abuse prevention activities. However, these primary prevention activities are not addressed in this report.

Decision Advice and Other Information

On motion by Nathan Gilbert, the Board of Health received the report (May 29, 2007) from the Medical Officer of Health for information.

Links to Background Information

TPH Programs and Activities Promoting Early Detection and Screening for Cancer
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-4315.pdf>

HL5.6	Information	Received	Transactional	
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Update on Toronto's Call to Action on Physical Activity "Get Your Move On" Campaign

(May 29, 2007) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Summary

This report provides an update on the status of the Get Your Move On (GYMO) Campaign, which followed from the Call to Action on Physical Activity initiated by the Medical Officer of Health in June 2003. The report also outlines the current partnership structure, new project funding, and projected outcomes of GYMO over the next year.

In June 2006, the initial three year mandate of GYMO came to an end. The Leadership Group (the partnership) engaged in transition planning to determine a new structure and secretariat for the project that would facilitate alternative funding sources and new partnership opportunities. The transition planning resulted in a renewed commitment to the project and a new

collaborative agreement among partners. The secretariat function for the project was transferred from Toronto Public Health (TPH) to the voluntary sector. The YMCA will be responsible for overseeing the work of the project manager and the Toronto Community Foundation will administer the project finances. In March 2007, the GYMO partners were successful in securing a Trillium Foundation grant of \$75,000 for a period of one year.

Decision Advice and Other Information

On motion by Nathan Gilbert, the Board of Health received the report (May 29, 2007) from the Medical Officer of Health for information.

Links to Background Information

Update on Toronto's Call to Action on Physical Activity "Get Your Move On" Campaign (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-4343.pdf>)

Update on Toronto's Call to Action on Physical Activity "Get Your Move On" Campaign Attachment (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-4345.pdf>)

HL5.7	ACTION	Adopted	Transactional	
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2007 Drug Prevention Community Investment Program Allocations

(May 28, 2007) Report from Brian MacKay, Chair, Drug Prevention Community Investment Program Review Panel

Recommendations

The 2007 Drug Prevention Community Investment Program Review Panel recommends that:

1. the Board of Health request Toronto City Council approve the allocation of \$811,460 to 43 projects as recommended by the 2007 DPCIP Review Panel in Appendix B and Appendix C of this report;
2. the Board of Health request that City Council approve the listed applicants for multi-year assessment in Appendix D and E of this report; and
3. authority be granted to the Medical Officer of Health to execute Letters of Understanding on behalf of the City.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact beyond what has approved in the 2007 Approved Operating Budget.

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

Summary

This report outlines the review process, funding applications and recommendations of the

Board of Health Drug Prevention Community Investment Program Review Panel regarding allocations in 2007.

The 2007 Approved Budget for the Drug Prevention Community Investment Program (DPCIP) includes an allocation of \$811,460. This report recommends the allocation of \$811,460 to 43 projects. Funding is to be used between July 1, 2007 and June 20, 2008.

Committee Recommendations

On motion by Nathan Gilbert, the Board of Health recommended that City Council:

1. approve the allocation of \$811,460 to 43 projects as recommended by the 2007 DPCIP Review Panel in Appendix B and Appendix C of this report;
2. approve the listed applicants for multi-year assessment in Appendix D and E of this report; and
3. grant authority to the Medical Officer of Health to execute Letters of Understanding on behalf of the City.

Links to Background Information

2007 Drug Prevention Community Investment Program Allocations
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-4333.pdf>

HL5.8	ACTION	Adopted	Transactional	
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2007 AIDS Prevention Community Investment Program Allocations

(May 28, 2007) Report from Councillor Kyle Rae, Chair, AIDS Prevention Community Investment Program Review Panel

Recommendations

The 2007 AIDS Prevention Community Investment Program Review Panel recommends that:

1. the Board of Health recommend that Toronto City Council approve the allocation of \$1,513,800 to 45 projects as recommended by the 2007 AIDS Prevention Community Investment Program Review Panel in Appendix B and Appendix C of this report;
2. the Board of Health recommend that Toronto City Council approve an allocation of \$100,000 to Schools Without Borders to enhance Toronto's response to HIV/AIDS globally and as a legacy to the XVI International AIDS Conference held in Toronto in August 2006, as recommended by the AIDS Prevention Community Investment Program Review Panel in Appendix D of this report; and
3. authority be granted to the Medical Officer of Health to execute Letters of Understanding on behalf of the City.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact beyond what has been approved in the 2007 Approved Operating Budget.

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

Summary

This report outlines the review process, funding applications and recommendations of the Board of Health AIDS Prevention Community Investment Program Review Panel regarding allocations in 2007.

This report proposes funding allocations in the total amount of \$1,613,800 for the 2007 AIDS Prevention Community Investment Program to be used between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008.

The sum of \$1,513,800 will be provided to 45 project applicants to carry out targeted HIV/AIDS prevention education programs in Toronto. In addition, \$100,000 will be provided to Schools Without Borders (SWB) for the AIDS Prevention Community Investment Program Global HIV/AIDS Initiative to support the HIV/AIDS capacity building partnership between the City of Toronto and South East District Botswana (SEDC) and to establish a legacy for the XVI International AIDS Conference held in Toronto in August 2006.

Committee Recommendations

On motion by Nathan Gilbert, the Board of Health recommended that City Council:

1. approve the allocation of \$1,513,800 to 45 projects as recommended by the 2007 AIDS Prevention Community Investment Program Review Panel in Appendix B and Appendix C of this report;
2. approve an allocation of \$100,000 to Schools Without Borders to enhance Toronto's response to HIV/AIDS globally and as a legacy to the XVI International AIDS Conference held in Toronto in August 2006, as recommended by the AIDS Prevention Community Investment Program Review Panel in Appendix D of this report; and
3. grant authority to the Medical Officer of Health to execute Letters of Understanding on behalf of the City.

Links to Background Information

2007 AIDS Prevention Community Investment Program Allocations
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-4334.pdf>)

HL5.9	Information	Received	Transactional	
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Pandemic Influenza Update

Summary

Verbal update by the Medical Officer of Health.

Speakers

Dr. Barbara Yaffe, Director and Associate Medical Officer of Health, gave an update on pandemic influenza.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health received the verbal update on pandemic influenza for information.

HL5.10	Information	Received	Transactional	
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New Toronto Street Food Update

Summary

Verbal update by Councillor John Filion, Chair.

Speakers

Councillor John Filion, Chair, gave an update on the New Toronto Street Food and invited members of the Board to an event being held at 11:30 a.m. on July 13, 2007, in Nathan Phillips Square to promote this initiative.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health received the verbal update on the new Toronto Street Food for information.

HL5.11	Information	Received	Transactional	
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North York Local Health Committee Minutes

Summary

Minutes of the North York Local Health Committee meeting held on April 10, 2007.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health received the minutes of the North York Local Health Committee meeting held on April 10, 2007, for information.

Links to Background Information

North York Local Health Committee Minutes

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-4335.pdf>)

HL5.12	ACTION	Referred	Transactional	
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Halton Garbage Incinerator Study

(June 11, 2007) Letter from Councillor Paula Fletcher

Summary

Providing information on a review released in May 2007 by the Medical Officer of Health for the Halton Region regarding a document to Develop a Business Case for an "Energy from Waste" (EFW) incinerator for the Halton Region, and requesting that the Medical Officer of Health obtain the results of the Halton study and report them to the Board of Health.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health requested the Medical Officer of Health to obtain the results of the Region of Halton Garbage Incinerator Study and report them to the Board of Health.

Motions

Introduce Item moved by Councillor Paula Fletcher (Carried)

Meeting Sessions

Session Date	Session Type	Start Time	End Time	Public or Closed Session
2007-06-12	Afternoon	1:07 PM	2:53 PM	Public

Chair