

February 6, 2008

To: Executive Committee
Office of the Mayor

From: Executive Committee

Subject: Stockpiling Requirements for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness

The Executive Committee on February 6, 2008:

- I. deferred consideration of the report (January 24, 2008) from the City Manager, the Medical Officer of Health and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, respecting Stockpiling Requirements for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness, until the meeting of the Committee scheduled to be held on April 7, 2008;
- II. in the interim, requested the Mayor to take the necessary intergovernmental steps to implement the following recommendations 5, 6 and 7 contained in the aforementioned report:
 - “5. City Council request the Provincial Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to explore with the suppliers of Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) and Zanamivir (Relenza), on behalf of all government or government funded bodies in Ontario that need to stockpile these products, ways to minimize financial loss in stockpiling of these antivirals in the event that the stockpiled supplies expire and can no longer be used before a pandemic occurs.
 6. City Council forward this report to all single and regional tier municipalities in Ontario with a request that they support recommendation 5 as well as Provincial partnership funding of antiviral medication, personal protective equipment and infection control supplies.
 7. The appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;” and

- III. deferred consideration of the following motions until the meeting of the Executive Committee scheduled to be held on April 7, 2008:

Moved by: Councillor Mihevc

“That the Executive Committee recommend to City Council that the City Manager and the Medical Officer of Health be requested to develop a strategy for the immediate families of employees deemed to be essential to managing any pandemic.”

Moved by: Councillor Moscoe

“That the Executive Committee recommend to City Council that:

1. Members of Council be requested to provide the Medical Officer of Health with a list of vacant space(s) that may be available for the storage of the pandemic influenza supplies and equipment; and
2. the City Manager be requested to ensure that the program costs are reduced to the bare essentials.

Background:

The Executive Committee on February 6, 2008, considered a report (January 24, 2008) from the City Manager, the Medical Officer of Health and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer advising that the City Manager, the Medical Officer of Health and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer recommend that:

1. The antiviral medication Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) in the total amount of \$4,723,989.00 be purchased from Hoffman-La Roche Ltd.
2. Expenditures totalling \$606,100.00 be approved to set up a warehousing and distribution system for pandemic influenza supplies.
3. 2008 expenditures for warehousing and distribution of supplies and the purchase of antiviral medication Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) be funded from the City’s Emergency Planning Reserve Fund.
4. The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer report to the Budget Committee in 2008 on funding options for the remaining stockpiling requirements for pandemic influenza preparedness as outlined in the financial impact statement.
5. City Council request the Provincial Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to explore with the suppliers of Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) and Zanamivir (Relenza), on behalf of all government or government funded bodies in Ontario that need to stockpile these products, ways to minimize financial loss in stockpiling of these antivirals in the event that the stockpiled supplies expire and can no longer be used before a pandemic occurs.

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c: City Manager
Medical Officer of Health
Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

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