

Board of Health

Meeting No.	19	Contact	Candy Davidovits, Committee Administrator
Meeting Date	Monday, November 17, 2008	Phone	416-392-8032
Start Time	12:00 PM	E-mail	boh@toronto.ca
Location	Committee Room 2, City Hall		

Additional Communications/Reports

HL19.3a Toronto Public Health 2009 Operating Budget Request

Origin

(November 12, 2008) Letter from Board of Health Budget Sub-Committee

Recommendations

The Board of Health Budget Sub-Committee recommended to the Board of Health that:

1. City Council approve a Toronto Public Health 2009 Operating Budget request of \$213,198.0 thousand gross / \$43,889.3 thousand net as summarized in Table 1, “2009 Operating Budget Request”;
2. City Council approve the list of budget adjustments included in Table 3, “Summary of 2009 Base Budget Changes from 2008 Operating Budget” of this report totalling an increase of \$2,107.0 thousand gross / \$931.7 thousand net;
3. City Council approve the list of 2009 New and Enhanced Services included in Table 4, “2009 New and Enhanced Services” of this report totalling an increase of \$1,279.4 thousand gross / \$55.4 thousand net;
4. to address the City’s zero percent increase target, the Board of Health:
 - a. recommend to Council a reduction in the West Nile Virus program (Bird Surveillance) for \$412.4 thousand gross / \$103.1 thousand net;
 - b. recommend to Council that the one-time 524 Oakwood relocation costs of \$859.8 thousand gross/\$215.0 thousand net be funded from the 2009 Capital

Budget as recoverable debt with a repayment from the TPH Operating Budget of \$429.9 thousand gross/\$107.5 thousand net in 2010 and \$429.9 thousand gross/\$107.5 thousand net in 2011;

5. City Council continue to invest sufficient municipal funds to maintain and strengthen public health services in Toronto as recommended by the Walker expert panel and the Campbell commission, and to leverage 75 percent provincial funding to promote and protect the health of the Toronto population; and
6. the Board of Health forward this report to the Budget Committee for its consideration during the 2009 budget process.

Summary

Forwarding recommendations from the Board of Health Budget Sub-Committee held on November 12, 2008.

Background Information

Letter from the Board of Health Budget Sub-Committee
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-17432.pdf>)

HL19.7a City of Toronto Environmental Reporting, Disclosure and Innovation Program

Origin

(November 12, 2008) Letter from Board of Health Budget Sub-Committee

Recommendations

The Board of Health Budget Sub-Committee recommended to the Board of Health that the recommendations in the report (October 30, 2008) from the Medical Officer of Health be approved.

Summary

Forwarding the recommendation of the Board of Health Budget Sub-Committee from its meeting held on November 12, 2008.

Background Information

Letter from the Board of Health Budget Sub-Committee
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-17431.pdf>)

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Toronto Bed Bug Project Update

Origin

(November 12, 2008) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Recommendations

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. City Council approve a request for one time emergency funding of \$75,000 gross and net in the Toronto Public Health 2009 Operating Budget to assist vulnerable adults who do not qualify for Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) support, to purchase services to prepare their residences for bed bug pesticide treatment;
2. the Board of Health request the General Manager, Shelter Support and Housing Administration, to request funding for the expansion of the Bug and Scrub initiative, as part of the 2009 Operating Budget process;
3. this report be referred to the Budget Committee for consideration during the 2009 operating budget process;
4. this report be referred to the Greater Toronto Apartment Association, Municipal Licensing and Standards, the Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association and Toronto Community Housing for information; and
5. Ontario to fund bed bug control initiatives for vulnerable populations as part of their poverty reduction strategy.

Summary

This report outlines the progress made by the Toronto Bed Bug Project in the development of a multi-stakeholder, city-wide approach to bed bug control in Toronto. This report also provides a number of specific recommendations and describes proposed strategies that are essential to controlling the spread of bed bugs.

Since the inception of the project in March 2008, Toronto Public Health has inspected more than 50 apartment units with severe infestations and more than 38 vulnerable adults have been assisted in cleaning, preparing and treating their units for bed bugs. In doing so, approximately \$17,000 has been obtained from income support programs for apartment specific clean outs and bed bug pesticide treatments.

TPH has also responded to 1444 requests for service and has delivered more than 50 educational sessions on bed bug prevention and control to a number of community organizations and employee groups.

The Bed Bug Project has developed a number of fact sheets and protocols to support affective approaches to bed bug control. These have been posted on the Toronto Public Health web site (www.toronto.ca/health/bedbugs.htm). The general fact sheet has been translated into 14 languages, and translation of the balance is underway.

While the Toronto Bed Bug Project has made substantial progress, the bed bug problem in Toronto requires further development to achieve an integrated, multi-stakeholder prevention and control strategy, with tangled measures to assist vulnerable adults. It is anticipated that the Bed Bug Project will be reporting to the Board of Health in the Spring of 2009 outlining further recommendations and strategies for bed bug control in Toronto.

Financial Impact

This report includes a request for one time emergency funding in the amount of \$75,000 gross and net to fund bed bug control initiatives for vulnerable adults who do not qualify for OW and ODSP financial support.

The expansion of Bug and Scrub will be the subject of a report from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing to the Budget Committee as part of the 2009 Operating Budget approval process.

All other resources pertaining to the Bed Bug project are within current Operating Budgets.

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

Background Information

Toronto Bed Bug Project Update - Staff Report
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-17412.pdf>)

HL19.8a Toronto Bed Bug Project Update

Origin

(September 23, 2008) Letter from Councillor Howard Moscoe, Ward 15 - Eglinton-Lawrence

Summary

Requesting the Board of Health declare bedbugs to be a health hazard.

Background Information

Letter from Councillor Moscoe, Ward 15 - Eglinton-Lawrence
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-17413.pdf>)