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**Update on City Council Approved Toronto Public Health
2008 Operating Budget**

Date:	April 2, 2008
To:	Board of Health
From:	Medical Officer of Health
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

This report provides the Board of Health (BOH) with an update on the Toronto Public Health (TPH) 2008 Operating Budget approved at the City Council meeting of March 31, 2008.

City Council approved a TPH 2008 Operating Budget of \$219,296.4 thousand gross / \$50,570.9 thousand net, including a base budget of \$219,095.0 thousand gross / \$51,150.9 thousand net and an adjustment of \$201.4 thousand gross / -\$580.0 thousand net relating to base budget changes and service enhancement. This budget represents an increase of \$4,577.0 thousand or 2.1 percent in gross / \$181.3 thousand or 0.4 percent in net expenditures from the 2007 Operating Budget.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of September 19, 2007, the Board of Health recommended to the Budget Committee a TPH 2008 Operating Budget of \$219,095.0 thousand gross / \$51,150.9 thousand net. In addition, TPH identified service reduction options in the 100 percent City funded programs totalling \$753.5 thousand gross / net forwarded to Budget Committee for consideration to meet the City's target of a zero net increase over the 2007 Operating Budget.

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/decisions/2007-09-19-hl07-dd.pdf>

(Human Papillomavirus Vaccination Program Grade 8 Females - 2007/08: HL7.3)

(Toronto Public Health 2007/08 Operating Budget Adjustments: HL7.8)

(Toronto Public Health 2008 Operating Budget Request: HL7.11)

At its meeting of February 11, 2008, the Budget Committee deferred consideration of the service reduction options to the Budget Committee Wrap-Up meeting on February 25, 2008 and requested the Medical Officer of Health to meet with interested Councillors on possible ways to maintain the current level of service for "animal surrender" and "wildlife response".

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/decisions/2008-02-11-bu26-dd.pdf>

(Toronto Public Health 2008 Operating Budget Request: BU26.16)

At its meeting of February 25, 2008, the Budget Committee recommended the two service reduction options (Cease Field Service Response to Injured or Distressed Wildlife and Cease Providing Pet Owner Surrender Services) included in the 2008 Operating Budget for Toronto Public Health (TPH) be reinstated for a net increase of \$551.3 thousand. To partially offset this increase, it was recommended that revenues be increased by \$95.0 thousand from user fees within Animal Services.

The Budget Committee also recommended that the additional service enhancement request of \$833.1 thousand gross / \$0 net for Dog and Cat Licensing Strategy be reduced by \$275.0 thousand gross through deferring the hiring of staff (\$125.0 thousand) and reducing expenditures in advertising/promotions, printing and others (\$150.0 thousand).

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/decisions/2008-02-25-bu27-dd.pdf>

(Review of 2008 Operating Budget: BU27.7)

At its meeting of March 25, 2008, the Executive Committee recommended that Council approve the TPH 2008 Operating Budget of \$219,296.4 thousand gross / \$50,570.9 thousand net.

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/decisions/2008-03-25-ex18-dd.pdf>

(2008 Budget Committee Recommended Operating Budget: EX18.1)

COMMENTS

At its meeting of March 31, 2008, City Council approved a TPH 2008 Operating Budget of \$219,296.4 thousand gross / \$50,570.9 thousand net, including a base budget of \$219,095.0 thousand gross / \$51,150.9 thousand net and an adjustment of \$201.4 thousand gross / -\$580.0 thousand net relating to base budget changes and service enhancement. This budget represents an increase of \$4,577.0 thousand or 2.1 percent in gross / \$181.3 thousand or 0.4 percent in net expenditures from the 2007 Operating Budget.

(\$000s)	2007 Budget	BOH Recommended	City Council Approved			Change from BOH Recommended			Change from 2007 Budget
		2008 Base	2008 Base	2008 Adj.	2008 Total	2008 Base	2008 Adj.	2008 Total	
GROSS EXP.	214,719.4	219,095.0	219,095.0	201.4	219,296.4	0.0	201.4	201.4	4,577.0
REVENUE	164,329.8	167,944.1	167,944.1	781.4	168,725.5	0.0	781.4	781.4	4,395.7
NET EXP.	50,389.6	51,150.9	51,150.9	(580.0)	50,570.9	0.0	(580.0)	(580.0)	181.3
Positions	2,022.5	1,962.0	1,962.0	2.7	1,964.7	0.0	2.7	2.7	(57.8)

The approved TPH 2008 Operating Budget assumes full provincial cost sharing for eligible programs with the related cost sharing formula at 75 percent and includes a maximum growth of five percent in provincial funding that will be considered by the Province. This allows the City of Toronto to leverage provincial funding to promote and protect public health in Toronto.

The City Council approved budget is \$201.4 thousand gross higher and -\$580.0 thousand net lower than the Board of Health Recommended Operating Budget attributable to the base budget changes and service enhancement as summarized in the table below.

Base Budget Changes and Service Enhancement – Approved:

(In \$000s)	Description	2008			2009 Net	
		Position	Gross	Revenue Net		
Base Budget Changes	Outsourcing Larviciding Activities for West Nile Virus Program	(10.0)	(195.6)	(146.7)	(48.9)	
	Adjustment To Salaries and Benefits in 100% City-funded Services		(161.1)		(161.1)	
	Increase in Animal Services User Fees			95.0	(95.0)	(24.0)
	Subtotal of Base Budget Changes	(10.0)	(356.7)	(51.7)	(305.0)	(24.0)
Enhanced Service	Dog and Cat Licensing Strategy Budget Request	12.7	558.1	833.1	(275.0)	
	Total	2.7	201.4	781.4	(580.0)	(24.0)

City Council also requested that the Medical Officer of Health report to the Board of Health at its April 21, 2008 meeting on details in achieving the revenue target of \$95.0 thousand within Toronto Animal Services.

In addition, City Council requested that any year-end deficit resulting from the Dog and Cat Licensing Strategy Budget Request initiative be reported back to Board of Health and the Budget Committee, and funded from within the Toronto Animal Services approved budget for 2008 and beyond.

Service Reduction Options – Not Approved:

The following service reduction options that were identified in the 100 percent City funded programs were not recommended by the Budget Committee at its February 25, 2008 meeting. To compensate for the increased budget pressure, the Budget Committee recommended increasing Toronto Animal Services revenue targets and reducing expenses for Dog and Cat Licensing Strategy.

(In \$000s)	Description	Positions	Gross	Revenue	Net
Reductions	Cease Field Service Response to Injured or Distressed Wildlife	(3.0)	(260.8)		(260.8)
	Cease Providing Pet Owner Surrender Services	(3.0)	(375.1)	(84.6)	(290.5)
	Cease Denture Co-Payment (50% Subsidy)			210.0	(210.0)
	Total	(6.0)	(635.9)	125.4	(761.3)

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