



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Board of Health Representation and Attendance at 2008
Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA)
Meetings**

Date:	January 10, 2008
To:	Board of Health
From:	Medical Officer of Health
Wards:	
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to request that the Board of Health approve the payment of expenses for the participation of Board of Health members at the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA) meetings/conferences for 2008.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. the Board of Health approve the participation of the Board of Health’s representative or alternate at all ALPHA Board meetings, ALPHA Board of Health Section meetings and ALPHA semi-annual meetings/conferences in 2008 and pay expenses associated with this participation; and
2. the Board of Health encourage the participation of its members at any ALPHA Board of Health Section meetings and semi-annual meetings/conferences held in Toronto (see Attachment 1 for the first semi-annual meeting) in 2008 and pay expenses associated with this participation.

Financial Impact

Funds to pay expenses for Board of Health members to attend ALPHA meetings are within the 2008 Recommended Toronto Public Health Operating Budget. The Board of Health approves use of these funds.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Toronto Board of Health is an active member of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA). The Board of ALPHA has an identified position for a representative from the Toronto Board of Health. The current representative is Valerie Sterling. All members of the Toronto Board of Health are members of ALPHA's Board of Health Section. The Medical Officer of Health and Associate Medical Officers of Health with Toronto Public Health are members of the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health (COMOH), the other section of ALPHA. ALPHA holds regular meetings of its Board of Health and COMOH sections, its full membership and its board of directors.

COMMENTS

The Toronto Board of Health member of the ALPHA Board participates in board meetings, Board of Health Section and semi-annual meetings/conferences. Members of the Toronto Board of Health are welcome to attend ALPHA Board of Health Section meetings and semi-annual meetings/conferences. The majority of these meetings are held in Toronto. The Board of Health approves any expenses associated with attendance. To facilitate full participation throughout the year, it is recommended that the Board of Health approve the attendance of its representative on the ALPHA Board or designate for the full year and encourage Board of Health members to attend ALPHA Board of Health Section meetings and semi-annual meetings/conferences held in Toronto.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: 2008 ALPHA Winter Semi-Annual Meeting