

Board of Health

Meeting No.	17	Contact	Candy Davidovits, Committee Administrator
Meeting Date	Thursday, September 18, 2008	Phone	416-392-8032
Start Time	1:00 PM	E-mail	boh@toronto.ca
Location	Committee Room 1, City Hall		

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- *Recommendations of the Board of Health to City Council appear after the item heading.*
- *Any amendments by the Board to recommendations appearing in a staff report are italicized.*
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Minutes Confirmed – July 3, 2008

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Toward A Healthy City: Toronto Public Health Strategic Plan Update

(September 3, 2008) Report from the Medical Officer of Health

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health received, for information, the report (September 3, 2008) from the Medical Officer of Health.

Summary

This report provides an update on the implementation of the Toronto Public Health (TPH) Strategic Plan “Toward a Healthy City” over the past year (2007/08). It outlines selected accomplishments within each of the six Strategic Directions and describes the progress of TPH in achieving the overall mission of improving the health of the whole population while reducing health inequalities.

Background Information

Toward A Healthy City: Toronto Public Health Strategic Plan Update - Staff Report
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-15442.pdf>

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Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination Program

(September 4, 2008) Report from the Medical Officer of Health

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health:

1. requested that the Government of Ontario provide Long-Term funding beyond three years for HPV vaccination programs for grade eight females;
2. requested that the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care provide a short-term HPV catch-up program for females in grades nine to twelve;
3. requested that the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care establish a “once eligible always eligible” policy allowing females currently in grade eight to remain eligible to receive vaccine until they turn 18 years of age;
4. requested that the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care compensate local public health units for the full administrative costs of the program;
5. requested that the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care implement strategies to improve HPV immunization coverage among grade eight females;
6. reiterated its request that the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care evaluate the HPV vaccination program, including surveillance on the rates of precancerous lesions and cervical cancers;
7. *requested that the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care provide resources to community organizations to ensure that a broader public conversation about the potential risks and benefits of the HPV vaccine can take place; that these resources be developed in consultation with the Ministry of Education and local school boards; and that the school boards be kept informed of uptake levels;*

8. forwarded this report to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Minister of Health Promotion, the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario, the Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, the Council of Medical Officers of Health in Ontario, Cancer Care Ontario, the Ontario Public Health Association and the Public Health Agency of Canada; and
9. *requested that the Chair of the Board of Health forward a copy of this report to the Chairs and Trustees of all elected school boards in the City of Toronto to be placed on their agendas.*

Financial Impact

This report will have no financial impact beyond what has already been approved in the Toronto Public Health 2008 Operating Budget.

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

Summary

The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, Gardasil®, has the potential to prevent up to 70% of cervical cancers and 90% of genital warts in Canada. Three doses of vaccine given over a six-month period are needed for full protection.

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) announced funding for a HPV vaccination program in August 2007, after the Federal Government provided \$300 million on a per capita basis over a three year period in March 2007. The Ontario HPV vaccination program offered free HPV vaccine to all grade eight females through school-based clinics administered by local public health units, starting in the 2007-08 school year. The program aims for immunization coverage of 85% to reduce cervical cancers and associated precancerous lesions caused by HPV.

In the 2007-08 school year Toronto Public Health (TPH) offered vaccine to more than 13,000 grade eight females in 401 Toronto schools. The program is voluntary and requires parental consent. By July 1, 2008, TPH vaccinated over 8,000 grade eight females and achieved an uptake of approximately 60% for the first dose. While Toronto's coverage rate is higher than the 53% achieved for the first dose province-wide, it is lower than in other provinces and lower than the provincial goal.

This report provides information on the HPV vaccination program in Toronto. It recommends that the Government of Ontario provide Long-Term funding for the HPV immunization program (beyond three years) and implement a short-term "catch up" for females in grades nine to twelve. It also calls on the MOHLTC to identify ways to improve HPV vaccination coverage among grade eight females, to ensure an evaluation of the program and to compensate public health units for the full administrative costs.

Background Information

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination Program - Staff Report
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-15460.pdf>)

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Diabetes in Toronto

(September 4, 2008) Report from the Medical Officer of Health

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health received, for information, the report (September 4, 2008) from the Medical Officer of Health.

Summary

Diabetes is a major public health challenge and is one of the fastest growing diseases in Canada and around the world. Over two million Canadians are currently living with diabetes and that number is expected to reach three million by 2010¹. People from disadvantaged communities are disproportionately affected. Evidence shows that people living in poverty have higher levels of obesity, physical inactivity, poor nutrition and higher rates of smoking. All of these factors are linked to the risk of diabetes and other chronic diseases.

This report describes the current status of diabetes, its risk factors and those most affected in Toronto. It highlights the integrated approach of Toronto Public Health (TPH) programs and services in addressing these risk factors in order to prevent diabetes and other chronic diseases. Toronto Public Health delivers Chronic Disease Prevention programs through a variety of settings including schools, workplaces and the community, often in partnership with community organizations, City divisions and other orders of government. These programs are aimed at influencing the risk factors for type 2 diabetes and other chronic diseases.

Toronto Public Health has been actively participating in Provincial discussions to address prevention of childhood obesity and Type 2 diabetes in relation to recent provincial funding announcements.

Background Information

Diabetes in Toronto - Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-15461.pdf>

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Toronto Public Health 2008 Operating Budget Adjustments

(September 3, 2008) Report from the Medical Officer of Health

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health recommended to the Budget Committee that:

1. the Toronto Public Health 2008 Operating Budget be increased by \$740.0 thousand gross and \$0.0 net, and a staff increase of 2 permanent and 28 temporary positions, to reflect confirmed funding from the Ministries of Health and Long-Term Care and Children and Youth Services.

Financial Impact

The table below reflects the budget adjustments required resulting from the confirmation of 2008 funds from the Ministries of Health and Long-Term Care and Children and Youth Services.

Table 1

Toronto Public Health – Confirmed Funding for 2008/2009 (\$000)							
Program	2008 Financial Impact Incr. / (Decr.)			2009 Financial Impact Incr. / (Decr.)			Comments
	Positions	Gross	Net	Positions	Gross	Net	
Nursing Graduate Guarantee Initiative	25.0	556.4	0	(25.0)	(235.0)	0	One-time funding to be completed in April 2009
Preschool Speech & Language	3.0	219.0	0		(140.0)	0	Base funding increase of \$79 thousand and one-time funding of \$140 thousand
Infant Hearing	1.0	(85.4)	0		0.0	0	Base Funding increase of \$39.6 thousand and reversal of 2007 one-time funding of \$125.0 thousand
Healthy Babies / Healthy Children	1.0	50.0	0		50.0	0	Base Funding increase
Total – Budget Adjustments	30.0	740.0	0		(325.0)	0	

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) 2008 Operating Budget due to confirmation of funding from two Provincial ministries.

Background Information

Toronto Public Health 2008 Operating Budget Adjustments - Staff Report
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-15443.pdf>

4a Toronto Public Health 2008 Operating Budget Adjustments

(September 16, 2008) Letter from the Board of Health Budget Sub-Committee

Summary

Advising that the Board of Health Budget Sub-Committee, on September 16, 2008, recommended to the Board of Health that the recommendations in the report (September 3, 2008) from the Medical Officer of Health be approved.

Background Information

Letter from the Board of Health Budget Sub-Committee

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-15628.pdf>)

HL17.5	Information	Received		
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Toronto Public Health Operating Budget Variance Report for the Six Months ended June 30, 2008

(September 3, 2008) Report from the Medical Officer of Health

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health received, for information, the report (September 3, 2008) from the Medical Officer of Health.

Summary

This report provides an update to the Board of Health on Toronto Public Health's (TPH) Operating Budget Variance for the six months of operation ending on June 30, 2008 (see Attachment 1).

Toronto Public Health's operating budget was underspent by \$254.6 thousand net or 1.2 percent for the six-month period ending on June 30, 2008.

TPH gross expenditures were below budget by \$2,832.7 thousand or 2.9 percent, attributable to the underspending of \$2,622.7 thousand in Salaries and Benefits and \$210.0 thousand in non-payroll. Revenue was underachieved by \$2,578.1 thousand or 3.3 percent due to under-expenditures in provincial cost shared and fully funded programs, underachievement of Interdepartmental Revenue in the Ontario Works Dental and Investing In Families programs and underspending in capital projects resulting in a favourable variance of transfer funds from capital.

At year-end, TPH expects to be \$2,274.0 thousand gross or 1.1 percent and \$373.7 thousand net or 0.9 percent under the 2008 Operating Budget.

Background Information

Toronto Public Health Operating Budget Variance Report for the Six Months ended June 30, 2008 - Staff Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-15457.pdf>)

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Toronto Public Health's 2009 - 2018 Capital Plan and Forecast Submission

(September 3, 2008) Report from the Medical Officer of Health

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health recommended to the Budget Committee that:

1. City Council approve a 2009 Capital Budget with a total project cost of \$8.133 million and a 2009 cash flow of \$1.614 million and future year commitments of \$6.520 million as detailed in Appendix 3, "Toronto Public Health's 2009 Capital Budget". The 2009 Capital Budget Submission consists of the following:
 - a. new cash flow funding for:
 - i. three new sub-projects and two changes in scope sub-projects with a 2009 total project cost of \$8.133 million that requires cash flow of \$1.614 million in 2009, and future year commitments of \$3.062 million in 2010, \$2.861 million in 2011, and \$0.596 million in 2012; and
 - ii. two previously approved sub-projects with a 2009 cash flow of \$1.885 million and future year commitments of \$0.437 million in 2010.
 - b. 2008 approved cash flow for four previously approved sub-projects, with carry-forward funding from 2008 into 2009, totalling \$1.611 million;
2. City Council approve a 2010-2013 Capital Plan of \$6.743 million with future years estimates of \$0.539 million in 2011, \$2.804 million in 2012 and \$3.400 million in 2013; as outlined in Appendix 1 – Toronto Public Health 2009 Capital Budget and 2010-2018 Capital Plan; and
3. the net operating impacts of \$0.060 million for 2010, \$0.195 million for 2011, \$0.131 million for 2012, \$0.041 million for 2013 emanating from the approval of the 2009 Capital Budget as detailed in Appendix 2, "Toronto Public Health 2010-2018 Operating Budget Impact of Capital" be considered within the future years' Toronto Public Health Operating Budget submissions.

Financial Impact

TPH is submitting a 2009 Capital Budget and 2010 - 2018 Capital Plan and Forecast request of \$34.198 million, including 2009 cash flow of \$3.499 million (excluding the carry forward funding from 2008), which is entirely financed from debt. The approved annual Debt Affordability Target for TPH is \$3.499 million in 2009, \$3.499 million in 2010, and \$3.400 million in each year from 2011 to 2018. The total requested amount for the 2009 Capital Budget, 5-Year Capital Plan (2009- 2013) and 5-Year Capital Forecast (2014-2018) meets the Debt Affordability Target of \$34.198 million as shown in the Table 1 below. The associated

operating impact of these capital projects on the TPH Operating Budget at the end of ten years will be \$3.021 million gross and \$.919 million net for thirteen new positions and ongoing costs for service and maintenance.

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

Summary

This report provides an overview of the Toronto Public Health's (TPH) 2009 Capital Budget, 5-Year Capital Plan (2009-2013) and 5-Year Capital Forecast (2014-2018) Submission for approval.

TPH is submitting a 2009 – 2018 Capital Plan and Forecast request of \$34.198 million, including a 2009 Capital Budget of \$10.455 million and a 2010 – 2018 Capital Plan and Forecast of \$23.743 million. The Debt Affordability Target provided by the City for TPH is \$3.499 million in 2009, \$3.499 million in 2010 and, \$3.400 million in each year from 2011 to 2018 for a total of \$34.198 million.

The 10-Year Capital Plan and Forecast request will provide funding for twelve Information and Technology (IT) projects that support improvement of service delivery with the development and enhancement of systems while complying with provincial mandatory reporting system requirements. The associated operating impact of these twelve IT projects at the end of ten years is \$3.021 million gross and \$.919 million net for thirteen new positions and ongoing costs for service and maintenance.

Background Information

Toronto Public Health's 2009 - 2018 Capital Plan and Forecast Submission - Staff Report
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-15444.pdf>)

Appendix 1

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-15445.pdf>)

Appendix 2

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-15446.pdf>)

Appendix 3

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-15447.pdf>)

6a Toronto Public Health's 2009 - 2018 Capital Plan and Forecast Submission

(September 16, 2008) Letter from the Board of Health Budget Sub-Committee

Summary

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Background Information

Letter from the Board of Health Budget Sub-Committee

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-15629.pdf>)

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Toronto Public Health Capital Budget Variance Report for the Six Months ended June 30, 2008

(September 2, 2008) Report from the Medical Officer of Health

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health received, for information, the report (September 2, 2008) from the Medical Officer of Health.

Summary

This report provides an update to the Board of Health on the Toronto Public Health (TPH) Capital Budget variance for the six month period ended June 30, 2008 (see Appendix 1).

Toronto Public Health spent \$1.165 million or 22 percent of the 2008 approved cash flow of \$5.363 million as of June 30, 2008.

The year-end capital expenditure is projected to be \$3.751 million or 70 percent of the approved cash flow.

Background Information

Toronto Public Health Capital Budget Variance Report for the Six Months ended June 30, 2008 - Staff Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-15458.pdf>)

Appendix 1

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-15459.pdf>)

HL17.8	Information	Received		
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Public Health Response to Recent Toronto Emergencies**Decision Advice and Other Information**

The Board of Health received, for information, the verbal update by the Medical Officer of Health on:

- a. the 2 Second Avenue Fire; and
- b. the Sunrise Propane Explosion.

Summary

The Medical Officer of Health to provide a verbal update on:

- a. 2 Second Avenue; and
- b. Sunrise Propane Explosion.

HL17.9	Information	Amended		
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Listeriosis Outbreak Update

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health:

1. received, for information, the verbal update by the Medical Officer of Health on the Listeriosis outbreak; and
2. requested the Medical Officer of Health to report back to the Board of Health on how the Canadian Food Inspection Agency discloses results of its inspections; and to advise the Board as to the current status of self-regulation in the food industry.

Summary

Verbal update by the Medical Officer of Health.

HL17.10	Information	Received		
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Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Update

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health received, for information, the verbal update by Dr. Barbara Yaffe, Associate Medical Officer of Health, on the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness.

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Verbal update by the Medical Officer of Health

HL17.11	Information	Amended		
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Making Healthy Communities Count - A Public Health Summit (October 26 - 29, 2008) - Niagara Falls, ON

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health supported the attendance of two citizen members of the Board at the Ontario Public Health Association conference "Making Healthy Communities Count: A Public Health Summit" to be held October 26-29, 2008, in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Summary

Information relating to the Making Healthy Communities Count - A Public Health Summit to be held October 26 - 29, 2008, in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Background Information

OPHA Conference - Attachment 1 - Conference Overview

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-15467.pdf>)

OPHA Conference - Attachment 2 - Program

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-15468.pdf>)

OPHA Conference - Attachment 3 - Goal, Objectives, Themes

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-15469.pdf>)

OPHA Conference - Attachment 4 - Registration Information

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-15470.pdf>)

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Determinants of Our Health: Toronto in a Global Village Symposium (October 30 - 31, 2008) - Toronto

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health supported attendance at the "Determinants of our Health: Toronto in a Global Village Symposium" (October 30 - 31, 2008) for interested Board members and up to two members from each Local Health Committee.

Summary

Information relating to the Determinants of Our Health: Toronto in a Global Village Symposium to be held October 30 - 31, 2008, in Toronto.

Background Information

Determinants of Our Health: Toronto in a Global Village Symposium Notice

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-15462.pdf>)

HL17.13	ACTION	Adopted		
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Public Health Nursing Leadership Initiatives

(September 10, 2008) Report from the Medical Officer of Health

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health recommended to the Budget Committee that:

1. Toronto Public Health's 2008 Council Approved Operating Budget be increased by \$60,000 gross and \$0.0 net to reflect 100% funding received from St. Elizabeth Health Care for Nursing Leadership Development Initiatives; and
2. the Medical Officer of Health be authorized to send two Toronto Public Health staff to the Dorothy M. Wylie Nursing Leadership Institute and two Toronto Public Health staff to the Health Leaders Institute in Toronto for leadership development training at a cost of up to \$3,900 per employee at a total cost of up to \$15,600.

Financial Impact

A budget adjustment of \$60,000 gross and \$0.0 net to Toronto Public Health's 2008 Approved Operating Budget is required to reflect the confirmed one-time funding from St. Elizabeth Health Care for Leadership Development Initiatives. These funds will be reversed in the 2009 operating budget.

The cost of the leadership development training for four Toronto Public Health management staff at the Dorothy M. Wylie Nursing Leadership Institute and the Health Leaders Institute in the amount of up to \$15,600 will be funded 100% from the Nursing Leadership Development Initiatives.

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 secure Council approval to increase Toronto Public Health's 2008 Operating Budget to reflect funding of \$60,000 from St. Elizabeth Health Care for nursing leadership development initiatives and obtain authorization for four management staff to attend a leadership development training at a cost of up to \$3,900 each for a total cost of \$15,600 to be funded 100% from the nursing leadership development initiatives.

Toronto Public Health is collaborating with St. Elizabeth Health Care and Women's College Hospital on an innovative project to create and sustain nursing leadership throughout the health care system through effective succession planning strategies.

St. Elizabeth Health Care, on behalf of the project received \$300,000 from the Ministry of Health, Healthforce Ontario. Of this amount, Toronto Public Health received \$60,000 for

nursing leadership development initiatives. Healthforce Ontario is the province's strategy to ensure that Ontarians have access to the right number and mix of qualified healthcare providers, now and in the future.

The leadership development training is for two Toronto Public Health managers at the Dorothy M. Wylie Leadership Institute and two Toronto Public Health managers at the Health Care Leaders Institute amounting to approximately \$15,600 that will be funded 100% from the \$60,000 received from St. Elizabeth Health Care.

Background Information

Public Health Nursing Leadership Initiatives

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-15554.pdf>)

HL17.14	ACTION	Amended		
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Request to Allocate Funds in 2009 Operating Budget to Establish an "Emergency Bed Bug Fund"

(September 18, 2008) Letter from Councillor Paula Fletcher

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health received, for information, the letter (September 18, 2008) from Councillor Fletcher.

Summary

Asking that the Board of Health through the 2009 Budget process allocate funds to establish an 'Emergency Bed Bug Fund' to quickly assist the most vulnerable residents in the eradication and ongoing prevention of re-infestation.

HL17.15	ACTION	Adopted		
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Dental Care for Low Income Families in Ontario

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health approved the following resolution:

"WHEREAS low income Ontarians in need of dental care to relieve pain and suffering require assistance now;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health urge the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, the Provincial Poverty Reduction Committee and the Premier of Ontario to

immediately implement the dental program for low income families as promised in the 2008 provincial budget.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the alPHa Public Health Summit - Resolutions Selection meeting, for advocacy; and to all Public Health Units in Ontario for their support."

Summary

Valerie Sterling submitted a resolution regarding dental care for low income families in Ontario.

Meeting Sessions

Session Date	Session Type	Start Time	End Time	Public or Closed Session
2008-09-18	Afternoon	1:10 PM	2:50 PM	Public