
Board of Health

Meeting No.	26	Contact	Candy Davidovits, Committee Administrator
Meeting Date	Monday, November 16, 2009	Phone	416-392-8032
Start Time	1:00 PM	E-mail	boh@toronto.ca
Location	Committee Room 2, City Hall	Chair	Councillor John Filion

	Board of Health	
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Communications/Reports

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Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Update**Summary**

The Medical Officer of Health will give an update on Pandemic Influenza Preparedness.

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The Affordability of the Nutritious Food Basket in Toronto - 2009**Origin**

(November 3, 2009) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Recommendations

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. The Board of Health request that the provincial government raise social assistance rates based on the real cost of healthy living, including nutritious food, and indexed annually to reflect inflation.
2. The Chair of the Board of Health and the Medical Officer of Health, together with the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, and representatives from the “Do the Math” Campaign and the “Put Food in the Budget” Campaign, meet with the Minister of Community and Social Services, the Minister of Children and Youth Services and the Minister of Health Promotion, to urge them to ensure access to safe, nutritious and culturally-acceptable food for all Ontarians and to link the results of the Nutritious Food Basket survey across Ontario with the implementation of Breaking the Cycle: Ontario’s Poverty Reduction Strategy and the ongoing review of social assistance, in accordance with the consultation requirements noted in the Poverty Reduction Act (2009).
3. The Chair of the Board of Health and the Medical Officer of Health request that the President and Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Surveillance and Epidemiology of the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion (OAHPP) explore the development of a long-term system to monitor access to safe, nutritious and culturally-acceptable food.

4. The Board of Health forward this report to the following key stakeholders: the City of Toronto's Community Development and Recreation Committee; the General Managers of Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, Children's Services, Employment and Social Services, Long-term Care Homes and Services, and Parks, Forestry and Recreation; the Ontario Ministers of Health Promotion, Community and Social Services, Children and Youth Services and Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada; the Ontario Agency of Health Protection and Promotion; the Office of Nutrition Policy and Promotion at Health Canada; the Association of Local Public Health Agencies; the Ontario Public Health Association; Ontario Boards of Health; the Association of Ontario Health Centres; the Ontario Society of Nutrition Professionals in Public Health and Dietitians of Canada.

Summary

This report provides information on the affordability of the Nutritious Food Basket (NFB) in Toronto for 2009. It recommends several government actions to improve access to adequate amounts of safe, nutritious and culturally-acceptable food, particularly for those living in poverty.

Since 1999, public health units have calculated the cost of the NFB using a standard tool and protocol. Using the standard tool, the average weekly cost of the NFB for a family of four in Toronto in May 2009 was \$146.37 (\$633.78/month), representing an increase of 7.4% from 2008. Increases in the price of vegetables and fruits were the main contributor.

In the past year, Health Canada revised the NFB tool to bring it in line with the updated *Canada's Food Guide*. The new NFB is based on new food consumption data, and includes different age and gender reference groups, different foods and a revised protocol for selecting foods at grocery stores (1). The Ministry of Health Promotion added the updated tool in the revised *Ontario Public Health Standards*. Based on the new tool, the average weekly cost of the NFB for a family of four in Toronto in May 2009 was \$164.18 (\$710.90/month). This is higher than the figure calculated using the old tool because of changes to the NFB foods, gender and age categories, and the mechanism used to select foods.

The price of healthy food remains out of reach for many low income families. The current recession has led to increases in unemployment and more people relying on social assistance, making healthy food access even more difficult. Low wages and inadequate social assistance rates, and the high costs of housing, childcare and other fixed essentials, are the key obstacles to accessing healthy food for these families.

The provincial government has not sufficiently improved social assistance rates, despite the launch of Ontario's *Poverty Reduction Strategy*. In addition, Ontario has no long-term system to monitor access to healthy food, hampering efforts to identify trends and evaluate policies and programs. Growing public awareness of food system issues, sustainable living and the local food environment, may drive change in this area.

Although Boards of Health in Ontario have been required to complete an annual NFB survey since 1999, far too many Toronto families continue to struggle to put food on the table. In recent years the provincial government has made some improvements such as small increases to social assistance, introducing Ontario's *Poverty Reduction Strategy* and the Ontario Child

Benefit (OCB). Governments must continue to be urged to take effective steps to ensure access and affordability to safe, nutritious and culturally-acceptable food for everyone.

Financial Impact

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Background Information

hl26.2 - The Affordability of the Nutritious Food Basket in Toronto - 2009 - Staff Report
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-25078.pdf>

HL26.3	ACTION			Ward: All
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Update on the Metrolinx Georgetown South Service Expansion and Union-Pearson Rail Link

Origin

(November 2, 2009) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Recommendations

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. The Board of Health request the Ontario Minister of the Environment to ask Metrolinx to defer purchasing diesel locomotives for any part of the proposed Georgetown South Expansion and Air-Rail Link until the following information is made available for public consideration and comment, and review by the Minister:
 - a. all additional studies, analyses and public consultation related to the development of a revised mitigation plan to address risks to human health, and an ambient air monitoring and reporting plan, as required by the Ontario Minister of the Environment in his October 5, 2009 “Notice to proceed with transit project subject to conditions”;
 - b. a Health Impact Assessment as part of Condition 5 (to “conduct further studies and analyses in order to supplement the information contained in the Environmental Project Report (EPR) related to predicted human health risks”), conducted in consultation with the Medical Officer of Health, which examines the distribution in the community of risks and benefits from the proposed rail expansion, and takes into account pre-existing gradients in health status; and
 - c. a monitoring program for ultrafine particulate matter (PM_{0.1}) that characterizes baseline concentrations and concentration gradients.

2. The Board of Health urge Metrolinx to strengthen the planned GO System Electrification Study by:
 - a. developing a risk analysis framework for integrating the environmental, health, social and economic impacts associated with each train technology option that is explicit, and open to public review;

- b. broadening the assessment of health impacts associated with train technology options from the quantitative human health risk assessment (HHRA) approach used in the Georgetown South study to one that encompasses Health Impact Assessment (HIA) methods; and
 - c. comparing the total cost of train expansion options between investing in electrification now versus use of Tier 4 compliant diesel technology as an interim strategy, with electrification later.
3. The Board of Health request the Ontario Minister of the Environment to put the following information on the Environmental Registry in order to increase transparency and enforceability of the conditions specified in the Minister's October 5, 2009 Notice regarding Metrolinx' proposed train expansion:
 - a. the health assessment, air monitoring, air modelling studies and mitigation plans, required in conditions 5, 7, 8, 11, 13 and 16; and
 - b. the results of the GO System Electrification Study, given that condition 4 indicates that Metrolinx should make available to the public any consideration of the use of new technologies that become commercially available and that could reduce air emissions from the trains.
4. The Board of Health request the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario (ECO) to give consideration to making a special report to the Speaker of the Assembly on the public process employed by Metrolinx, and the environmental significance of technology choices such as diesel expansion versus electrification of the commuter rail system.
5. The Board of Health forward this report to:
 - a. the Clean Train Coalition, the Environmental Health Association of Ontario, the Mount Dennis Community Association and the Weston Community Coalition;
 - b. the Medical Officers of Health for Halton and Peel Regions;
 - c. the Ontario Ministers of Health and Long-Term Care, and Transportation
 - d. the Toronto District School Board and Toronto District Catholic School Board;
 - e. the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario;
 - f. the Premier of Ontario;
 - g. the Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament for the Metrolinx Study Area; and,
 - h. the Federal Ministers of the Environment and Transportation.
6. The Board of Health forward this report to the Parks and Environment Committee for information.

Summary

Metrolinx is proposing a significant expansion of regional passenger rail service starting in 2015 and resulting in an almost ten-fold increase in the number of trains on the Georgetown South corridor and a separate Air-Rail Link between Pearson Airport and Union Station. The project has been subject to public review under Ontario's new Transit Project Assessment Process for the past six months.

Throughout this public review, the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) and many of the communities along the rail corridor have expressed concern over the adverse air quality and human health impacts that Metrolinx predicts will occur from this rail expansion. The MOH's recommendations have included further studies and using electric locomotives instead of diesel.

On October 5, 2009, Ontario Environment Minister John Gerretsen concluded the Transit Project Assessment Process by permitting Metrolinx to continue with the proposed project, under certain conditions, such as requiring certain locomotives to be compliant with American Tier 4 diesel standards.

The impact of the Minister's conditions on the predicted air quality and health impacts of the diesel rail expansion have not yet been determined. This report requests the Environment Minister to ask Metrolinx to defer purchasing diesel trains for the service expansion in the Georgetown South corridor until the further studies specified in the Minister's notice of conditions, as well as the proposed electrification study, have been completed and made available for full public consultation and review. Based on existing information, electrification of the proposed rail line continues to be the mitigation option that most clearly addresses the predicted air quality and health impacts. Whether other mitigation options could reduce these air quality and health impacts to an acceptable level remains to be demonstrated.

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts of these recommendations.

Background Information

hl26.3 - Update on the Metrolinx Georgetown South Service Expansion and Union-Pearson Rail Link - Staff Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-25065.pdf>)

hl26.3 - Attachment - Letter from the Ontario Minister of the Environment

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-25066.pdf>)

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Update on Air Pollution from Toronto's Airports

Origin

(October 27, 2009) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Summary

Many activities at airports have potential environmental health impacts, including contributing to local air pollution. Some of these impacts can be reduced by implementing environmental plans and programs. Although airports are not required by any authority to report on environmental initiatives they may be undertaking, they may choose to make this information available to the public.

The two main airports in Toronto are Toronto Pearson International Airport and the Toronto City Centre Airport. The Medical Officer of Health previously reported on air quality at these airports in June 2008. Where possible, this report updates information about voluntary actions by the airports to reduce emissions.

The Greater Toronto Airport Authority (GTAA) has a comprehensive environmental program for Toronto Pearson International Airport. To reduce emissions, they are working to decrease energy use, reduce emissions from aircraft and vehicles, and support environmental activities in the local business community.

The Medical Officer of Health previously reported that there is not enough information on activities at the Toronto City Centre Airport to describe specific air pollution sources or mitigation measures. The Toronto City Centre Airport did not provide Toronto Public Health with any new information for this report.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications arising from the adoption of this report.

Background Information

hl26.4 - Update on Air Pollution from Toronto's Airports - Staff Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-25021.pdf>)

hl26.4 - Attachment - Letter from the Greater Toronto Airports Authority

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-25022.pdf>)

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Improving Toronto's Idling Control Bylaw

Origin

(November 2, 2009) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Recommendations

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. City Council grant authority to introduce the necessary bill in Council to amend Municipal Code Chapter 517, Idling of Vehicles and Boats, and to adopt the draft bylaw as attached to this report.
2. The Board of Health forward this report to the Toronto Police Services Board and the Toronto Transit Commission for information.

Summary

Toronto Public Health led a review of Toronto's idling control bylaw to determine how it could be improved. The review considered the benefits of reducing idling of vehicles, idling control bylaws in other jurisdictions, reasons why people idle, and information gathered during stakeholder consultations.

Consultation with stakeholders indicated that the bylaw could be more effective if it was easier to understand and easier for the City to enforce. Suggestions for improvement included decreasing the allowed idling time, clarifying the language in the bylaw, removing some of the exemptions, and strengthening enforcement.

A revised bylaw would offer the opportunity to renew efforts to reduce idling in Toronto. Education and outreach could increase public knowledge about the impact of idling on greenhouse gas emissions and target specific areas or sectors which are a consistent source of complaints.

Financial Impact

Changes to the idling control bylaw will require amendments to educational materials currently distributed by Transportation Services and Toronto Public Health. This includes pamphlets, web-based information, and signs. The total cost of updating the educational material is estimated at \$14,700.

Transportation Services will provide \$4,700 in their 2010 Operating Budget to cover sign revisions. The cost of updating other educational materials, estimated at \$10,000 will be split 50/50 between Transportation Services and Toronto Public Health, and will be absorbed within their respective 2010 Operating Budgets.

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

Background Information

hl26.5 - Improving Toronto's Idling Control Bylaw - Staff Report
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-25050.pdf>)

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Toronto Public Health's Response to Bed Bugs

Origin

(November 3, 2009) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Recommendations

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. Toronto Public Health support the Toronto Bed Bug Project in 2010 through the continued reallocation of resources.
2. The Board of Health reiterate its request to the Government of Ontario to fund bed bug control initiatives for vulnerable populations as part of their poverty reduction strategy.

3. The Toronto Bed Bug Project provide an annual report in the fall of 2010 on progress to date.
4. Copies of this report to be forwarded to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation, The Greater Toronto Apartment Association and the Ontario Non Profit Housing Association for information.

Summary

Bed bug infestations continue to be problematic for residents of Toronto and are of particular concern for Toronto's most vulnerable residents. Over the last eighteen months Toronto Public Health (TPH) has worked closely with community stakeholders and other city divisions to develop a city-wide integrated response to manage the bed bug problem in Toronto.

This report is a companion document to the Toronto Bed Bug Project's report, "Bed Bugs in Toronto - Developing an Effective Response" (Attachment 1). This report also outlines TPH's response to the bed bug problem in Toronto and recommends continued support of the Toronto Bed Bug Project into 2010.

TPH work in addressing the bed bug problem in Toronto is presently funded through reallocation of resources from other mandated programs. This is not sustainable in the long term.

Since the establishment of the Toronto Bed Bug Project in March 2008, TPH has responded to 2266 requests for service from the public, undertaken more than 90 education seminars reaching over 2000 members of the public and inspected 3000 apartment units. In addition, working closely with the Bug and Scrub Team, TPH has assisted more than 65 vulnerable residents with extreme cleaning in preparation for bed bug pesticide treatment of their units.

It is recommended that TPH continue to be an active partner in the Toronto Bed Bug Project (TBBP) in 2010. The efforts of the Project's workgroups together with the work currently being undertaken in five pilot projects continues and these efforts have resulted in the development and implementation of a number of successful bed bug control strategies.

Bed bugs remain an extremely challenging pest to eradicate. The management of bed bugs requires adequate financial resources plus supports and co-operation of those affected. The work of the Toronto Bed Bug Project is not yet complete and it is essential that all partners remain engaged in 2010 in order to continue to develop effective and comprehensive responses to bed bugs. This will build knowledge and experience at the municipal and community level.

Financial Impact

In 2009, City Council approved one-time funding of \$75,000 to be absorbed by Toronto Employment and Social Services (TESS), TPH and Shelter, Support and Housing Administration (SSHA), split equally at \$25,000 per program within each Program's 2009 Approved Operating Budget.

The TPH Bed Bug Unit in 2009 has been supported by three Public Health Inspectors and two Public Health Nurses who have been re-assigned to this work from the Health Hazard and the Vulnerable Adults programs. These resources will continue to support the Bed Bug Project in

2010 and the estimated cost of continuing this project is \$500,000 gross and \$125,000 net which will be absorbed within TPH 2010 Operating Budget. TPH will continue to work with TESS and SSHA in the delivery of this program in 2010.

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

Background Information

hl26.6 - Toronto Public Health's Response to Bed Bugs - Staff Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-25109.pdf>)

hl26.6 - Attachment 1 - Bed Bugs in Toronto - Developing an Effective Response (October 2009)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-25110.pdf>)

hl26.6 - Attachment 2 - Letter from Toronto Community Housing entitled " Pest Management Program"

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-25111.pdf>)

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Built Environment and Health Project Funding

Origin

(November 3, 2009) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Recommendations

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. City Council approve an increase of \$25.4 thousand gross and \$0.0 net budget to Toronto Public Health's 2009 Operating Budget and the addition of one temporary position to reflect confirmed 2009 funding from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, the lead agency for Coalition Linking Action and Science Prevention (CLASP) funding.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of Health about Toronto Public Health's (TPH) participation in a partnership with a pan-Canadian group of agencies in the Built Environment and Health initiative. The initiative is funded through Coalitions Linking Action and Science for Prevention (CLASP), overseen by the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (CPAC). There is growing evidence that many features of the built environment affect the health of the public and have generated health inequalities within urban populations. The Built Environment and Health project will make health-based decision support tools available to policy makers and land use planners, improving understanding of the relationship between the built environment and health, and fostering collaboration among non-governmental organizations, the public health community and planning professionals in promoting urban sustainability and good health.

CLASP, through the lead agency, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, will provide TPH with total funding of \$199.9 thousand, covering the period October 2009 to March 2012.

Financial Impact

Funding for the CLASP project will be administered through the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada. TPH's total share for the period October 2009 to March 2012 will be \$199,932.

The table below summarizes the annual cash flow for the duration of the project. For 2009, a budget adjustment of \$25.4 thousand gross and \$0.0 net is required to Toronto Public Health's 2009 Operating Budget. In 2010 an additional \$41.6 thousand gross and \$0.0 net will be added.

CLASP FUNDING 2009 – 2012			
Year	Gross \$	Revenue \$	Net \$
2009	25,404	25,404	0.0
2010	66,985	66,985	0.0
2011	84,039	84,039	0.0
2012	23,504	23,504	0.0
Total	199,932	199,932	0.0

The project will require the addition of one temporary position that will be funded 100 percent from the CLASP project.

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

Background Information

hl26.7 - Built Environment and Health Project Funding - Staff Report
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-25083.pdf>

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Toronto Public Health and University of Toronto Affiliation Agreement

Origin

(November 3, 2009) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Recommendations

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. The City of Toronto enter into an affiliation agreement with the University of Toronto to describe and clarify the relationship between the two organizations regarding their common interests in the education of health professionals in public health and related sciences, and research and research training.
2. City Council grant authority to the Medical Officer of Health to execute an affiliation agreement with the University of Toronto in the form or substantially in the form of the agreement in Attachment 1 to this report.

Summary

This report requests authority to enter into an affiliation agreement between the City of Toronto and the University of Toronto (U of T). The affiliation agreement will govern placement of approximately 175 University of Toronto students at Toronto Public Health (TPH) each year. These students come primarily from faculties of dentistry, medicine, nursing, nutrition and social work.

Continuous learning is integral to the effectiveness of public health practice. Stronger links with the Dalla Lana School of Public Health and other University of Toronto faculties and programs will enhance knowledge, training and research exchange in areas of shared interest. Additionally, academic affiliations and cross-appointments will provide professional development opportunities for individual staff providing a more seamless flow between research, policy and practice.

The affiliation agreement between the Governing Council of the University of Toronto and the City of Toronto will guide relations between the University and Toronto Public Health, encourage further collaboration, and support staff recruitment through the training of future public health practitioners.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact beyond what has already been approved in the current year's budget.

Background Information

h126.8 - Toronto Public Health and University of Toronto Affiliation Agreement - Staff Report (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/h1/bgrd/backgroundfile-25081.pdf>)

h126.8 - Attachment 1 - Draft Agreement between the Governing Council of the University of Toronto and the City of Toronto (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/h1/bgrd/backgroundfile-25082.pdf>)

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Budget Adjustment to the Toronto Public Health 2009 Operating Budget for the Medical Officer of Health and Associate Medical Officer of Health Compensation Initiative

Origin

(October 26, 2009) Report from City Manager

Recommendations

The City Manager recommends that:

1. The Board of Health confirm its approval to apply for 100 per cent provincial funds to increase Medical Officer of Health/Associate Medical Officer of Health compensation in accordance with the Physician Services Agreement between the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Ontario Medical Association ratified in October 2008 with an effective term of April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2012.
2. City Council increase the Toronto Public Health 2009 Operating Budget by \$547.1 thousand gross and \$0.0 net which is an estimate of the total increase in 2009 salaries and benefits for the MOH and AMOHs that will be provided in the Funding Agreement to be issued by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care before the end of 2009.
3. City Council authorize the City Manager to approve any further adjustment that may be required to the TPH 2009 Operating Budget for 100 per cent provincial funds based on the MOH/AMOH Compensation Funding Agreement received from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.
4. This report be forwarded to the City Council meeting of November 30, 2009.

Summary

Medical Officer of Health (MOH) and Associated Medical Officer of Health (AMOH) vacancies are a significant and longstanding issue in the Ontario public health system. The recruitment and retention of MOHs and AMOHs in Ontario is considered essential to public health renewal. To address these issues the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) and the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) have agreed to increase compensation levels for MOHs and AMOHs to encourage recruitment and retention. This has been accomplished through the 2008 Physician Services Agreement that was ratified by the OMA's members in October 2008.

The purpose of this report is to seek confirmation from the Board of Health to apply for 100 per cent provincial funds that will increase the MOH and AMOH compensation within the provisions included in the 2008 Physician Services Agreement between the MOHLTC and the OMA.

This report also seeks City Council approval for a budget adjustment to the Toronto Public Health (TPH) 2009 Operating Budget for the additional 100 per cent funding allocation from the MOHLTC for the increased compensation levels for eligible MOHs and AMOHs.

Financial Impact

The table below summarizes the requested 100 percent provincially funded budget adjustment to the TPH 2009 Operating Budget.

Physician Services Agreement (\$000)	2009	2010	2011
Gross	547.1	196.7	96.5
Revenue	547.1	196.7	96.5
Net	0.0	0.0	0.0

The current 75/25 cost sharing arrangement with the province will continue for the base compensation for the MOH and AMOHs. The province will provide 100 per cent of the additional funds required to implement the MOH/AMOH Compensation Funding Agreement so that there is no impact on the non-provincial portion of the budgets for boards of health in the province including Toronto Public Health. Benefit levels will also be maintained with additional costs fully funded by the MOHLTC.

The Boards of Health in the province will not be obligated to compensate MOHs/AMOHs on a cost-shared basis at the higher salary levels when the Agreement for the 100 per cent provincial funding ends in March 31, 2012. Although the MOHLTC cannot guarantee the continuation of the provisions for MOH/AMOH compensation negotiated in the 2008 Physician Services Agreement, it is likely that provisions for MOH/AMOH compensation will be considered in the negotiation of the 2012 Physician Services Agreement.

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

Background Information

hl26.9 - Budget Adjustment to the Toronto Public Health 2009 Operating Budget for the MOH/AMOH Compensation Initiative - Staff Report
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-25029.pdf>

9a Budget Adjustment to the Toronto Public Health 2009 Operating Budget for the Medical Officer of Health/Associate Medical Officer of Health Compensation Initiative

Origin

(November 5, 2009) 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 26, 2009) from the City Manager be approved.

Summary

The Board of Health Budget Sub-Committee on November 5, 2009, considered a report (October 26, 2009) from the City Manager, addressed to the Board of Health, entitled “Budget Adjustment to the Toronto Public Health 2009 Operating Budget for the Medical Officer of Health/Associate Medical Officer of Health Compensation Initiative”.

Background Information

h126.9a - Letter from the Board of Health Budget Sub-Committee
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-25136.pdf>

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Toronto Public Health Capital Budget Variance Report for the Nine Months Ended September 25, 2009

Origin

(October 21, 2009) Report from 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 nine-month period ended September 25, 2009.

Toronto Public Health spent \$1.879 million or 33.1 percent of the 2009 approved cash flow of \$5.670 million as of September 25, 2009.

The year-end capital expenditure is projected to be \$3.398 million or 59.9 percent of the approved cash flow.

Financial Impact

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

Background Information

h126.10 - Toronto Public Health Capital Budget Variance Report for the Nine Months Ended September 25, 2009 - Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-25026.pdf>

h126.10 - Attachment 1

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-25027.pdf>

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Toronto Public Health Operating Budget Variance Report for the Nine Months ended September 30, 2009

Origin

(October 21, 2009) Report from 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 nine months of operation ending on September 30, 2009.

Toronto Public Health's operating budget was under spent by \$86.1 thousand net or 0.3 percent for the nine-month period ending on September 30, 2009.

TPH gross expenditures were below budget by \$9,275.2 thousand or 6.0 percent, attributable to the underspending of \$2,385.8 thousand in Salaries and Benefits and \$6,889.4 thousand in non-payroll. Revenue was underachieved by \$9,198.1 thousand or 7.4 percent due to under-expenditures in provincial cost shared and fully funded programs, including Children in Need of Dental Treatment (CINOT) Expansion.

At year-end, TPH expects to be underspent due a delay in implementing the CINOT Expansion. The H1N1 outbreak response in the last quarter of the year is not expected to have a net impact on TPH's financial results for the year.

Financial Impact

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

Background Information

hl26.11 - Toronto Public Health Operating Budget Variance Report for the Nine Months ended September 30, 2009 - Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-25028.pdf>

hl26.11 - Attachment 1

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-25144.pdf>

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Etobicoke/York Local Health Committee Minutes

Summary

- Minutes of the Etobicoke/York Local Health Committee meeting held on February 5, 2009.

Background Information

hl26.12 - Etobicoke/York Local Health Committee

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-25076.pdf>

HL26.13	Information			Ward: All
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Toronto/East York Local Health Committee Minutes**Summary**

- Minutes of the Toronto/East York Local Health Committee meeting held on April 14, 2009
- Minutes of the Toronto/East York Local Health Committee meeting held on June 9, 2009
- Minutes of the Toronto/East York Local Health Committee meeting held on September 15, 2009

Background Information

hl26.13 - Toronto/East York Local Health Committee Minutes - April 14, 2009

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-25030.pdf>

hl26.13 - Toronto Local Health Committee Minutes - June 9, 2009

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-25031.pdf>

hl26.13 - Toronto/East York Local Health Committee Minutes - September 15, 2009

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-25032.pdf>

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Clean Air Checklist**Origin**

(October 13, 2009) Letter from Councillor Paula Fletcher, Ward 30, Toronto-Danforth

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher recommends that the Board of Health forward the Clean Air Checklist to local community health groups for their information.

Summary

Councillor Paula Fletcher advising that the South Riverdale Community Health Centre and the Ontario Healthy Schools Coalition have produced a “Clean Air Checklist” to help raise awareness about indoor air quality issues and assist teachers in improving the air quality in their classrooms. The Checklist provides simple and easy suggestions for teachers and students who are seeking to contribute to environmental health.

Background Information

hl26.14 - Letter from Councillor Paula Fletcher

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-25024.pdf>)

hl26.14 - Clean Air Checklist

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-25025.pdf>)

HL26.15	ACTION			Ward: All
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Street Food Pilot Project Update**Summary**

A report from the Medical Officer of Health on this matter will be sent out as soon as it is available.