
Board of Health

Meeting No. 26
Meeting Date Monday, November 16, 2009
Start Time 1:00 PM
Location Committee Room 2, City Hall

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Street Food Pilot Project Update

Public Notice Given

Origin

(November 10, 2009) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Recommendations

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. City Council approve the street vending location fees for 2010 for existing locations as set out in Attachment A of this report.
2. City Council direct that the Vendor agreements be amended to allow the fee to be payable as follows: 10% of the annual amount payable on the last working day of April, and 30% of the annual amount payable on the last working day of each of June, August and October.
3. City Council direct that the Toronto a la Cart pilot project:
 - a. include new vending locations and fees as set out in Attachment B of this report; and
 - b. offer the first right of refusal for the new approved locations to the eight current Toronto a la Cart vendors for the remaining term of their Licence Agreements.
4. City Council approve the transfer of all authority with respect to the implementation and administration of the Street Food Pilot Projects previously delegated to the Medical Officer of Health to the General Manager, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

5. City Council approve the transfer of the recommended 2010 budget of \$50,000 gross and \$0 net for the pilot projects from Toronto Public Health to Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.
6. City Council direct that amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 738 be made as required to implement the recommendations in this report, including:
 - a. the requirement that the Toronto a la Cart owner shall personally operate the cart for a minimum of 70% of the hours of operation be reduced from 70% to 50%; and
 - b. deleting the restriction that each Toronto a la Cart vendor may only employ up to three assistants; and
 - c. revising the description of the Queen's Park location in Schedule A to read as follows: "Queen's Park (City owned parkland) west side of Queen's Park Crescent West at Hoskin Avenue (signalized intersection)"; and
 - d. replacing as necessary all references to the "Medical Officer of Health" with "General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism" as the official with responsibility for the implementation and administration of the project; and
 - e. adding the new Toronto a la Cart vending locations as recommended in this report; and
 - f. adding the location fees for 2010 as set out in Attachments A and B to this report.
7. City Council direct that amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 441 be made as required to add the location fees for 2010 as set out in Attachments A and B to this report.
8. City Council grant permission to the Toronto a la Cart vendor temporarily relocated to the northwest corner of University Avenue and College Street to remain there for the remaining two years of the current Licence Agreement.
9. City Council direct the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division to review the categories and fees for both Non-Motorized Refreshment Vehicles Licences and for Assistant's Licences with a view to making it easier and more cost effective for Assistants to obtain licences.
10. This report to be forwarded directly to Council for consideration at its next meeting on November 30, 2009.

Summary

At the request of the Executive Committee, Toronto Public Health designed and implemented a number of street food vending pilot projects to assess the impact of introducing new street

foods at mobile vending carts. “Toronto a la Cart”, a pilot project for new street food vendors, was approved for up to fifteen vendors and has been implemented with eight vendors. Based on the first five months of operation, it is evident that location, product, and marketing are the critical success factors for street vending. From a food safety perspective, this pilot demonstrates that food safety risk can be minimized if vendors implement the necessary precautions. This report recommends location fee adjustments, new Toronto a la Cart locations, and modifications to the regulations governing this initiative.

In another pilot initiative, up to 15 existing hot dog and sausage vendors were invited to add new healthier foods to their carts. However, after two attempts to find interested vendors, there were no project applicants. This report concludes that the cost and the limited variety of allowable foods made the project unattractive to these vendors.

Staff also investigated the potential of implementing healthy street food pilots with appropriate not-for-profit organizations. Although there is support among these non-governmental organizations for the street food vending initiatives, all agree that without financial assistance it is not possible for not-for-profit organizations to participate at the current time.

This report requests that the administrative responsibility for the street food vending pilot projects be transferred from Toronto Public Health to Economic Development, Culture and Tourism division starting in January 2010, and that the recommended funding of \$50,000 gross and revenue in 2010 also be transferred to Economic, Development, Culture and Tourism.

Financial Impact

Toronto Public Health’s 2009 Approved Operating Budget included funding of \$86,000 gross and \$0 net and one temporary Project Manager position for the Toronto Street Food Pilot. Based on five months of operation, Toronto Public Health has determined that project administration and operations costs for 2010 can be reduced to \$50,000, a reduction of \$36,000 and the deletion of the temporary manager position approved in 2009. The Toronto Street Food Pilot will have no net impact in 2010 as required funding will be offset by location revenues.

As shown in the table below, if the administration of the pilot project is transferred to Economic Development, Culture and Tourism in 2010, the recommended funding of \$50,000 gross and revenues will be transferred from Toronto Public Health to Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

	2009 Approved Budget	2010 Operating Budget
Expenditures	86,000	\$50,000
Revenues	86,000	\$50,000
Net Impact (Expenditures – Revenues)	0	\$0
Position	1	0

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

Background Information

hl26.15 - Street Food Pilot Project Update - Staff Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-25253.pdf>)

hl26.15 - Street Food Pilot Project Update - Attachment A

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-25242.pdf>)

hl26.15 - Street Food Pilot Project Update - Attachment B

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-25243.pdf>)

hl26.15 - Street Food Pilot Project Update - Attachment C

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-25244.pdf>)

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Toronto Public Health 2010 Operating Budget Request

Origin

(November 12, 2009) Report from Medical Officer of Health

Recommendations

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. City Council approve a Toronto Public Health 2010 Operating Budget request of \$219,885.8 thousand gross / \$44,792.9 thousand net as summarized in Table 1, “2010 Operating Budget Request”.
2. City Council approve the list of budget adjustments included in Table 3, “Summary of 2010 Base Budget Changes from 2009 Operating Budget” of this report totalling a decrease of \$2,622.7 thousand gross and an increase of \$994.3 thousand net.
3. City Council approve the recommended service reduction options as summarized in Table 4, “Summary of 2010 Service Reduction Options” of this report totalling a budget reduction of \$1,005.2 thousand gross and \$251.4 thousand net expenditures to move towards the City’s target of a five percent net decrease from the 2009 Operating Budget.
4. City Council approve one 2010 New and Enhanced Service for the Investing in Families Program with an increase of \$874.2 thousand gross / \$0 net that is funded by Toronto Employment and Social Services.
5. The Board of Health request that the Ministry of Health Promotion continue to fund the Children in Need of Dental Treatment (CINOT) Expansion program at 100 percent in 2010 in order to determine a more accurate and reliable budget and reduce budget pressure to municipalities.
6. The Board of Health consider service reduction options as summarized in Table 4, “Summary of 2010 Service Reduction Options” of this report totalling a budget reduction of \$3,091.8 thousand gross and \$1,655.7 thousand net expenditures as

potential measures to achieve the City's target of a five percent net decrease from the 2009 Operating Budget.

7. 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.
8. The Board of Health forward this report to the Budget Committee for its consideration during the 2010 budget process.

Summary

This report outlines the Toronto Public Health (TPH) 2010 Operating Budget request.

The 2010 Operating Budget request totals \$219,885.8 thousand gross / \$44,792.9 thousand net. This request is \$1,748.5 thousand gross or 0.8 percent below and \$994.3 thousand net or 2.3 percent above the 2009 Operating Budget. Options for reductions to the request are provided for the Board of Health's consideration to help achieve the City's direction for budget cuts.

Financial Impact

The TPH 2010 Operating Budget request totals \$219,885.8 thousand gross / \$44,792.9 thousand net. This request is \$1,748.5 thousand gross or 0.8 percent below and \$994.3 thousand net or 2.3 percent above the 2009 Operating Budget.

Please see Table 1 on Page 2 of the report for the financial impact information.

To help achieve the City's request for all areas to submit lower operating budgets in 2010, the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) has considered and is recommending service reductions to the BOH that will reduce the 2010 Operating Budget Request by \$1,005.2 gross and \$251.4 thousand net. The MOH 2010 Recommended Operating Budget is presented below in Table 2, "2010 Operating Budget for Consideration". Additional reduction options are included in this report for the BOH's consideration and would further reduce the TPH 2010 Operating Budget to \$215,788.8 thousand gross / \$42,885.9 thousand net which is 2.1 percent below the 2009 Operating Budget.

Please see Table 2 on Page 3 of the report for the financial impact information.

Background Information

hl26.16 - Toronto Public Health 2010 Operating Budget Request - Staff Report (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-25268.pdf>)