



**STAFF REPORT
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**Toronto Public Health Capital Budget Variance for the
Twelve Months ended December 31, 2008**

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| Date: | March 31, 2009 |
| To: | Board of Health |
| From: | Medical Officer of Health |
| Wards: | All |
| Reference Number: | |

SUMMARY

This report provides an update to the Board of Health on the Toronto Public Health (TPH) Capital Budget variance for the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2008 (Appendix 1).

Toronto Public Health spent \$3.191 million or 59.5 percent of the 2008 approved cash flow of \$5.363 million as of December 31, 2008. The year-end under expenditure of \$2.171 million will be carried forward to 2009.

Financial Impact

| (\$000) | 2008 Approved Budget | As of December 31, 2008 | | | Carry Forward to 2009 | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| | | Actuals | Variance | % | Actuals | % |
| PHIPA SYSTEM COMPLIANCE | 1,145.8 | 786.9 | 359.0 | 68.7% | 359.0 | 31.3% |
| DENTAL STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION | 918.6 | 329.2 | 589.4 | 35.8% | 589.4 | 64.2% |
| PH SURVEILLANCE AND MGMT SYSTEM | 1,152.2 | 803.0 | 349.2 | 69.7% | 349.2 | 30.3% |
| HF/HL MANDATORY MGMT REPORTING | 2,146.0 | 1,272.1 | 873.9 | 59.3% | 873.9 | 40.7% |
| Total | 5,362.6 | 3,191.1 | 2,171.5 | 59.5% | 2,171.5 | 40.5% |

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

DECISION HISTORY

This report provides an update to the Board of Health on the TPH Capital Budget variance for the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2008.

The Toronto Public Health 2008 Capital Budget of \$5.363 million is comprised of the following Information Technology Projects:

- Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA) System Compliance
- Dental Strategy and Implementation
- Public Health (PH) Surveillance and Management System
- Healthy Families/Healthy Living (HF/HL) Mandatory Management Reporting

COMMENTS

As of December 31, 2008, TPH spent \$3.191 million or 59.5 percent of the 2008 approved cash flow of \$5.363 million as of December 31, 2008. The year-end under expenditure of \$2.171 million or 40.5 percent will be carried forward into 2009.

Projects with carry forward funding to 2009:

The Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA) Compliance System was \$0.787 million or 68.7 percent spent at year end. Delays in implementing a complex new security solution combined with the difficulty in hiring and retaining qualified IT staff will extend the project completion into 2009. A cash flow of \$0.359 million will be carried forward into 2009.

The Dental Strategy and Implementation project spent \$0.329 million or 35.8 percent of its 2008 cash flow of \$0.918 million by year-end. The Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued but not awarded because cost estimates received significantly exceeded the budget. TPH is reviewing this with the City's Purchasing and Material Management Division. A revised RFP that further clarifies the scope of work and includes a budget range may be reissued in 2009. A cash flow of \$0.589 million will be carried forward into 2009.

The PH Surveillance and Management System Project was \$0.803 million or 69.7 percent spent by the end of the year. This project involves implementing a provincial system, which was delayed due to changes in the provincial project timeline and the hiring of a new provincial Project Director. This has caused a deferral of hiring and an associated cash flow of \$0.349 million to be carried forward into 2009.

The HF/HL Mandatory Management Reporting System project spent \$1.272 million or 59.3% of its 2008 cash flow of \$2.146 million by year-end. The City and TPH are developing a management reporting solution within a new privacy and security framework to ensure PHIPA compliance. The implementation process will extend into 2009 because of: a) delays in finalizing the architectural requirements; b) delays in the City awarding the corporate contract for infrastructure software; and c) the ongoing

difficulty in hiring and retaining qualified IT staff. A cash flow of \$0.874 million will be carried forward into 2009.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix 1 – TPH 2008 Capital Budget Variance Report for the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2008