



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED
with Confidential
Attachment**

Appointment of Associate Medical Officers of Health

Date:	September 28, 2009
To:	Board of Health
From:	Medical Officer of Health
Wards:	All
Reason for Confidential Information:	This report deals with personal matters about identifiable individuals
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

This report recommends the appointment of two public health physicians as Associate Medical Officers of Health (AMOH) for the City of Toronto Health Unit and updates the status of AMOH appointment by-laws.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. City Council appoint the physicians named in Confidential Attachment 1 as Associate Medical Officers of Health for the City of Toronto Health Unit;
2. That City Council transmit Recommendation 1 to the provincial Minister of Health and Long-Term Care for approval of the appointments in this recommendation;
3. City Council repeal the by-laws appointing former Associate Medical Officers of Health outlined in Confidential Attachment 1;
4. Authority be granted to introduce the necessary Bill in Council to appoint the physicians named in Confidential Attachment 1 as Associate Medical Officers of

Health, subject to the approval of the provincial Minister of Health and Long-Term Care; and

5. Authority be granted to introduce the necessary Bill in Council to rescind the appointments of the Associate Medical Officers of Health named in Confidential Attachment 1.

Financial Impact

None.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Under the City of Toronto Act 2006, City Council has the authority to appoint the Medical Officer of Health and Associate Medical Officers of Health for the City of Toronto Health Unit. These appointments are subject to the approval of the provincial Minister of Health and Long-Term Care. Public Health physicians require AMOH designation in order to have medico-legal signing authority under the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

COMMENTS

There has been considerable turnover in the physician complement of Toronto Public Health over the past few years, exacerbated by a Canada-wide shortage of Community Medicine Specialists. Two public health physicians have recently joined Toronto Public Health to fill temporary vacancies and will require AMOH designation in order to have medico-legal signing authority.

The recommended AMOH appointments are outlined in confidential Attachment 1. These appointments require the approval of City Council and the provincial Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Recommended Changes in Associate Medical Officer of Health Designations