
Board of Health

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Start Time	1:00 PM	E-mail	boh@toronto.ca
Location	Committee Room 1, City Hall	Chair	Councillor John Filion

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Built Environment and Health Project Funding

Committee Recommendations

The Board 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 Coalitions Linking Action and Science for Prevention (CLASP) funding.

Origin

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

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**Committee Recommendations**

The Board of Health recommends that:

1. City Council direct that 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 the report (November 3, 2009) from the Medical Officer of Health.

Origin

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

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

HL26.8 - Toronto Public Health and University of Toronto Affiliation Agreement - Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-25081.pdf>

HL26.8 - 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/hl/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

Committee Recommendations

The Board of Health recommends that:

1. 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 Medical Officer of Health (MOH) and Associate Medical Officer of Health (AMOH) 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.
2. City Council authorize the City Manager to approve any further adjustment that may be required to the Toronto Public Health 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.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health confirmed 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.

Origin

(October 26, 2009) Report from City Manager

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

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

HL26.9a - 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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Street Food Pilot Project Update

Public Notice Given

Committee Recommendations

The Board of Health recommends that:

1. City Council approve the street vending location fees for 2010 for existing locations as set out in Attachment A to the report (November 10, 2009) from the Medical Officer of Health.
2. City Council direct that the Vendor agreements be amended to allow the fee to be payable as follows: 10 percent of the annual amount payable on the last working day of April, and 30 percent 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 to the report (November 10, 2009) from the Medical Officer of Health; 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 request the General Manager, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, to:
 - a. continue efforts to expand healthy food options for existing food vendors; and

- b. investigate, with the cart manufacturer, ways to improve the cart design.
6. 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.
 7. 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 percent of the hours of operation be reduced from 70 percent to 50 percent; 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 the report (November 10, 2009) from the Medical Officer of Health 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 the report (November 10, 2009) from the Medical Officer of Health.
 8. 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 the report (November 10, 2009) from the Medical Officer of Health.
 9. 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.
 10. 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.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health held a public meeting on November 16, 2009, and notice of the proposed amendments to Chapters 738 and 441 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code was given in accordance with the City of Toronto Act, 2006, and was posted on the City's web site.

Origin

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

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.

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	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>)

Communications

(November 16, 2009) Submission from Kathy and Blair Bonivento (HL.New.HL26.15.1)

Speakers

Marianne Moroney, Street Food Vendors Association

Kathy and Blair Bonivento, Toronto a la Cart Vendors (Submission Filed)

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