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To: Executive Committee

From: Board of Health

Subject: Health Impacts of Expanded Gambling at Woodbine Racetrack - Item HL4.2

Recommendation

The Board of Health forwards the report (May 15, 2015) from the Medical Officer of Health to the Executive Committee for information when it considers the issue of Expanded Gambling at Woodbine Racetrack.

Decision Advice and Other Information:

The Board of Health also recommended that:

1. City Council maintain its resolution of May 21, 2013 opposing expanded gambling in Toronto; and
2. If City Council consents to expansion of gambling at the Woodbine Racetrack, that approval be conditional on implementation of the following mitigation measures to be met by OLG and any future private operators:
 - a. Require the facility to maintain all existing and planned Responsible Gambling measures; and
 - b. That hours of operation be limited to no more than 18 hours a day.

Background

The Board of Health on June 1, 2015, considered a report (May 15, 2015) from the Medical Officer of Health on Health Impacts of Expanded Gambling at Woodbine Racetrack.

Background Information

(May 15, 2015) Report from the Medical Officer of Health on the Health Impacts of Expanded Gambling at Woodbine Racetrack
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-80215.pdf>)

Attachment 1: Toronto Public Health Position Statement on Gambling and Health
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-80216.pdf>)

Communications

(June 1, 2015) Letter from Robert Murray, Manager, Education and Community Resources, Problem Gambling Institute of Ontario and Jean-Francois Crépault, Senior Policy Analyst, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (HL.New.HL4.2.1)
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/hl/comm/communicationfile-52923.pdf>)

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