

February 22, 2008

To: Budget Committee

From: Board of Health Budget Sub-committee

Subject: **Dog and Cat Licensing Strategy – 2008 Operating Budget Request**

**Recommendations:**

**The Board of Health Budget Sub-committee, on February 22, 2008, recommended to the Budget Committee that:**

- 1. City Council approve an addition of \$833,100 gross and \$0 net to the Toronto Public Health's 2008 Recommended Operating Budget to support the Dog and Cat Licensing Strategy; and**
- 2. any year-end deficit resulting from the Dog & Cat Licensing Strategy initiative be reported to the Board of Health and Budget Committee and funded from within the Toronto Animal Services approved budget for 2008 and beyond.**

**Background:**

The Board of Health Budget Sub-committee on February 22, 2008, considered a communication (January 21, 2008) from the Board of Health, advising that the Board of Health, at its meeting held on January 21, 2008:

1. approved, in principle, the recommendations in the report (January 9, 2008) from the Medical Officer of Health entitled "Dog & Cat Licensing Strategy – 2008 Operating Budget Request";
2. referred the report (January 9, 2008) from the Medical Officer of Health to either the Board of Health Budget Sub-Committee or the Animal Services Sub-Committee, for consideration, with the understanding that the Board's approval is based on this initiative being at zero net cost to Toronto Public Health's 2008 Recommended Operating Budget; and
3. requested the Board of Health Budget Sub-Committee or the Animal Services Sub-Committee to report directly to the Budget Committee if they are in agreement with the

recommendations in the report (January 9, 2008) from the Medical Officer of Health and, if not, to submit this matter to the Board of Health for consideration at its meeting on February 26, 2008.

Speakers:

Heidi Yerashotis, Homeless Cat Rescue (Submission Filed);  
Ferne Sinkins, President, Toronto Cat Rescue;  
Sylvia Fraser;  
Christina Girgulis;  
Premika Ratnam, Play at the Park (Submission Filed); and  
Ariadna Ochrymovych, Play at the Park.

Secretary,  
Board of Health Budget Sub-committee

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Item 1

Attachment

- c. Medical Officer of Health  
Interested Persons