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November 17, 2008

To: Executive Committee

From: Board of Health

Subject: City of Toronto Environmental Reporting, Disclosure and Innovation Program

**Recommendations:**

**The Board of Health recommended to the Executive Committee that:**

- 1. City Council approve the Environmental Reporting, Disclosure and Innovation Program described in the report (October 30, 2008) from the Medical Officer of Health and in the technical document (Attachment 2) entitled “Environmental Reporting, Disclosure and Innovation – A Proposed Program for the City of Toronto – November 2008”.**
- 2. The City Solicitor be authorized to prepare and introduce a Bill in Council in the form or substantially in the form of the proposed bylaw attached to this report as “Attachment 1”.**
- 3. City Council approve the addition of a new IT capital project, the Environmental Reporting, Disclosure and Innovation Program, to the Toronto Public Health 2009 Recommended Capital Budget with a total project cost of \$1.296 million that will require a 2009 cash flow of \$0.228 million and future commitments of \$0.615 million in 2010 and \$0.453 million in 2011.**
- 4. The net operating impacts in the Toronto Public Health Operating Budget of \$0.163 million for 2010 (including six positions) and \$0.052 million in 2011 emanating from the approval of this project in 2009 be considered within the overall scope of Toronto Public Health’s 2010 and 2011 operating budget submissions for the reporting and disclosure component of the program.**
- 5. City Council forward this report to Environment Canada and request Toronto Public Health to pursue an agreement with Environment Canada to use their web-based One Window for National Environmental Reporting System (OWNERS) system to enable facilities to electronically submit data for this program.**

6. **The Medical Officer of Health continue regular communication with senior staff from the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Environment Canada on the harmonization of the federal, provincial and local environmental reporting programs so as to avoid duplication and ensure seamless integration of reporting methods for affected facilities.**
7. **City Council request the Ontario Minister of the Environment to collaborate with the City during implementation of the provincial Toxics Reduction Strategy by providing funding and technical assistance for research and pilot projects to develop and promote environmental best practices and economic incentives to small and medium-sized businesses in Toronto.**

Decision Advice and Other Information:

The Board of Health:

1. held a public meeting and notice of the proposed Environmental Reporting, Disclosure and Innovation Program and by-law was posted on the City's web site for a minimum of five days;
2. supported the Environmental Reporting, Disclosure and Innovation Program described in the report (October 30, 2008) from the Medical Officer of Health and in the technical document (Attachment 2) entitled "Environmental Reporting, Disclosure and Innovation – A Proposed Program for the City of Toronto – November 2008";
3. recommended to other Boards of Health in Ontario that they advocate the enactment of a similar by-law;
4. requested the Medical Officer of Health to:
  - a. provide annual updates to the Board of Health, beginning in 2009, on the implementation and evaluation of the Environmental Reporting, Disclosure and Innovation Program;
  - b. submit an interim report to the Board of Health by January 2013, on effectiveness of this particular program in terms of Toronto air quality, health of employees of small businesses and on its impact on the economic community in Toronto;
  - c. report to the Board of Health on options for contextualizing and expanding information on the website designed for this program in the manner detailed below:
    - i. for each priority chemical, the website should include what the other likely sources of exposure are in Toronto beyond the facilities which report. For example, when benzene is reported, it should also state that the majority of benzene emissions are released by gas stations which are currently not part of the reporting program; and

- ii. recommend that the following be reported on the Toronto Environment Office environmental portal:
    - accidental spills reported to the City and the Province;
    - any available data on brownfield sites;
    - sewer use by-law and pesticide by-law non-compliance/infraction incidences; and
    - water and air testing data;
5. forwarded this report to the Toronto Board of Trade, the Toronto Industry Network, the Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas and the Toronto and York Region Labour Council and requested that they collaborate with Toronto Public Health to coordinate outreach, training and assistance programs to affected facilities and the community; and
6. forwarded this report for information to the Ontario Public Health Association, Association of Local Public Health Agencies, Cancer Care Ontario and the Ontario Medical Association.

Background:

The Board of Health on November 17, 2008, considered the following:

- a. (October 30, 2008) Report from the Medical Officer of Health entitled “City of Toronto Environmental Reporting, Disclosure and Innovation Program”; and
- b. (November 12, 2008) Letter from the Board of Health Budget Sub-Committee.

**Background Information:**

Environmental Reporting, Disclosure and Innovation Program - Staff Report  
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-17196.pdf>

Environmental Reporting, Disclosure and Innovation Program - Attachment 1  
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-17197.pdf>

Environmental Reporting, Disclosure and Innovation Program - Attachment 2 - Cover Page.pdf

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-17198.pdf>

Environmental Reporting, Disclosure and Innovation Program - Attachment 2  
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-17199.pdf>

Letter from the Board of Health Budget Sub-Committee

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-17431.pdf>

Communications:

(November 12, 2008) letter from Sarah Miller, Coordinator and Researcher, and Joseph Castrilli, Counsel, Canadian Environmental Law Association (HL.Main.HL19.7.1)

(November 17, 2008) letter from Nancy Bradshaw, Co-Chair, Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition, Occupational and Environmental Working Group (HL.New.HL19.7.2)

(November 17, 2008) letter from Cheryl Rook, Occupational Health Nurse, Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers Inc. (HL.New.HL19.7.3)

(November 17, 2008) letter from J.B. Boughs, CRSP, Director, Health Safety and Environment, Sanofi Pasteur Canada (HL.New.HL19.7.4)

(November 17, 2008) letter from Paul Scrivener, The Toronto Industry Network (HL.New.HL19.7.5)

(November 17, 2008) letter from M. Vuchnich, President, Leaside Business Park Association (HL.New.HL19.7.6)

(November 17, 2008) letter from Paul H. Martin, President, Del Equipment Limited (HL.New.HL19.7.7)

(November 17, 2008) letter from David M. Peters, Manager, Environment, Health and Safety and Responsible Care, BASF Canada (HL.New.HL19.7.8)

(November 17, 2008) letter from Katrina Miller, Campaigns Director, Toronto Environmental Alliance (HL.New.HL19.7.9)

(November 17, 2008) letter from Randy Bridge, Executive Director, Ontario Fabricare Association, and Representative of the Dry Cleaners in Toronto and Ontario (HL.New.HL19.7.10)

(November 17, 2008) submission from Bill Davis, Executive Director, Toronto Automobile Dealers' Association (HL.New.HL19.7.11)

(November 17, 2008) submission from Canadian Cancer Society, Ontario Division (HL.New.HL19.7.12)

(November 17, 2008) letter from Fran Maclure, Outreach Coordinator, Women's Healthy Environments Network (WHEN) (HL.New.HL19.7.13)

(November 17, 2008) submission from Medical Officer of Health (HL.New.HL19.7.14)

#### Speakers:

Dr. David McKeown, Medical Officer of Health, gave a staff presentation (Submission Filed)

John Norris, Executive Director, Hamilton District Autobody Repair Association (HARA)

Bill Davis, Executive Director, Toronto Automobile Dealers Association (Submission Filed)

Satinder Chera, Director, Provincial Affairs, Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB)

Plamen Petkov, Senior Policy Analyst, Canadian Federation of Independent Business

Andrew Judge, Toronto Industry Network (Submission Filed)

David M. Peters, Manager, Environment, Health and Safety and Responsible Care, BASF Canada Inc. (Submission Filed)

Katrina Miller, Campaigns Director, Toronto Environmental Alliance (Submission Filed)

Andy King, National Co-ordinator/Department Leader, United Steelworkers, Canadian National Office

Jay Mandarino, Head Oyster Shucker, CJ Graphics Inc.

Rowena Pinto, Senior Director, Public Affairs, Canadian Cancer Society, Ontario Division (Submission Filed)

Irene Gallagher, Senior Manager, Public Issues, Canadian Cancer Society, Ontario Division

Jem Cain, Co-Chair, New Toronto Good Neighbours

Paul Martin, President, DEL Equipment Limited (Submission Filed)

Randy Bridge, Executive Director, Ontario Fabricare Association, and Representative of the Dry Cleaners in Toronto and Ontario (Submission Filed)

Fran Maclure, Outreach Coordinator, Women's Healthy Environments Network (WHEN) (Submission Filed)

Ray Hunt, ISP Canada Corporation

Alenka Manners, Member, Ontario Association of Cemetery and Funeral Professionals  
Jim Boughs, Director, Health, Safety and Environment, Sanofi Pasteur Canada (Submission Filed)  
Elena Kozinitsky, Student, Humber College  
Sarah Miller, Coordinator and Researcher, Canadian Environmental Law Association (Submission Filed)  
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Councillor Adam Vaughan, Ward 20 – Trinity-Spadina

Secretary,  
Board of Health

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Attachment

c. Medical Officer of Health  
Interested Parties