

NOTICE OF MOTION

Time-sensitive 100% Provincial Funding for Toronto Public Health Needle Exchange Program

Moved by: Councillor John Filion

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Mihevc

SUMMARY:

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has approved one-time 100% funding of up to \$175,800 for the period up to March 31, 2011 in order to support Toronto Public Health's Needle Exchange Program (NEP).

This funding from the Province must be used to support the purchase of needles and syringes, and their associated disposal costs and be fully expensed no later than March 31, 2011.

Toronto Public Health requires authority from Council to add this time-sensitive, one-time funding to its 2011 operating budget in order to have sufficient time to make the required purchases before the provincial funding deadline of March 31.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Councillor John Filion, seconded by Councillor Joe Mihevc, recommends that:

1. Council approve a one-time addition to the Toronto Public Health 2011 Recommended Operating Budget of \$175,800 gross and \$175,800 revenue that is fully funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to support the Needle Exchange Program with funding to be spent no later than March 31.

Date: February 7, 2011