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May 1, 2012

To: Budget Committee

From: Board of Health

Subject: Toronto Public Health Bed Bug Control Activities 2012

Recommendations:

The Board of Health, among other things:

1. Requested the Budget Committee, for its meeting on May 7, 2012, to recommend that $180,000 be allocated from the 2012 final funding surplus in 100% municipal funding to the Toronto Public Health 2012 Operating Budget for extreme cleaning and unit preparation for effective bed bug treatment of severe infestations affecting vulnerable individuals.

Decision Advice and Other Information:

The Board of Health submitted the item to Council without recommendation.

The Board of Health also requested:

1.. the Medical Officer of Health to report directly to City Council on:

a. the number of City-owned buildings, including Toronto Community Housing Corporation buildings and shelters, in which the Bed Bug Project has undertaken treatments, and the frequency of visits for each location;

b an update on continued provincial funding for the Bed Bug Team.

2. the Medical Officer of Health, in consultation with the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, and General Manager, Shelter, Support, Housing and Administration to consider other mechanisms for enforcing appropriate treatments and best practices for bed bug strategies in multi-residential buildings, such as conditions in housing allowances agreements, and to report back to the Board of Health for its meeting on September 24, 2012.

3. the Medical Officer of Health to submit a report to the Board of Health on the current status of the fight against bed bugs in the City of Toronto, i.e. five years ago, now and five years hence with current funding.

Background:

The Board of Health on April 30, 2012, considered an information report (April 18, 2012) from the Medical Officer of Health entitled "Toronto Public Health Bed Bug Control Activities 2012."

Background Information

(April 18, 2012) Report from the Medical Officer of Health on Toronto Public Health Bed Bug Control Activities 2012 (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-46559.pdf)
(April 18, 2012) Attachment 1: Bed Bug Service Requests by Ward (Map) - May 1, 2011– Mar. 31, 2012 (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-46561.pdf)
(April 18, 2012) Attachment 2: Bed Bug Team Activities (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-46562.pdf)
(April 18, 2012) Attachment 3: GTAA Bed Bug Control Protocol (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-46563.pdf)
(April 18, 2012) Attachment 4: Documents submitted by Toronto Community Housing Corporation (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-46564.pdf)

Communications

(April 12, 2012) Letter from Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care (HL.New.13.3.1)
(April 30, 2012) Letter from Shirley Edwards (HL.New.13.3.2)
(April 30, 2012) Letter from Catherine Wilkinson, Citizen Member TPH Bed Bug Project (HL.New.13.3.3)

Speakers

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Attachment

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