

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM24.20	ACTION			Ward:All
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Operating Variance Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2011 (EX20.7) - Removal of the Matter from Executive Committee - by Councillor John Filion, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** The Executive Committee currently has jurisdiction for this subject matter. A two thirds vote is required to remove Item EX20.7 from the Committee's jurisdiction.*

Recommendations

Councillor John Filion, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher, recommends that:

1. City Council allocate \$180,000 from the Tax Stabilization Reserve 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, conditional upon the Province providing a minimum of \$500,000 for 2012 dedicated to bed bug eradication.

Summary

At its meeting of May 7, 2012, the Budget Committee approved a motion for a City allocation of \$180,000 from the Tax Stabilization Reserve dedicated to bed bug eradication.

The Executive Committee at its meeting held on May 14, 2012 considered the recommendations of the Budget Committee on the Operating Variance Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2011 [Item EX20.7].

The Executive Committee deferred consideration of the Item until September 10, 2012, when the audit of the City's 2011 Financial Statements is complete, and directed that all Members of Council be invited to the Executive Committee meeting at that time. This Motion seeks to remove Item EX20.7 from the Executive Committee and bring it forward to City Council for consideration.

The Province of Ontario discontinued funding for Toronto's bed bug eradication program effective March 31, 2012.

Without funding from either the City of Province, Toronto Public Health does not have the capacity to deal with the bed bug issue in Toronto, which if left unchecked, could reach crisis proportions.

The approval by the Budget Committee of an adjustment of City funding of \$180,000 in 2012, conditional upon obtaining a minimum of \$500,000 from the province for 2012, would allow continuation of the very basic bed bug eradication program which existed until recently.

The failure to take immediate action will result in a dramatic increase in the bed bug problem over the summer months, to the point where it will become extremely difficult and expensive to return to a situation where the problem is at least being managed, however minimally.

(Submitted to City Council on June 6 and 7, 2012 as MM24.20)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM24.20