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**City Council****Motion without Notice**

MM25.44	ACTION			Ward:All
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**Toronto Bed Bug Strategy: Update on Provincial Funding - by Councillor John Filion, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher**

- \* Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.*
- \* This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*
- \* This motion relates to a financial matter and has been deemed urgent.*

**Recommendations**

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

1. City Council adopt the recommendations contained in the attached report (July 10, 2012) from the City Manager and the Medical Officer of Health.

**Summary**

At its meeting on June 6, 7 and 8, 2012, City Council voted unanimously to approve \$250,000 in one-time municipal funding to ensure the temporary continuation of the Toronto Bed Bug initiative and directed staff to pursue negotiations with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to secure supplementary provincial funds and a comprehensive long-term funding solution.

Pursuant to ongoing efforts by the Board of Health (BOH), the City Manager and City Council, on June 27, 2012, the Chair of the Board of Health and the Medical Officer of Health met with the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to discuss provincial funding for the Toronto Bed Bug initiative.

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has recently provided an indication to Toronto Public Health of its willingness to now consider full ongoing 75% provincial funding for the bed bug program on the basis of the fact that a) the program is focused on vulnerable individuals and b) that the 2012 Toronto Public Health budget submission to the Ministry is considerably below the anticipated maximum allowable provincial increase, and that a 25% municipal component can be identified.

The mechanism for final approval of this funding would be through a formal resubmission of

the Toronto Public Health base budget to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

This ongoing base funding of \$1.0 million gross and \$0.250 million net would sustain the current Toronto Public Health program, and allow for some support to city partners as part of a comprehensive approach to bed bug control.

This item is urgent and needs to go to this City Council to relay an important update on bed bug funding based on new information recently received by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

(Submitted to City Council on July 11 and 12, 2012 as MM25.44)

**Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM25.44

(July 10, 2012) Report from the City Manager and the Medical Officer of Health regarding Toronto Bed Bug Strategy: Update on Provincial Funding