

January 19, 2015

To: Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

From: Board of Health

Subject: **Health Evidence to Support Development of Complete Streets Guidelines**

The Board of Health, on January 19, 2015, among other things, forwarded the report (December 19, 2014) from the Medical Officer of Health on Health Evidence to Support Development of Complete Streets Guidelines to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee for information.

Decision Advice and Other Information:

The Board of Health also:

1. Requested the Medical Officer of Health to continue to collaborate with the General Manager, Transportation Services and the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to:
 - a. Incorporate the findings of the Healthy Streets Evidence Review, Jurisdictional Review, and Design Features and Benefits reports in the creation of the new Complete Streets Guidelines; and
 - b. Promote health equity by prioritizing Complete Street projects in high need neighbourhoods including those identified in the Toronto Strong Neighbourhood Strategy as well as those with higher rates of diabetes, low walkability, and limited cycling infrastructure.
2. Requested the Medical Officer of Health to report to the Board of Health by October 2015 on the progress in incorporating health evidence in the City of Toronto Complete Streets Guidelines.
3. Forwarded the report (December 19, 2014) from the Medical Officer of Health to:
 - a. Ontario Ministers of Health and Long-Term Care and Transportation
 - b. Public Health Ontario
 - c. Canadian Diabetes Association, Canadian Public Health Association, Ontario Public Health Association, Heart and Stroke Foundation, Ontario Medical Association, Ontario Public Health Association, Toronto Cancer Prevention

- Coalition - Occupational and Environmental Health Working Group, and Urban Public Health Network;
- d. Canadian Institute of Planners, Canadian Urban Institute, Ontario Professional Planners Institute; Ontario Association of Landscape Architects; Canadian Society of Landscape Architects; and
 - e. 8-80 Cities, Civic Action, Clean Air Partnership, Cycle Toronto, Toronto Cycling Think and Do Tank, Toronto Centre for Active Transportation and Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas (TABIA).

Background Information

(December 19, 2014) Report from the Medical Officer of Health on Health Evidence to Support Development of Complete Streets Guidelines

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-74524.pdf>)

Attachment 1: Healthy Streets: Evidence Review

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-74525.pdf>)

Attachment 2: Healthy Streets: Jurisdictional Review

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-74526.pdf>)

Attachment 3: Healthy Streets: Design Features and Benefits - Part 1

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-74542.pdf>)

Attachment 3: Healthy Streets: Design Features and Benefits - Part 2

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-74530.pdf>)

Communications

(January 19, 2015) Letter from Karen Buck (HL.New.HL1.5.1)

Speakers

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