

2016 Annual Report

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To: Board of Health

From: Medical Officer of Health

Wards: All

SUMMARY

The 2016 Toronto Public Health Annual Report highlights a year of achievement, key initiatives and the progress made in implementing our five-year strategic plan. The report also meets the reporting requirements of the [Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards](#) (OPHOS).

The Annual Report will be made available to key stakeholders and posted on the Toronto Public Health website for members of the public to access.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial impacts related to this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its June 30, 2013 meeting, the Board of Health received the 2012 Annual Report prepared by Toronto Public Health:

http://www.toronto.ca/health/pdf/tph_annual_report_2012.pdf

At its April 4, 2014 meeting, the Board of Health received the 2013 Annual report prepared by Toronto Public Health:

<http://www1.toronto.ca/City%20Of%20Toronto/Toronto%20Public%20Health/Communications/Home%20Page/Files/pdf/A/TPH%20Annual%20Report%20single.pdf>

At its April 13, 2015 meeting, the Board of Health received the 2014 Annual report prepared by Toronto Public Health:

https://www1.toronto.ca/City%20Of%20Toronto/Toronto%20Public%20Health/Communications/About%20Us/Files/pdf/A/FINAL_TPH%20Annual%20Report%202014_2.pdf

At its April 25, 2016 meeting, the Board of Health received the 2015 Annual report prepared by Toronto Public Health:

http://www1.toronto.ca/City%20Of%20Toronto/Toronto%20Public%20Health/Communications/Files/pdf/TPHAnnualReport2015_AODA.pdf

COMMENTS

In accordance with the Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards, Toronto Public Health has prepared the 2016 annual report highlighting key public health initiatives, services and accomplishments. This report also includes testimonials from Toronto residents that demonstrate the positive impact that TPH has had on their lives.

The theme of this year's report is: "Public Health impacts everyone, and at all different stages of their lives."

Funding Public Health

A summary of TPH's 2016 operating budget and program allocations is presented, as well as an infographic outlining the Return on Investment in Public Health, highlighting the considerable cost savings associated with public health services.

Health Indicators Chart

Toronto Public Health is responsible for monitoring, assessing, and reporting on Toronto's health status. This chart presents recent estimates for selected health status indicators and shows how Toronto is doing compared to the rest of Ontario and to the most and least favourable results for health units in Ontario. Overall, Toronto compares favourably or is on par with the rest of Ontario, with the exception of physical activity rates, diabetes prevalence, and low birth weight infants.

Public Health is About All of Us

This section showcases the work that TPH provided to the general population and diverse communities in 2016 in the areas of disease and injury prevention (e.g. recommending the implementation of supervised injection services in Toronto, the response to the Seaton House Group A Streptococcus Outbreak, Lyme disease, diabetes, and hot and cold weather response). Toronto Public Health's commitment to strengthening inclusion for diverse communities is demonstrated through Toronto's first Indigenous Health Strategy, the Syrian refugee response, and the new gender-inclusive washroom policy at TPH. The TPH Public Champion Awards are also included in this section.

Prenatal Health, Infants and Young Children

Good health begins early. Toronto Public Health continues to offer prenatal programs to support pregnant individuals in Toronto. In 2016, TPH launched <http://www.pregnancytoparenting.ca>, a new blog featuring information about prenatal to postpartum health, and baby's first year. This section also discusses the use of the Early Development Instrument to measure and identify vulnerability in young children, and highlights how TPH is supporting mothers from Indigenous communities and their families.

Children and Youth

This section focuses on some of the ways that TPH improves the health of children and youth. It details TPH's work in promoting road safety for school children, in supporting the sexual health curriculum, in advocating for the expansion of human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccination to include boys and in engaging youth in the condomTO's Wrapper Design Contest. It also provides an update on the partnership between TPH and the Toronto Child & Family Network (TC&FN).

Adults

This section emphasizes how TPH supports and promotes healthy public policy and healthy living to adults through the following campaigns and initiatives: the relaunch of activeTO and Savvy Diner campaigns, the Intimate Partner Violence Action Plan, the Housing and Health report, and the Transit Fare Equity plan.

Seniors

As part of a new education strategy for the Step Ahead to Fall Prevention program, TPH tested an online e-learning module for caregivers that allows them to examine risk factors associated with falls and enables them to incorporate fall prevention strategies when working with older adults.

Inside TPH

This section provides a look into initiatives within TPH that support staff learning, development and recognition such as the Knowledge Exchange Forum, the Student Preceptor Program, TPH Recognition Awards and Excellence Toronto.

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