

End of Lease for Toronto Public Health Dental Clinic Located at 235 Danforth Avenue

Date: October 8, 2021

To: Board of Health

From: Medical Officer of Health

Wards: Ward 14, Toronto-Danforth

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of Health of the impact of the end of the lease for the Toronto Public Health (TPH) dental clinic at 235 Danforth Avenue on April 30, 2022. The clinic's last day of operations will be March 31, 2022.

235 Danforth Avenue clinic utilization data supports directing clients to obtain services at the nearby TPH dental clinic at 791 Queen Street East.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. The Board of Health receive this report for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact resulting from the adoption of the recommendation in this report.

DECISION HISTORY

This item represents a new initiative.

COMMENTS

On August 30, 2021 the landlord for 235 Danforth Avenue, notified Corporate Real Estate Management that they will not be renewing the lease for the clinic's current location on the main floor. The landlord provided the option of relocating to the second floor; however, the City would need to fund improvements estimated to cost, at a minimum, \$410,000 in order to renovate the space to build a new dental clinic and ensure compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. In order to mitigate costs to the City while ensuring continuity of dental services to the community, TPH will close the clinic at the end of the first quarter of 2022 and redirect clients to the nearby TPH clinic at 791 Queen Street East.

Dental clinic utilization data shows that the 791 Queen Street East location (located only three kilometers away) has capacity to provide services to the clients currently receiving services at 235 Danforth Avenue. Clients can also continue to seek care at three other TPH dental clinics within a four kilometer radius: 179 Gerrard Street East, 277 Victoria Street, and 80 Bond Street. These locations are no more than 20-25 minutes away from the Danforth location via public transit.

In addition to the four existing clinics noted above, by mid-2023, 235 Danforth clients will have the option to access services at the new dental clinic planned for the Thorncliffe neighbourhood at the East York Town Centre (45 Overlea Blvd).

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