

Update on 2023 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget Submission and Service Levels

Date: January 13, 2023

To: Board of Health

From: Medical Officer of Health

Wards: All

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

This report deals with personal matters about identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees, and labour relations or employee negotiations.

SUMMARY

At its November 8, 2022 meeting, the Board of Health requested additional information pertaining to the 2023 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget Submission. This report provides further details on the proposed confidential program efficiency included in that submission, as well as further information on Toronto Public Health's 2023 Service Levels (see Attachment 1). Toronto Public Health staff will address other requests for information via a presentation to the Board of Health.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. The Board of Health authorize the public release of Confidential Attachment 1 to the report (December 30, 2022) from the Medical Officer of Health, once City Council's decision on Item 2022.HL39.2 has been communicated to Unions and affected staff.
2. The Board of Health authorize the public release of Confidential Attachment 1 to the report (October 28, 2022) from the Medical Officer of Health, under Item 2022.HL39.2, once City Council's decision on Item 2022.HL39.2 has been communicated to Unions and affected staff.

3. The Board of Health request the Medical Officer of Health to review existing Toronto Public Health service levels in light of lessons learned over the COVID-19 pandemic and report the findings to the Board of Health Budget Committee in the second quarter of 2022.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact associated with the adoption of the recommendations in this report.

DECISION HISTORY

On November 8, 2022, the Board of Health requested the Medical Officer of Health to report to the next meeting of the Board of Health on changes to service standards resulting from the proposed 2023 Operating Budget; an orientation on the 2023 Budget submission; and an update on harm reduction and addictions initiatives that are recommended to be funded immediately by the City of Toronto in 2023 while funding and reimbursement of costs from other levels of governments is sought
<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.HL39.2>

On July 25, 2022, the Board of Health Budget Committee requested the Province of Ontario to: a. confirm its commitment to provide cost-sharing mitigation funding to public health units for the duration of the COVID-19 Response and for a minimum of two years after the end of the COVID-19 Response; b. continue to provide funding for COVID-19 extraordinary costs for the duration of the COVID-19 Response; and c. provide an opportunity to request funding for COVID-19 Recovery efforts.
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2022.HU8.1>

On October 12, 2021, the Board of Health recommended several proposals to be put forward as part of TPH's 2022 Operating Budget Submission. There were eight proposals that were contingent on receiving funding from other orders of government. These proposals were for the integration of COVID-19 vaccines into the vaccine preventable disease program, COVID-19 recovery and rebuild, public health data and analytics, and addressing the opioid poisoning crisis.
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2021.HL31.4>

COMMENTS

Further information regarding the 2023 Toronto Public Health Service Levels and the proposed confidential program efficiency is available in the attachments to this report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - 2023 Toronto Public Health Service Levels: Additional Details
Confidential Attachment 1