

Board of Health

Meeting No. 3
Meeting Date Monday, April 16, 2007
Start Time 1:00 PM
Location Committee Room 2, City Hall

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Attendance

Members of the Board of Health were present for some or all of the time periods indicated under the section “Meeting Sessions”, which appears at the end of the Minutes.

Councillor John Filion, Chair	X
Councillor Raymond Cho	R
Councillor Janet Davis, Vice-Chair	X
Councillor Paula Fletcher	X
Councillor Chin Lee	X
Councillor Gord Perks	X
Cathy Crowe	X
Nathan Gilbert	X
Brian Hyndman	X
Fiona Nelson	X
Rhonda Roffey	X
Valerie Sterling	X
Trustee Soo Wong	X

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Nathan Gilbert, the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Health held on February 26, 2007, were confirmed.

HL3.1	ACTION	Amended	Policy	
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The Regulation of Trans Fat in the Canadian Food Supply

(March 29, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

Recommendations

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. the Board of Health request a meeting with the Federal Minister of Health to urge the Government of Canada to implement the recommendations of the Trans Fat Task Force, and to ensure that artificially produced trans fat is regulated in the Canadian food supply. Furthermore, that the Board urge the Federal Minister of Health to move quickly to ensure that the regulations come into effect sooner than the Trans Fat Task Force recommended.
2. the Board of Health request all Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Divisions operating food premises to voluntarily reduce the amount of artificially produced trans fat contained in foods served and sold in City-operated facilities so that they do not exceed the amounts proposed by the Trans Fat Task Force. This would ensure that:
 - a. for all vegetable oils and soft, spreadable (tub-type) margarines sold to the public or for use as an ingredient in the preparation of foods on site, the total trans fat content would be limited to 2% of the total fat content.
 - b. for all other foods purchased for sale to the public or for use as an ingredient in the preparation of foods on site, the total trans fat content be limited to 5% of the total fat content. This limit would not apply to food products for which the fat originates exclusively from ruminant meat or dairy products.
3. this report be forwarded to all City Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Divisions where food is served or sold, as well as the Toronto District School Board, Toronto Catholic District School Board, the Minister of Health Promotion, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and Minister of Children and Youth Services.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications related to this report.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to recommend that the Board of Health urge the Federal Government to regulate trans fat in the Canadian food supply through the implementation of the recommendations of the Federal Trans Fat Task Force.

Some trans fat occurs naturally in foods, but most is created through the processing of unsaturated fat. This is termed “artificially produced trans fat”. Trans fat is not essential to our diet and provides no health benefit. It is used in foods to extend the shelf life of products or to provide desired textural properties. There is compelling evidence that artificially produced

trans fat is linked to coronary heart disease. Heart disease is among the leading causes of death in Toronto. The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada (HSFC) has estimated that processed trans fat could be responsible for as many as 30,000 to 50,000 heart attack deaths every decade in Canada.

In June of 2006 the Federal Trans Fat Task Force submitted its final report to the Minister of Health. The Task Force recommended that trans fat be limited in the Canadian food supply. If implemented, Canada would be only the second country in the world, after Denmark, to regulate trans fat in the food supply. The recommendations of the Trans Fat Task Force cover food items available in grocery stores as well as foods served in restaurants and food service establishments. The Task Force recommends that foods purchased from a manufacturer by retailers or food service establishments for direct sale to consumers be regulated on a finished product or output basis and foods prepared on site by retailers or food service establishments be regulated on an ingredient or input basis. The Minister of Health promised to respond to the Trans Fat Task Force recommendations in the fall of 2006, but to date, there has been no announcement.

Communications

(April 16, 2007) Submission from Deryk Jackson - HL3.1.1

Speakers

Deryk Jackson, and filed a written submission;

Andreea Ionescu;

Sally Brown, Chief Executive Officer, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada; and

Councillor Adrian Heaps, Ward 35, Scarborough Southwest.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health:

1. requested a meeting with the Federal Minister of Health to urge the Government of Canada to implement the recommendations of the Trans Fat Task Force, and to ensure that artificially produced trans fat is regulated in the Canadian food supply; and furthermore, to urge the Federal Minister of Health to move quickly to ensure that the regulations come into effect sooner than the Trans Fat Task Force recommended;
2. requested all Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Divisions operating food premises to voluntarily reduce the amount of artificially produced trans fat contained in foods served and sold in City-operated facilities so that they do not exceed the amounts proposed by the Trans Fat Task Force to ensure that:
 - a. for all vegetable oils and soft, spreadable (tub-type) margarines sold to the public or for use as an ingredient in the preparation of foods on site, the total trans fat content would be limited to 2% of the total fat content;
 - b. for all other foods purchased for sale to the public or for use as an ingredient in the preparation of foods on site, the total trans fat content be limited to 5% of the total fat content. This limit would not apply to food products for which the fat originates exclusively from ruminant meat or dairy products;

3. requested all City Agencies, Boards, and Commissions and Divisions operating food premises to develop and submit implementation plans to the Medical Officer of Health by July 2007, to achieve the trans fat targets of the Trans Fat Task Force, and further that the Medical Officer of Health review the plans and report to the Board of Health by September 2007, on the trans fat reductions achieved;

(Motion by Councillor Davis)

4. requested that all nutrition programs funded through Toronto Public Health entirely eliminate artificial trans fats from their menus;

(Motion by Councillor Fletcher)

5. requested the Medical Officer of Health to:
 - a. audit/review all Toronto Public Health funded nutritional programs to ensure they meet the Board of Health's trans fat requirements;
 - b. develop a communications strategy for restaurant associations and the public about the Board's decision on trans fat and the health effects of trans fat;
 - c. partner with both the Toronto District and Catholic School Boards to develop an appropriate curriculum for school-age children on trans fat products;

(Motion by Trustee Wong)

- d. ensure that the Working Group on Nutrition Criteria in Municipal Child Care Centres includes parent representation;
- e. create a list of common, most used ingredients which meet the recommended guidelines or are completely free of artificial trans fats;
- f. bring a report to the Board of Health on the City of Toronto regulating artificial trans fats if the Federal Government has not implemented the recommendations of the Trans Fat Task Force;
- g. create a list of products for a typical child care menu which is free of hydrogenated and partially hydrogenated oils, modified oils, vegetable oils and vegetable shortening and products by typical serving size that meet the recommended guidelines;
- h. report back to the Board of Health on the top ten other food additives or container properties which may harm children's health at child care centres;

(Motion by Councillor Fletcher)

- i. report back to the Board of Health by September 2007, on a regulatory strategy for the phasing out of trans fat in all Toronto restaurants and other food service establishments, including all institutional food service facilities funded by the City of Toronto;

(Motion by Councillor Perks)

- 6. requested the General Manager, Children's Services, to:
 - a. to incorporate the trans fat and nutrition criteria developed for directly-operated centres, into the operating criteria that applies to purchase-of-service child care centres;

(Motion by Councillor Davis)

- b. continue to work to entirely eliminate artificial trans fats in menus at City-owned child care centres;

(Motion by Councillor Fletcher)

- 7. forwarded a copy of this report to:
 - a. all City Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Divisions where food is served or sold, as well as the Toronto District School Board, Toronto Catholic District School Board, the Minister of Health Promotion, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and the Minister of Children and Youth Services; and

(Motion by Councillor Davis)

- b. all Boards of Health and Public Health Units in Ontario to encourage them to support the Board of Health's recommendations.

(Motion by Trustee Wong)

A recorded vote on all of the motions moved was as follows:

For: Councillors Davis; Filion; Fletcher; Lee; Perks; Cathy Crowe; Brian Hyndman; Fiona Nelson; Rhonda Roffey; Valerie Sterling; and Trustee Wong.

Against: 0

Absent: Councillor Cho; Nathan Gilbert

Carried Unanimously.

Motions

*Amend motion moved by Councillor John Filion (**Redundant**)*

That the Medical Officer of Health be requested to bring a report to the Board of Health on the City of Toronto regulating artificial trans fats if the Federal Government has not implemented the recommendations of the Trans Fat Task Force.

Links to Background Information

The Regulation of Trans Fat in the Canadian Food Supply
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-2756.pdf>

HL3.2	Information	Received	Transactional	
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Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Update

(March 22, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

Summary

This report updates the Board of Health on issues affecting the City of Toronto's ability to respond to an influenza pandemic. The City is guided by the directions set out by the federal and provincial governments in their respective Pandemic Influenza Plans. The Province of Ontario has not yet provided direction on several important issues such as personal protective equipment and the distribution of antiviral medication for prophylaxis (prevention).

Toronto Public Health (TPH) has been working with a subcommittee of the Pandemic Influenza Advisory Group and other stakeholders to develop a plan for the operation of assessment, treatment and referral centres. An operational plan will be considered by the advisory group in early May. Additional work is required to identify suitable locations for the centres. Staff will compile an inventory of City-owned space and make contact with walk-in clinics and urgent care centres.

The report also updates information on the spread of avian influenza and outlines the progress TPH has made in its preparedness activities since the last report to the Board of Health.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health received the report (March 22, 2007) from the Medical Officer of Health for information.

Links to Background Information

Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Update
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-2757.pdf>

HL3.3	ACTION	Amended	Transactional	
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Hot Weather Response Plan Update

(April 10, 2007) Submission from Medical Officer of Health

Recommendations

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. the General Manager of Shelter, Support and Housing Administration be authorized to allocate up to \$200,000 gross (\$50,000 net) to implement the 2007 extended summer hours drop-in program;
2. Shelter, Support and Housing Administration increase the number of cooling centres operated during Extreme Heat Alerts from four to five, the fifth site to be in Scarborough; and,
3. this report be forwarded to the Community Development and Recreation Committee for its consideration.

Financial Impact

The recommendations in this report have no financial implications for Toronto Public Health. Funding of \$200,000 gross (\$50,000 net) is required to implement the 2007 extended summer hours drop-in program per recommendation number 1, and is included in the 2007 recommended budget for Shelter, Support and Housing Administration. The cost of opening the fifth cooling centre in Scarborough will be funded from the 2007 Emergency Planning budget.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

Summary

This report provides a summary of Toronto's Heat Warning System and Hot Weather Response Plan, including the implementation of the Hot Weather Response Plan in the summer of 2006. It also provides an overview of heat response measures in other jurisdictions.

The Hot Weather Response Plan for Toronto includes both proactive and reactive components. The primary challenge in implementing the response plan continues to be reaching those who are most vulnerable and at risk. A strong public education campaign early in the hot weather season, along with a collaborative campaign that encourages family, friends and neighbours to check on isolated adults and seniors during Heat Alerts and Extreme Heat Alerts are the most promising strategies to reduce heat-related illness and deaths.

Communications

(April 16, 2007) Submission from Tanya Gulliver, Toronto Disaster Relief Committee - HL3.3.1 (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/comm/communicationfile-1144.pdf>)

(April 16, 2007) Submission from Tanya Gulliver, Toronto Disaster Relief Committee -

HL3.3.1attach1 (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/comm/communicationfile-1149.pdf>)
 (April 16, 2007) Submission from Tanya Gulliver, Toronto Disaster Relief Committee -
 HL3.3.1.attach2 (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/comm/communicationfile-1150.pdf>)

Speakers

Tanya Gulliver, Toronto Disaster Relief Committee

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health:

- A. recommended to the Community Development and Recreation Committee that:
1. the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be authorized to allocate up to \$200,000 gross (\$50,000 net) to implement the 2007 extended summer hours drop-in program; and
 2. Shelter, Support and Housing Administration increase the number of cooling centres operated during Extreme Heat Alerts from four to five, the fifth site to be in Scarborough;
 3. the extended drop-in hours at the cooling centres begin on May 12 or May 19, 2007; and

(Motion by Councillor Perks)

4. the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be requested to search for a more acceptable and appropriate cooling centre to replace Metro Hall as the 24-hour cooling site;

(Motion by Cathy Crowe)

- B. forwarded the following Recommendations 4, 5 and 6 in the communication (April 16, 2007) from the Toronto Disaster Relief Committee to the June 6, 2007, Parks and Environment Committee meeting for consideration as part of the City's Climate Change Plan; and
- “4. establish ward based ‘cooling centres’ based in City operated recreation/community centres;
 5. increase funding to permit expanded drop-in based heat/cooling support response; and
 6. provide heat response funding that will support the development of local heat registries and local heat safety networks;”;

(Motion by Councillor Perks)

- C. forwarded the following Recommendations 1, 2, 3 and 8 in the communication (April

16, 2007) from the Toronto Disaster Relief Committee to the Medical Officer of Health for implementation:

- “1. that a more intensive and long term heat response planning process be implemented;
2. that the hot weather response plan be linked to the City of Toronto’s broader environmental and climate change agenda;
3. the Hot Weather Response Team undertake a mid-summer assessment of what is occurring throughout the City during the hot weather period;
8. that an increased number of TTC tickets and other services be made available to drop-ins, well in advance of any potential hot weather;”;

(Motion by Councillor Perks)

D. requested the Medical Officer of Health to:

- a. submit a report to the Board of Health on options for regulating health conditions in private sector housing for vulnerable adults, particularly the elderly; and

(Motion by Councillor Filion)

- b. survey community agencies that are participating in the coordinated Hot Weather Response Plan to determine the number of vulnerable clients who are being contacted during heat alerts by the Agency and identify any service gaps related to outreach to clients; and

(Motion by Councillor Davis)

E. forwarded a letter to the Licensing and Standards Committee urging that:

1. a maximum temperature provision be developed as part of the proposed licensing system for multi-unit residential buildings; and
2. every effort be made to develop this provision in 2007.

(Motion by Councillor Perks)

Motions

Amend motion moved by Trustee Soo Wong (Withdrawn)

That the Medical Officer of Health be requested to submit an annual December report to the Board of Health on the review of the cooling centres and make appropriate recommendations on these centres for the following year; and

That the Board of Health integrate with the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic School Board concerning approaches to heat relief this summer.

Links to Background Information

Hot Weather Response Plan Update

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-2822.pdf>)

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Impact of Poverty on the Health of Children from Racialized Groups

(April 10, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

Summary

Research has shown that children living in poverty have worse developmental outcomes than other children and poorer health both as children and later in life as adults. Evidence also shows that children from racialized groups experience higher than average levels of poverty. This report reviews available evidence on the impact of poverty on the health of children in racialized groups.

To date, Canadian research that directly examines the impact of poverty on the health of low-income children from racialized groups is lacking. However, given that more than three quarters of immigrant children in Toronto are in racialized groups, information about health outcomes for immigrant children can provide some insight into the impact of poverty on children from racialized groups. A selection of available health outcome indicators including low birth weight, immunization, child health status, breastfeeding, early child tooth decay, problems and access to health services reveal a complex mix of both positive and negative health outcomes. These patterns likely reflect the combined health impacts of poverty, racialization, and immigration.

There is clearly a need for better information in this area. New research initiatives, such as the New Canadian Children and Youth Study, will improve our understanding of the impact of poverty on the health of children from racialized groups. Toronto Public Health (TPH) will continue to collaborate with key partners to assess disparities in child health outcomes and will integrate these new findings into services and advocacy efforts to address the impact of poverty on child health.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health:

1. advocated to the Federal Minister of Health, Ontario Ministers of Children and Youth Services, Health Promotion, and Health and Long-Term Care and the Public Health Agency of Canada that a strategy be developed to monitor and report on the disparities in child health outcomes with an integrated and consistent analysis around the impacts of race;

2. urged the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (the Institute of Population and Public Health and the Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health) to fund longitudinal research on racialization and health disparities, with a focus on the intersections of race, income and health;
3. requested the Medical Officer of Health to compile a research plan to facilitate community based, participatory research in the area of racialized groups and health status to examine the lived experiences of people of colour;
4. recommended to the Executive Management Team that the 2008 Budget include an action plan to improve the health of children and families of racialized communities;
5. requested the Community Development and Recreation Committee to assess the service plan review for the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division for City-operated child and youth programming which service the needs of the most marginalized communities;

(Motion by Councillor Perks)

6. requested the Medical Officer of Health to monitor the literature/data from the New Canadian Children and Youth Study and the National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth on the health and development of children, including immigrants, refugees and racialized groups and report back to the Board of Health, as appropriate;

(Motion by Valerie Sterling)

7. forwarded a copy of recommendations 1 to 5 to the Integrated Children's Services Advisory Committee for consideration.

(Motion by Councillor Davis)

Links to Background Information

Impact of Poverty on the Health of Children from Racialized Groups
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-2823.pdf>

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Communicable Diseases in Toronto 2005

(March 22, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

Summary

Communicable Diseases in Toronto 2005 describes trends in reportable communicable diseases for the City of Toronto. The data in this report updates trends described in previous annual reports and highlights significant considerations for communicable disease control in Toronto. As in the past, Toronto's status as Canada's most populous and diverse urban setting,

significantly influences the range of communicable diseases faced by the city. While the media focused much attention in 2005 on the threat of avian influenza in parts of Asia, Toronto Public Health dealt with several important local communicable disease events.

This report identifies areas of progress from the past and priority areas for further improvement. Ongoing vigilance in monitoring, detecting and controlling communicable diseases in Toronto continues to be a priority.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health received the report (March 22, 2007) from the Medical Officer of Health for information.

Links to Background Information

Report - Communicable Diseases in Toronto 2005
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-2758.pdf>)

Attachment 1 - Communicable Diseases in Toronto 2005
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-2778.pdf>)

HL3.6	ACTION	Adopted	Transactional	
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Prohibiting the Burning of Used Motor Oil for Space Heating in Toronto

(March 29, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

Recommendations

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. the Board of Health forward this report to City Council; and
2. City Council express its support to the Ontario Minister of the Environment for the proposed provincial ban on burning used oil for space-heating purposes.

Financial Impact

This report will have no financial impact.

Summary

Burning used oil for space heating is an unnecessary source of air pollution since cleaner-burning alternatives are available. This report describes whether the new City of Toronto Act provides wider jurisdictional authority to prohibit the burning of used motor oil in Toronto, in a manner that would supersede provincial permits for this activity, as requested by Council.

Legal Services advises that the new City of Toronto Act does not allow conflict between City by-laws and Provincial permits. A by-law as proposed would almost certainly face challenge on the basis that it conflicts with Provincial Certificates of Approval and could be struck down on that basis. However, on January 11, 2007, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE)

announced its intention to ban the burning of used oil for space-heating, which would address the City's concerns. The Medical Officer of Health has expressed his support for the proposed ban to the Minister of Environment.

Board Recommendations

On motion by Nathan Gilbert, the Board of Health recommended that City Council express its support to the Ontario Minister of the Environment for the proposed provincial ban on burning used oil for space-heating purposes.

Links to Background Information

Prohibiting the Burning of Used Motor Oil for Space Heating in Toronto
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-2759.pdf>

HL3.7	Information	Received	Transactional	
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Toronto Public Health Operating Budget Variance Report for the Twelve Months ended December 31, 2006

(March 22, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

Summary

This report provides an update to the Board of Health on Toronto Public Health's (TPH) Operating Budget Variance for the twelve months of operation ending on December 31, 2006.

The favourable net expenditure variance of \$4,680.4 thousand is primarily the result of two factors: under-spending of \$2,783.7 thousand in new and enhanced services that were not implemented in 2006 to offset the shortfall in provincial funding due to the 5% growth limit over the 2005 base subsidy announced by the Province in March 2006; and, under-spending of \$1,820.0 thousand in other cost-shared programs to offset potential net pressure arising from the uncertainty of receiving the provincial share of 65% for cost of living adjustment (COLA) and harmonization costs. The final Provincial approval of the 2006 base subsidy was approved in January 2007 which confirmed the 5% growth increase over the 2005 base subsidy, and full cost sharing for COLA and harmonization costs.

Decision Advice and Other Information

On motion by Valerie Sterling, the Board of Health received the report (March 22, 2007) from the Medical Officer of Health for information.

Links to Background Information

Attachment 1 - Toronto Public Health Operating Budget Variance Report
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-2614.pdf>

Report - Toronto Public Health Operating Budget Variance Report
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-2760.pdf>

Attachment 3 - Toronto Public Health Operating Budget Variance Report
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-2761.pdf>

Attachment 4 - Toronto Public Health Operating Budget Variance Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-2762.pdf>

Attachment 2 - Toronto Public Health Operating Budget Variance Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-2763.pdf>

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Toronto Public Health Capital Budget Variance Report for the Twelve Months ended December 31, 2006

(March 22, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

Summary

This report provides an update to the Board of Health on the Toronto Public Health Capital Budget Variance for the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2006.

Toronto Public Health (TPH) spent \$2.784 million or 74.8 percent of the 2006 approved cash flow of \$3.721 million as of December 31, 2006.

The year-end capital expenditure is under-spent by \$0.937 million which is attributed to the following three projects:

- PHIPA System Compliance project (\$0.357 million) due to a delay in the availability of key information security software;
- the North York Dental Clinic project (\$0.263 million) due to additional funding requirements identified for consideration in the 2007 capital budget process; and,
- Animal Services On-Line Licence System project (\$0.317 million) due to hiring delays and difficulties in recruiting and retaining key information technology (IT) project team members resulting in the project continuing into 2007 to complete the second phase of the project.

Decision Advice and Other Information

On motion by Valerie Sterling, the Board of Health received the report (March 22, 2007) from the Medical Officer of Health for information.

Links to Background Information

Report - Toronto Public Health Capital Budget Variance Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-2615.pdf>

Attachment 1 - Toronto Public Health Capital Budget Variance Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-2764.pdf>

HL3.9	ACTION	Referred	Transactional	
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Service Agreements Awarded and Executed by the Medical Officer of Health for 2007

(March 22, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

Recommendations

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that this report be forwarded to the Executive Committee.

Financial Impact

This report will have no financial impact beyond what has already been recommended by the Board of Health in the 2007 Operating Base Budget. Appendix A attached summarizes the service contracts by program for 2007.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the purchase of service contracts awarded and executed by the Medical Officer of Health for 2007, according to the delegation of authority by City Council.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health forwarded the report (March 22, 2007) from the Medical Officer of Health to the Executive Committee for information.

Links to Background Information

Service Agreements Awarded and Executed by the Medical Officer of Health for 2007
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-2766.pdf>)

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Dog and Cat Licensing Strategy Update

(March 23, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

Summary

At its Special Meeting on March 29 and 30, 2006, City Council approved the Toronto Public Health 2007 Operating Budget which included the Dog and Cat Licensing Strategy in an effort to increase the rate of licensed dogs and cats in the City. Through an enhanced licensing program, Toronto Animal Services (TAS) will be able to identify more animals brought into

the shelters, and will increase the amount of revenue required to support the service.

This report provides an overview of the 2006 Accomplishments for the Dog and Cat Licensing Strategy. This report also establishes revised targets for 2007.

Although the strategy experienced a late start, the 2006 results indicate that the strategy can continue to be very successful. Analysis of the data concludes that had the strategy been implemented in April as planned, the targets for 2006 would have been achieved.

This report concludes that the program should be continued in future years with increased momentum through public education, promotion and by-law enforcement.

Decision Advice and Other Information

On motion by Councillor Fletcher, the Board of Health received the report (March 22, 2007) from the Medical Officer of Health for information.

Links to Background Information

Dog and Cat Licensing Strategy Update

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-2768.pdf>

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Implementation of Internal Audit Recommendations for Toronto Animal Services - Update

(March 23, 2007) report from Medical Officer of Health

Summary

The Internal Audit Division completed a thorough review of the operations of Toronto Animal Services (TAS) in November 2005.

Two status reports relating to the implementation of the 17 recommendations have been previously provided to the Animal Services Advisory Sub-Committee

This report provides a final report on the implementation of each recommendation. Appendix 1 provides detailed information.

Links to Background Information

Report - Implementation of Internal Audit Recommendations for Toronto Animal Services - Update

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-2769.pdf>

Attachment 1 - Implementation of Internal Audit Recommendations for Toronto Animal Services - Update

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-2770.pdf>

11a Implementation of Internal Audit Recommendations for Toronto Animal Services - Update

(April 2, 2007) report from Board of Health Animal Services Advisory Sub-committee

Recommendations

The Board of Health Animal Services Advisory Sub-committee recommends to the Board of Health and the Budget Committee that projects scheduled on the Toronto Public Health IT Capital Works Plan be moved up to year 2008 from year 2010.

Summary

Letter from the Animal Services Advisory Sub-committee forwarding its recommendation on this matter from its meeting held on April 2, 2007.

Links to Background Information

Letter - Board of Health Animal Services Advisory Sub-committee
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-2824.pdf>)

11b Implementation of Internal Audit Recommendations for Toronto Animal Services - Installation of GPS System and Mobile Wireless Computers

(April 3, 2007) letter from Councillor Paula Fletcher

Recommendations

I would like to recommend that scheduling for this Capital project be moved up to 2008. By moving this project up on the Capital plan, TAS will be able to more properly enforce by-laws such as those relating to dog licensing, scooping and leashes.

Summary

Letter from Councillor Paula Fletcher, regarding Toronto Animal Services (TAS) Capital Work Plan and communications technology to improve the City's enforcement and tracking.

Links to Background Information

Implementation of Internal Audit Recommendations for Toronto Animal Services - Update
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-2847.pdf>)

11c Implementation of Internal Audit Recommendations for TAS - Update

(April 16, 2007) letter from Councillor Paula Fletcher

Recommendations

I would like to move that TAS report on the following to the Animal Services Sub-committee:

- a. options for spay neuter models for TAS and associated budget requirements;
- b. provisions to ensure spay neuter compliance for all those who adopt cats;
- c. overview of best practice in other similar sized animal services jurisdictions; and
- d. that there be an interim report, including budget projections for 2008.

Summary

Communication from Councillor Paula Fletcher regarding over population of cats in Toronto.

Decision Advice and Other Information

On motion by Councillor Fletcher, the Board of Health:

1. recommended to the Board's Budget Sub-committee that projects scheduled on the Toronto Public Health IT Capital Works Plan, specifically the installation of GPS System and Mobile Wireless Computers, be moved up to year 2008 from year 2010;
2. requested the Medical Officer of Health to report to the Animal Services Sub-committee:
 - a. on options for spay neuter models for TAS and associated budget requirements;
 - b. on provisions to ensure spay neuter compliance for all those who adopt out cats;
 - c. on an overview of best practice in other similar sized animal service jurisdictions; and
 - d. providing an interim report, including budget projections for 2008.

HL3.12	ACTION	Adopted	Transactional	
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New Toronto Street Food

Notice of Motion from Councillor John Filion

Recommendations

I ask the Board to support the following motion:

1. that the Toronto Board of Health request the Minister of Health and Long Term Care to amend the provincial food safety regulations without compromising food safety to allow for a broader range of street food that is healthy, affordable and culturally diverse;
2. that the Public Health staff and the Chair of the Board of Health look for opportunities

to present New Toronto Street Food on a limited basis, as early as this summer, in accordance with existing regulations for some special events;

3. that the Toronto Board of Health endorse efforts to create new Toronto Street Food which meets the following criteria:
 - a. is prepared and served in a way that does not compromise food safety;
 - b. is nutritious;
 - c. is affordable;
 - d. reflects the ethno-cultural diversity of our City;
 - e. will help make Toronto a more interesting place to live in and visit; and
 - d. uses locally grown and produced food as much as possible;
4. that, in anticipation of legislative change, the Medical Officer of Health consult with staff of Municipal Licensing and Standards to determine whether changes in City licensing regulations might be required in order to create new vending locations for new street food (as outlined above), and to look at protocols so that restaurants do not face unfair competition from street vendors; and
5. that Toronto's chefs, restaurant owners, and others in the food preparation industry be invited to participate in the creation of new Toronto Street Food.

Summary

Councillor John Filion submitting a Notice of Motion with recommendations regarding the desirability of creating new, exciting, nutritious, and ethnically diverse street food.

Speakers

Kevin Lee, Executive Director, Scadding Court Community Centre;
Debbie Field, FoodShare;
Michael Rubino, Rain Restaurant; and
Guy Rubino, Rain Restaurant.

Decision Advice and Other Information

On motion by Councillor Filion, the Board of Health:

1. requested the Minister of Health and Long Term Care to amend the provincial food safety regulations without compromising food safety to allow for a broader range of street food that is healthy, affordable and culturally diverse.
2. requested that the Public Health staff and the Chair of the Board of Health look for opportunities to present New Toronto Street Food on a limited basis, as early as this summer, in accordance with existing regulations for some special events.
3. endorsed efforts to create new Toronto Street Food which meets the following criteria:
 - a. is prepared and served in a way that does not compromise food safety;
 - b. is nutritious;
 - c. is affordable;

- d. reflects the ethno-cultural diversity of our City;
 - e. will help make Toronto a more interesting place to live in and visit; and
 - f. uses locally grown and produced food as much as possible;
4. requested that the Medical Officer of Health, in anticipation of legislative change consult with staff of Municipal Licensing and Standards to determine whether changes in City licensing regulations might be required in order to create new vending locations for new street food (as outlined above), and to look at protocols so that restaurants do not face unfair competition from street vendors.
 5. requested that Toronto's chefs, restaurant owners, and others in the food preparation industry be invited to participate in the creation of new Toronto Street Food.
 6. requested that the Board be kept informed of progress on this initiative.

Links to Background Information

New Toronto Street Food

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-2820.pdf>

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Toronto/East York Local Health Committee Minutes

Summary

Minutes of the Toronto/East York Local Health Committee meeting held on October 24, 2006.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health received the Minutes of the Toronto/East York Local Health Committee meeting held on October 24, 2006, for information.

Links to Background Information

Toronto/East York Local Health Committee Minutes

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-2771.pdf>

HL3.14	ACTION	Adopted	Transactional	
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Report of the Sub-committee to Conduct the 2006 Performance Appraisal for the Medical Officer of Health

Confidential - Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

Summary

The Sub-committee is meeting on April 16, 2007, and will report on this matter to the Board of

Health.

Motion to Meet in Closed Session

On motion by Councillor Davis, the Board of Health recessed its public session to meet in closed session to consider the Report of the Sub-committee to Conduct the 2006 Performance Appraisal for the Medical Officer of Health, relating to a personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Decision Advice and Other Information

On motion by Nathan Gilbert, the Board of Health confirmed the actions of the Board in closed session, such action to remain confidential as it relates to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

(Confidential Minute HL3.14)

HL3.15	Information	Received	Transactional	
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Scarborough Local Health Committee Minutes

Summary

Minutes of the Scarborough Local Health Committee meetings held on January 26, 2007, and February 27, 2007.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Board of Health received the Minutes of the Scarborough Local Health Committee meetings held on January 26, 2007, and February 27, 2007, for information.

Links to Background Information

Scarborough Local Health Committee Minutes - January 26, 2007
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-2843.pdf>)
Scarborough Local Health Committee Minutes - February 27, 2007
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-2844.pdf>)

HL3.16	ACTION	Referred	Transactional	
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The Proposed Development at the Woodbine Racetrack

Motion from the Etobicoke/York Local Health Committee

Recommendations

It is recommended that Toronto Public Health:

1. investigate the extent of the impact of the Woodbine Live Development on Toronto Public Health Services;
2. investigate the possibility of stakeholder status in the project and avenues for consultation on the impact of public health programs and services; and
3. request that the Woodbine Entertainment Complex endow amenities for the community in the overall official plan.

Summary

Motion submitted by Rhonda Roffey from the Etobicoke/York Local Health Committee, regarding the proposed development at the Woodbine Racetrack, recommending that Toronto Public Health investigate and report back to the Board of Health in September 2007, on the possibility of obtaining stakeholder status for Toronto Public Health in the Woodbine Live Development project and avenues for consultation on the impact of public health programs and services and on requesting that the Woodbine Entertainment Complex endow amenities for the community in the overall official plan.

Decision Advice and Other Information

On motion by Rhonda Rhoffey, the Board of Health referred the motion from the Etobicoke/York Local Health Committee to the Medical Officer of Health for the appropriate action.

Links to Background Information

The Proposed Development at the Woodbine Racetrack
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-3119.pdf>

Meeting Sessions

Session Date	Session Type	Start Time	End Time	Public or Closed Session
2007-04-16	Afternoon	1:10 PM	5:34 PM	Public
2007-04-16	Afternoon	5:35 PM	5:40 PM	Closed
2007-04-16	Afternoon	5:41 PM	5:42 PM	Public