THE BOARD OF HEALTH PRESENTS REPORT 09-001 TO THE BUDGET STEERING COMMITTEE AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. 2009 Tax Supported Operating Budget (FCS09007) (City Wide)

That Report FCS09007 respecting the 2009 Tax Supported Operating Budget, be received for information.
2. 2009 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Public Health Services (FCS09007e) (City Wide)
   
   (a) That the 2009 net operating levy for Public Health Services be approved at $9,195,588;

   (b) That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to execute all statutory 2009 Federal and Provincial Program Service Level Funding Agreements and Contracts for Public Health Services including the submission of budgets and quarterly/year end reporting.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
   
   The Clerk advised of the following change to the agenda:

   (i) 2009 Corporate Budget Overview added as Item 4.1 and the Public Health Department budget presentation changed to Item 4.2.

   The agenda was approved as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
   
   None declared.

(c) Minutes
   
   None.

(d) Presentations
   
   (a) 2009 Corporate Budget overview (Item 4.1)

   Tony Tollis distributed hand outs of the PowerPoint presentation.

   The Board waived the PowerPoint Presentation respecting the 2009 Corporate Budget overview.

   (b) Public Health Departmental Budget (Item 4.2)

   Doctor Elizabeth Richardson made a PowerPoint presentation which provided an overview of the Department budget and handouts were distributed and a copy provided to the Clerk for the public record.
Councillor Whitehead asked how many over-the-counter services are provided by the Public Health Services Department and whether the delivery of such services are cost-effective. His concern is with programs which may be provided on a full time basis and which may be under-utilized by the public. He requested that staff provide him with the data.

Doctor Richardson and staff responded with some information on the various clinics and services provided by the Department (i.e. some require prior booking; some operate on a drop-in basis.)

Staff were requested to provide the hours of operation and the number of clients utilizing these services to members of the Board within the next couple of weeks, prior to the next Budget Steering Committee meeting.

Councillor Clark inquired about mental health programs such as suicide prevention and services for clinical depression.

Staff provided an overview of what mental health programs are currently being provided by the City.

Councillor Clark expressed concerns that there is not enough public education and people do not know where to go for assistance respecting mental health issues. He indicated that he will speak to staff about this issue.

The Board received the presentation and approved the Departmental budget as outlined in Item 2 of this report.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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