1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Clerk advised of the following change to the agenda:

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

(Mitchell/Powers)
That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

None

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 2009 Corporate Budget overview

Tony Tollis distributed hand outs of the PowerPoint presentation.

(Powers/Mitchell)
That the PowerPoint Presentation respecting the 2009 Corporate Budget overview be waived.

CARRIED

4.2 Public Health Departmental Budget (no copy)

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.

(Whitehead/Merulla)
That the presentation respecting the Public Health Departmental Budget overview be received.  
**CARRIED**

5. **DISCUSSION**

5.1 **2009 Tax Supported Operating Budget (FCS09007) (City Wide)**

(Powers/Mitchell)  
That Report FCS09007 respecting the 2009 Tax Supported Operating Budget, be received for information.  
**CARRIED**

5.3 **2009 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Public Health Services (FCS09007e) (City Wide)**

(Powers/Whitehead)
(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.  
**CARRIED**
6. **ADJOURNMENT**

(Mitchell/Duvall)
That the meeting be adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

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