1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

(Powers/Ferguson)
That the agenda be approved as presented.  

CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ferguson declared an interest with respect to Item 5.1 concerning web posting of food premises inspection results as his sister is a restaurant owner.
3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

None

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Public Health Departmental Budget (no copy)

Doctor Elizabeth Richardson provided an overview of the budget and a copy of the PowerPoint presentation was distributed. She highlighted and provided detail on the following:

- Public Health Services Organizational Chart
- 2008 Requested Budget
- 2008 Budget by Funding
- 2004 to 2008 Historical Funding Chart
- 2008 Net Operating Budget by Division
- 2008 Major Cost Drivers
- Medical Officer of Health Organizational Chart
- Medical Officer of Health 2008 Net Operating Budget by Program
- Family Health Division Organizational Chart
- Family Health Division 2008 Net Operating Budget by Program
- Health Protection Division Organizational Chart
- Health Protection Division 2008 Net Operating Budget by Program
- West Nile Virus 2004 – 2008 Historical Funding Chart
- Healthy Living Division Organizational Chart
- Healthy Living Division 2008 Net Operating Budget by Program
- Public Health Services 2008 Recommended Program Enhancements

A discussion followed and staff responded to questions posed by the Board members.

Staff was directed to prepare a report after the software for the web posting of food inspections is purchased and provide a demonstration of the program at a future Board of Health meeting. An examination of the three card system vs the current two card system is to be included in the report.

Some of the comments made by the Board include but are not
limited to the following:

- Congratulations to Public Health staff with respect to their handling of the West Nile Virus issue;
- The data collected by the government-sponsored screening on lead in drinking water should be shared with the Municipality;
- Before the two years are up, the City should request that the Province maintain the 100% funding for the small water program, as this is a mandated service, and not reduce the funding to 75% after two years as it proposes;
- The City should consider increasing the Public Health Department budget in 2009;
- Has the City been keeping up with accreditation?
- A global picture of the number of FTE’s needs to be considered prior to final approval.

Councillor Jackson indicated that he is opposed to merit increases for staff.

Councillor McHattie advised that the Pesticides Sub-Committee has a Report it will be presenting to the Board of Health sometime prior to the budget deliberations.

Councillor Jackson requested that staff provide an update at a future Board of Health meeting on what has been done to date with respect to implementing the Justice Campbell recommendations.

Tom Hewitson was requested to confirm whether the $15,000 enhancement being proposed for the website posting was included in the 2.5% department budget increase and the 6% global projected budget increase.

(Powers/Ferguson)
That the presentation be received.  
CARRIED

5. DISCUSSION

5.1 Web Posting of Food Premises Inspection Results Update
BOH07006(b) (City Wide)

(Powers/Whitehead)
That Report BOH07006(b)) respecting Web Posting of Food Premises Inspection Results Update be received.  
CARRIED
5.2 2008 Tax Supported Operating Budget (FCS08004) (City Wide)

(McHattie/Mitchell)
That FCS08004, 2008 Tax Supported Operating Budget, be received for information.

CARRIED

5.3 2008 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Public Health Services (FCS08004h) (City Wide)

(Pearson/McHattie)
(a) That the 2008 Public Health Services recommended program enhancements per Appendix Two be approved.

(b) That the 2008 net operating levy for Public Health Services, inclusive of recommended program enhancements be approved at $8,657,410.

CARRIED

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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