THE BOARD OF HEALTH PRESENTS REPORT 09-011(a) TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. 2010 Non-Recommended Program Reduction – Public Health Services - BOH10001 (City Wide)

That Report BOH10001 entitled 2010 Non-Recommended Program Reduction – Public Health Services be received.
2. **2010 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Public Health Services (FCS09120e) (City Wide) (Referred from the December 7, 2009 Board of Health meeting.)**

(a) That the 2010 net operating levy for Public Health Services be approved at $9,284,491; and

(b) That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to execute all statutory 2010 Federal and Provincial Program Service Level Funding Agreements and Contracts for Public Health Services. This also includes the authority to authorize the submission of budgets and quarterly/year end reporting.

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:**

(a) **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

The Clerk advised there were no changes to the agenda.

The agenda was approved as presented.

(b) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

(c) **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the December 7, 2009 Budget meeting were approved as presented.

(d) **2010 Non-Recommended Program Reduction – Public Health Services - BOH10001 (City Wide)**

Doctor Richardson provided a brief overview of the report.

A discussion followed which included but was not limited to the following:

- The reduction of the PRED Program would have the least impact overall;
- However, approving the reduction would:
  - result in the loss of the 50% Provincial funding;
  - impact research;
  - interfere with Public Health Services making evidence based decisions;
  - and, eliminate the completion of other studies;
- These programs help the most vulnerable (i.e. child blood lead study);
- It is preferable to not make cuts to the Public Health Services budget;
This should be considered from a Board of Health standpoint rather than from solely a financial standpoint; consider cutting the number of managers rather than programs.

After some debate, a motion to receive Report BOH10001 CARRIED on the following votes:

Yeas: Eisenberger, Bratina, Collins, Duvall, Jackson, McHattie, Merulla, Morelli, Pasuta, Mitchell, Pearson, Powers and Whitehead
Total: 13
Nays: Ferguson
Total: 1
Absent: Clark and McCarthy
Total: 2

(e) 2010 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Public Health Services (FCS09120e) (City Wide) (Referred from the December 7, 2009 Board of Health meeting.)

The Board briefly discussed the report and asked staff whether there is any duplication of duties and whether there are opportunities to decrease the number of managers. The Board also asked about the functions of the following divisions: Child Health, Surveillance Unit and West Nile Virus, Rabies Investigation.

Staff explained that the Department has already undergone a reorganization and there has been some consolidation of duties. Also, any cuts to staff would result in the loss of the corresponding Provincial funding.

The Board approved the staff recommendation on the following votes:

Yeas: Eisenberger, Bratina, Collins, Duvall, Jackson, McHattie, Merulla, Morelli, Pasuta, Mitchell, Pearson, Powers and Whitehead
Total: 12
Nays: Ferguson and Mitchell
Total: 2
Absent: Clark and McCarthy
Total: 2

(f) General Information/Other Business

Councillor Collins asked about the status of the previously requested information respecting the total current vacancies in the entire
organization. Rob Rossini advised that an update will be presented to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Councillor McHattie enquired about the status of the Residential Care Facilities By-law and particularly staff’s response to the concerns raised by the stakeholders. Staff indicated that they will send an e-mail providing an update to all members of the Board.

(g) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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