

CITY OF HAMILTON

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES Healthy Living Division

TO: Mayor and Members Board of Health	WARD(S) AFFECTED: CITY WIDE
COMMITTEE DATE: June 17, 2013	
SUBJECT/REPORT NO: Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care 2013 Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy Funding Agreement (BOH13020) (City Wide)	
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Health approve the 2013 Smoke-Free Ontario budget which is 100% funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. For the 2013 fiscal year the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has provided the City of Hamilton Public Health Services with a funding commitment of \$1,087,500.00.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Public Health Services (PHS) receives annual 100% funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) to support the delivery of program and service levels established to achieve the goals and objectives of the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy as outlined within the MOHLTC's Health Promotion Division Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy: Public Health Unit Tobacco Control Program Guidelines. The Guidelines detail goals and objectives across a comprehensive tobacco control framework which includes prevention, protection, cessation and overall systems coordination.

The current funding commitment supports a staffing complement of 8.07 FTE, which is unchanged from 2012.

FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (for Recommendation(s) only)

Financial The following table shows a comparison of budget allocations from 2011 to 2013 with FTE complement:

Table 1: Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy Budget 2011 – 2013

MHLTC Funding	Annual Budget 2011	FTE 2011	Annual Budget 2012	FTE 2012	Annual Budget 2013	FTE 2013
Protection & Enforcement	\$444,862	6.7	\$444,900	5.57	\$444,900	5.57
PHU Youth Tobacco Use Prevention	\$80,000	-	\$80,000	-	\$80,000	-
Tobacco Control Area Network - Coordination	\$285,714	2.5	\$285,800	2.5	\$285,800	2.5
Tobacco Control Area Network - Prevention	\$221,440	-	\$276,800	-	\$276,800	-
Total	\$1,032,016	9.2	\$1,087,500	8.07	\$1,087,500	8.07

Staffing: Not Applicable

Legal: City of Hamilton PHS has a Funding Agreement with the MOHLTC to provide programs and services to achieve the goals and objectives of the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy as outlined within the MOHLTC's Health Promotion Division - Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy: Public Health Unit Tobacco Control Program Guidelines.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (Chronology of events)

The Ontario Government renewed the Ontario Tobacco Strategy in 2006/07 through the introduction of the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy. This provincial strategy is designed to bring about significant declines in tobacco use and as a result decreased mortality and morbidity associated with tobacco use.

Simultaneously, the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy is designed to provide the necessary enforcement mechanisms to protect Ontarians and visitors to the province from exposure to second-hand smoke.

Since 2007, the Ontario Government through the MOHLTC, and its predecessor the Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport, has provided annual funding to Public Health Units in support of the goals and objectives of the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

PHS' Tobacco Control Program is aligned with the MOHLTC's Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy Framework which guides local program and service identification, implementation and evaluation activities. MOHLTC has identified that funding a provincial comprehensive tobacco control strategy is a priority.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Finance and Administration was consulted regarding the financial history of MOHLTC Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy Funding Agreements (2011-2013). The report, as a whole, was reviewed by the Manager F&A and the Business Administrator for PHS who confirmed the year-over-year Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy financials and staffing information, and provided editorial feedback on the report itself.

ANALYSIS / RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

(include Performance Measurement/Benchmarking Data, if applicable)

Tobacco addiction is the leading preventable cause of morbidity and mortality in Canada. Approval of the 2013 Smoke Free Ontario Budget will ensure PHS receives provincial funding to deliver mandated tobacco control programs and services, including meeting the Accountability Agreement with the MOHLTC. The use of funding will support decreases in tobacco use and harms related to tobacco use.

In accordance with the MOHLTC Smoke-Free Ontario Funding Agreement with City of Hamilton, PHS is required to provide the following:

- Annual & Three-Year Public Health Unit Work Plan
- Annual & Three-Year Tobacco Control Area Network Work Plan
- Quarterly Program and Financial Reporting
- Year-end Program and Financial Reporting

The MOHLTC Public Health Unit Accountability Agreement identifies two tobacco control indicators that are reported on bi-annually. These are as follows:

MOHLTC PHU Accountability Indicator	Hamilton Public Health Services
Indicator #10 - % of youth (aged 12-18) who have never smoked a whole cigarette.	The most current data available in relation to the above indicator reports that Hamilton's youth (aged 12-18) who have never smoked a whole cigarette is 86.6%. The City of Hamilton ranks 8 th out of 36 Ontario Public Health Unit jurisdictions for the highest rate of youth (12-18) who have never smoked a whole cigarette. The Ontario range is 67.3-92.5%.
Indicator #11 - % of tobacco vendors in compliance with youth access legislation at the time of last inspection	For the year ending December 31, 2012 Hamilton Public Health Services reported compliance rate for the above indicator was 96%. This data was compiled by the MOHLTC and validated by Public Health Services using the provincial Tobacco Inspection System (TIS) database which is employed by Public Health Units across the province. The provincial target compliance rate is 90%.

The above Indicators are reported to the Board of Health annually.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

(include Financial, Staffing, Legal and Policy Implications and pros and cons for each alternative)

The Board of Health could choose not to approve the budget; however, this would result in a significant loss of funding, specifically staffing FTE, which supports City of Hamilton PHS in meeting the identified program and service-level deliverables contained within the MOHLTC, Health Promotion Division's – "Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy: Public Health Unit Tobacco Control Program Guidelines" and the Ontario Public Health Standards' Chronic Disease Prevention and Smoke-Free Ontario Act Enforcement Protocols. In the absence of this funding the City of Hamilton Board of Health would be required to identify other sources of funding in order to meet the above standards.

CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN (Linkage to Desired End Results)
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Focus Areas: 1. Skilled, Innovative and Respectful Organization, 2. Financial Sustainability,
3. Intergovernmental Relationships, 4. Growing Our Economy, 5. Social Development,
6. Environmental Stewardship, 7. Healthy Community

Skilled, Innovative & Respectful Organization

- ♦ A culture of excellence

Intergovernmental Relationships

- ♦ Maintain effective relationships with other public agencies

Growing Our Economy

- ♦ Providing and sustaining excellent customer service

Social Development

- ♦ Access to services for citizens in need

Healthy Community

- ♦ Progress towards the goals and objectives of the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy that contributes to a decrease in tobacco-related morbidity and mortality.

APPENDICES / SCHEDULES

Not Applicable