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Dr. Helena Jaczek
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Dear Dr. *Helena* Jaczek:

Further to the letter from the Honourable George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long Term Care, I am pleased to confirm that, for 2005, the York Region Board of Health will receive \$21,460,193 for the administration and operation of your health unit and to ensure the provision of mandatory and related public health programs and services in your community.

As Minister Smitherman stated in his letter, the government is committed to public health renewal. To this end, the government has reaffirmed their commitment to increase the provincial share of funding for public health services and programs from 55% in 2005 to 65% effective January 1, 2006 and to 75% in 2007. For 2005, that's a total contribution of \$341.0 million from the province for mandatory and related public health programs and services, a \$49.5 million increase over the previous year. By 2007/08, total provincial funding for local delivery of public health programs and services will grow to an estimated \$469 million.

Renewal of public health in Ontario is guided by both the immediate and future health needs of Ontarians and by the best use of provincial resources. As the province moves to 75% funding, growth beyond the cost-share shift can no longer remain open-ended. This year provincial funding to health units for growth averaged 8.8%, over and above the cost-share shift. This is clearly not sustainable. My staff will work closely with individual health units to ensure that future grant requests more closely reflect the provincial fiscal situation and support provincial priorities for health protection, disease prevention and health promotion.

Dr. Helena Jaczek

The government is also committed to improving accountability for services and programs and provincial resources. To help achieve this objective, in 2005, we enhanced the Financial Planning and Accountability Guide to assist health units with their annual grant request and reporting requirements. We believe that these guidelines and the associated comprehensive program-based grant request process will ensure greater support to the public health system and increased accountability to the people of Ontario. The Public Health Division is currently refining these guidelines based on our experience with the 2005 grants process and to incorporate program changes.

I am enclosing the 2005 Allocation and Cash Flow summary and a signed copy of the Grant Terms and Conditions for the period of January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005. Any required cash flow adjustment will be made effective the first payment in November, 2005.

Once again, I would like to extend my sincere thanks for your continued commitment and support for a revitalized and effective public health system in Ontario.

Yours truly,



Dr. Sheela Basrur
Chief Medical Officer of Health and
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Enclosure (2)

c: Mr. Bill Fisch, Chair, York Region Board of Health
Marilyn Wollhead, Director of Business Services Branch, York Region Health Services
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**Public Health Division
MANDATORY AND RELATED PROGRAMS
2005 Approved Allocation and Cashflow**

York Region Health Services Department			
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	2005 Approved Allocation	Interim Cashflow	Cashflow Adjustment (+ / -)
Mandatory Programs (55%) *	\$19,749,620	\$17,946,649	\$1,802,972
West Nile Virus (55%)	\$917,962	\$917,962	\$0
West Nile Virus (100%)	\$92,261	\$92,261	\$0
Infection Control (100%)	\$700,350	\$700,350	\$0
Total	\$21,460,193	\$19,657,222	\$1,802,972

* Request of \$13,982 in Tobacco Enforcement is not included. \$25,421 will be funded from "Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy".

2005 Budget request (100%) for Tobacco Enforcement	\$437,255	
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Requested increase in 2005	\$18,054	
Provision for Benefits and other operating expenses (100%)	\$7,367	at ratio of 40.8%
Total requested increase in 2005 (100%)	\$25,421	
Estimated grant request in 2005 (55%)	\$13,982	