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PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS

2006 CERTIFICATE OF SETTLEMENT

The Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, September 19, 2007, from the Commissioner Finance:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The Certificate of Settlement of Public Health Programs for the 2006 fiscal year be received; and
2. The “Certification by Agency” be signed by the Medical Officer of Health.

2. PURPOSE

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) requires that a separate audited annual Certificate of Settlement be submitted for the Public Health general programs.

The final audit has been completed by the Region’s audit firm for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006. A copy of Certificate of Settlement is appended as Attachment 1.

3. BACKGROUND

York Region’s Public Health Services provide programs and services required by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care’s Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines, December 1997, under the provisions of the Health Protection and Promotion Act. The Public Health programs covered by this report are:

- Family and Community Health
- Dental and Nutrition Services
- Health Protection and Public Safety
- Food Safety
- Healthy Lifestyle
- Community Development
- Infectious Disease Control
- Community Investment
- Planning and Evaluation

- Ontario Works-Children
- Ontario Works-Adult

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The program expenditures budget of \$38,907,014 was approved by the Ministry, with budgeted Provincial funding set at 65%. The actual expenditures/allowable costs, as reported on the Certificate of Settlement were \$36,624,241. Of this amount, \$23,805,757 was funded by the MOHLTC and \$12,818,484 was funded through tax levy. The reduction in actual expenditures was mainly a result of salary gapping.

Included in the settlement is the West Nile Virus (WNV) program, total budget \$1,486,192, which saw under spending of \$652,467 for the 2006 fiscal year. The budgeted provincial share of the WNV program was \$966,025 (65% subsidy) and the actual provincial spending for 2006 was \$541,921. Increased competition among pest control companies resulted in lower contract costs in larviciding and mosquito speciation.

The 2006 funding for cost shared programs included all indirect services such as Human Resources, Corporate and Legal, and Financial Services based on approved guidelines set out by Ontario Municipal CAO's Benchmarking Initiative. Of the indirect costs of \$5,897,014, 65% was funded by the Ministry.

5. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

There are no local municipal implications associated with this report.

6. CONCLUSION

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care requires the attached Certificate by Agency be signed by the Medical Officer of Health.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachments referred to in this clause were included in the Agenda for the October 4, 2007 Committee meeting.)