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SMOKE FREE ONTARIO STRATEGY 2007 CERTIFICATE OF SETTLEMENT

The Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendation contained in the following report, September 8, 2008, from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

1. The Certificate of Settlement of the Smoke Free Ontario Strategy program for the 2007 fiscal year, set out in *Attachment 1*, be received.

2. PURPOSE

The Ministry of Health Protection requires that a separate audited annual Certificate of Settlement be submitted for Smoke Free Ontario Strategy programs.

The final audit has been completed by the Region's audit firm for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007. A copy of Certificate of Settlement is appended as *Attachment 1*.

3. BACKGROUND

The Smoke Free Ontario Strategy program is a mandatory 100% provincially funded program. It combines public education campaigns with programs and policies; encourages young people not to smoke; helps smokers quit; and protects people from exposure to second-hand smoke.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The program expenditures budget of \$1,297,632 was approved and cash flowed by the Ministry. The Smoke Free Ontario Strategy program costs are 100% subsidized by the Ministry. The actual expenditures, as reported on the Certificate of Settlement, were \$1,013,612. The reduction in actual expenditures was mainly due to lower than expected operating costs like salary, supplies, printing and contracted services due to salary gapping and less employee related expenses.

The Ministry does not fund indirect corporate services, totalling approximately \$196,800, provided in support of this program. These services include Corporate Services such as Human Resources and Property Services, and services provided by the Finance

Department such as Payroll, Accounting, Budgeting, Purchasing and Information Technology. Costs associated with these direct administrative costs and direct corporate services are therefore funded through the Public Health cost-shared budget at 75%.

4. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

There are no local municipal implications associated with this report.

6. CONCLUSION

The Ministry of Health Protection requires the attached Certificate of Settlement be signed by the Medical Officer of Health.

For more information on this report, please contact Jim Kelly, Manager of Corporate Accounting Services at Ext. 1683.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachment referred to in this clause was included in the agenda for the October 2, 2008 Committee meeting.)