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PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS 2003 CERTIFICATE OF SETTLEMENT

The Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, October 22, 2004, from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The Certificate of Settlement of Public Health Programs for the 2003 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 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, 2003. A copy of the 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 Child and Family Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Nutrition and School Team Services, Health Protection, and Infectious Diseases Control Divisions deliver various programs and services under the Act.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The program expenditures budget of \$30,411,371 was approved by the Ministry, with budgeted Provincial funding set at 50%. The actual net expenditures, as reported on the Certificate of Settlement were \$30,031,014. Of this amount, \$15,015,507 was funded by the Ministry and tax levy respectively. The under expenditure was mainly due to benefits gapping throughout the affected programs as a result of hiring temporary staff to cover staff vacancies during 2003. Support departments such as Finance and Corporate Services also underspent their budgets. The resulting impact on Public Health settlement was \$220,627 in indirect costs.

Included in the settlement is the West Nile Virus (WNV) program, which saw under spending of \$421,444 for the 2003 fiscal year. The budgeted provincial share of the WNV program was \$1,291,824 and the spending for 2003 was \$870,380. The reason for being under our budget was due to the application of larvicide three times instead of four times as budgeted.

The 2003 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 Benchmarking Initiatives. Of the indirect costs of \$5,007,196, \$2,503,598 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 attachment referred to in this clause was included in the Agenda for the November 4, 2004 Committee meeting.)