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PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS 2007 CERTIFICATE OF SETTLEMENT

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

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The Certificate of Settlement of Public Health programs for the 2007 fiscal year be received.
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, 2007. 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 MOHLTC'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.
- Epidemiology and Research.
- Healthy Lifestyle.
- Community Development.
- Infectious Disease Control.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The program expenditures budget of \$41,182,201 was approved by the Ministry, with budgeted provincial funding at 75%. The actual expenditures/allowable costs, as reported on the Certificate of Settlement were \$39,181,082. Of this amount, \$29,385,812 was funded by the MOHLTC and \$9,795,270 was funded through tax levy. The reduction in actual expenditures was mainly due to lower than expected operating costs like occupancy, printing and mileage due to under staffing.

Included in the settlement is the West Nile Virus (WNV) program. Its total budget was \$1,483,579 while its total actual expenditure was \$712,755 for the 2007 fiscal year. The budgeted provincial share of the WNV program was \$1,112,684 (75% subsidy) and the actual provincial spending for 2007 was \$534,566. The favourable variance is due to lower than anticipated contract costs in 2007.

The 2007 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 \$6,048,811, 75% 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.

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.)