



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the General Committee

From: Richard Freymond, Commissioner, Finance & Corporate Support Services

Meeting Date: January 20, 2025

Report: Peterborough Public Health Update, Report FCSFS25-005

Subject

A Report to inform Council of the approval of the merger of Peterborough Public Health (PPH) with Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

Recommendations

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report FCSFS25-005, dated January 20, 2025 of the Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services as follows:

- a) That the December 10, 2024 letter from Peterborough Public Health and attached as Appendix A, be received for information; and
- b) That the Peterborough Public Health funding levy requirement as originally presented in the draft 2025 budget in the amount of \$1,875,270, be approved and held as proxy, pending further information that will be forthcoming at a later date on a merger budget for the new Health Unit entity.

Background

On November 19, 2024, Council approved the following recommendation:

That the City Clerk, on behalf of City Council return the 2025 budget request to the Peterborough Public Health for consideration (page 265).

On December 4, 2024 it was announced that Peterborough Public Health and Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit will merge effective January 1, 2025. A letter to the CAOs from PPH is attached to this report in Appendix A.

Due to the merger, the 2025 budget of PPH has not been reconsidered at this time as requested by Council's recommendation on November 19, 2024.

On November 13, 2024, the PPH Board had approved an overall 12% increase to local funders for 2025. For the City, this meant an increase of \$220,620, from \$1,838,499 to \$2,059,119. The preliminary staff proposed Budget recommended a 2% increase of \$36,771 for a total budget provision of \$1,875,270.

Now that the Boards of Health will become a single entity, there will be a new budget forthcoming as approved by the new Board of Health and will be presented to City Council at a future date. As such, staff recommend that the funding levy as originally presented in the draft 2025 in the amount of \$1,875,270, be approved and held as proxy, pending the additional information. At that time, staff will also present funding options for Council's consideration on any difference in the City funding requirement and the amount included in the approved 2025 budget.

Strategic Plan

Strategic Pillar: Governance & Fiscal Sustainability

Strategic Initiative: Pursue service excellence in governance to support long-term fiscal sustainability of the City while respecting the impact of decisions on taxpayers.

The preparation and adoption of an annual budget for the City supports accountable, transparent and responsible financial management for programs and services for the benefit and protection of the City and its residents.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no additional budget and financial implications as a result of this report.

Attachment

Appendix A: PPH Letter to CAOs – December 10, 2024

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