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REPORT TITLE: **PROVINCIAL FUNDING FOR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES INITIATIVE**FROM: Janette Smith, Commissioner of Health Services  
David L. Mowat, MBChB, MPH, FRCPC, Medical Officer of Health**OBJECTIVE**

To inform Regional Council of new provincial base funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to support Ontario's Comprehensive Nursing Strategy.

**REPORT HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is providing base funding for the salaries and benefits of two Public Health Nurse positions.
- Funding will allow two of Peel Health's 2011 approved Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) to be hired.

**DISCUSSION****1. Background**

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is funding positions for public health nurses across the province as part of their 9,000 Nurses Commitment, a key component of the province's health human resources strategy.

The 2011 Regional budget included 26 approved FTE for Peel Public Health, with 19 FTE contingent upon receiving the provincial funding portion. This new funding will allow two of those FTE to be hired immediately.

**2. Proposed Direction**

This newly announced provincial funding will allow Peel Health to move forward on implementing the strategic priorities, outlined in the Public Health 4 Year Plan previously approved by Council, by hiring one Public Health Nurse (PHN) for Nurturing The Next Generation, an early child development strategy, and one to mitigate the risk of communicable disease transmission.

These positions aimed at improving the health status of the community will address the determinants of health as a key requirement of the Ontario Public Health Standards.

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**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

As outlined in Appendix I, Peel Public Health will be receiving \$170,040 in provincial funding to cover the salary and benefit costs for two Public Health Nurse positions. In the 2011 budget, Regional Council approved the addition of two Public Health Nurses subject to provincial funding. The gross costs of the two PHNs were budgeted at \$208,100 along with \$156,075 of provincial funding (assumed 75 per cent). Since the two PHNs were budgeted at 75 per cent provincial funding, this funding announcement will not be a burden to the Peel tax payer. In fact, this equates to 82 per cent funding; as a result it will decrease the cost to the Peel taxpayer by \$13,965.

**CONCLUSION**

Peel Public Health has received provincial funding to hire two of its approved FTE that were waiting for provincial funding.



Janette Smith  
Commissioner of Health Services



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**Approved for Submission:**



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Mr. Emil Kolb  
Chair  
Peel Regional Board of Health  
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Dear Mr. Kolb: *Emil*

I am pleased to inform you that Peel Public Health has been approved to receive new base funding of up to \$170,040 (at 100%) starting January 1, 2011, to support two new Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) public health nursing positions. This investment is part of the 9,000 Nurses Commitment, a key component of the province's health human resources strategy, HealthForceOntario.

These Public Health Nurses are to help support priority populations impacted by determinants of health. Addressing the determinants of health is a key requirement of the Ontario Public Health Standards. This initiative also aligns with Ontario's Poverty Reduction Strategy, the Ministry's Mental Health and Addictions Strategy, and supports nursing recruitment/retention in the province.

In a subsequent letter, Ms. Allison J. Stuart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Health Division, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, will be writing to Dr. David Mowat, Medical Officer of Health, Peel Public Health, with the accountability and administrative details regarding this funding.

The ministry wishes to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued commitment and dedication to promoting healthy living, preventing illness, injury and disease in your health unit area.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Deb Matthews in black ink.

Deb Matthews  
Minister

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