

For Information

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REPORT TITLE: **PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC EVALUATION**FROM: Janette Smith, Commissioner of Health Services
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To provide a summary of the Public Health Clinic Evaluation and the next steps proposed by Peel Public Health.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- An evaluation of Peel Public Health's clinics was completed in 2010.
- The evaluation concluded that the existing clinic sites, in conjunction with other community agencies, are generally sufficient to meet current demand for service.
- Based on the evaluation's findings, it was determined that rather than investing in a new multi-service clinic location at this time, capital dollars may be allocated to optimize existing clinic locations and operations. Accordingly, funding has been proposed for the 2012 Public Health Capital Budget.
- Once clinic improvements are completed, Peel Public Health will be in a better position to make recommendations to Council on a future clinic site to meet community needs.

DISCUSSION**1. Background**

In 2003, Peel's Medical Officer of Health (MOH) embarked on an initiative to implement "multi-service clinics" throughout the Region of Peel. The vision at the time was for these "multi-service clinics" to serve as an entry point to a variety of public health services and programs.

At present, Peel Public Health operates three "multi-service clinics" and another three "single-service clinics". The locations of Peel Public Health's clinics and a list of services provided at each of these clinics are attached in Appendices I and II.

In 2008, when consideration was being given to the development of a fourth multi-service clinic, the Medical Officer of Health asked for a comprehensive evaluation of existing public health clinics.

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2. Methodology

The evaluation was conducted using a variety of data collection techniques including a literature review, analysis of existing data on clinic activity, surveys and interviews with clinic clients and staff and consultations with community stakeholders. These were supplemented by observation, and documentation of current clinic processes. Relevant health status indicators and socio-economic data were also mapped.

3. Key Findings

The need for services offered by Peel Public Health Clinics is not evenly distributed throughout Peel. Areas that are characterized as "high-need" are those that have relatively high levels of poverty and a larger proportion of residents who would benefit from the services provided by Peel Public Health clinics (i.e. based on demographics and health status measures that are related to services provided by the clinics). For the most part, existing clinics are located within or in close proximity to the highest-need neighbourhoods, with the exception of the Meadowvale and Bolton clinics which are located in areas of relatively low need (see Appendix I).

The area bounded by Dixie Road, Queen Street, Chinguacousy Road and Bovaird Drive in Brampton is one high-needs area in which there is no Peel Public Health clinic site.

Despite this fact, the evaluation concluded that the existing clinic sites, in conjunction with other community agencies, were generally sufficient to meet current demand for service.

4. Proposed Direction

Based on the evaluation's findings, it was determined that rather than investing in a new multi-service clinic location at this time, capital dollars may be allocated to optimize existing clinic locations and operations. In particular, it was noted that the current Malton clinic is well-located but needs to be expanded in order to better meet the needs of this high-risk community. Peel Public Health is working with the relevant partners to explore the possibility of locating a more suitable space for this clinic or improving the existing clinic space.

Once this work is completed, Peel Public Health will be in a better position to provide Council with recommendations on a future clinic site to serve the community, including the high-needs neighbourhood in Brampton as described above. Council is advised, however, that the ability to expand clinic operations is dependent upon the availability of additional operating funds.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

In order to address the issues identified with the current Malton clinic, \$420,000 is proposed for the 2012 Capital Budget. In addition, \$1.8 million is proposed for inclusion in the 6-10 year Public Health Capital Budget for a potential new clinic site to serve community needs. If Council were to approve a new clinic site, additional resources would be required for clinic operations and would be requested through the regular budget process.

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CONCLUSION

Peel Public Health operates a number of clinic sites to serve the residents of Peel. A recent evaluation of Peel Public Health's clinics was conducted. It was concluded that the existing clinic sites are generally sufficient to meet current community needs. One exception is the Malton clinic site which needs to be expanded or re-located. Funds are proposed in the 2012 Public Health Capital Budget to address this matter. Funds are also proposed for the Public Health 6-10 year Capital Budget for potential development of another clinic site.



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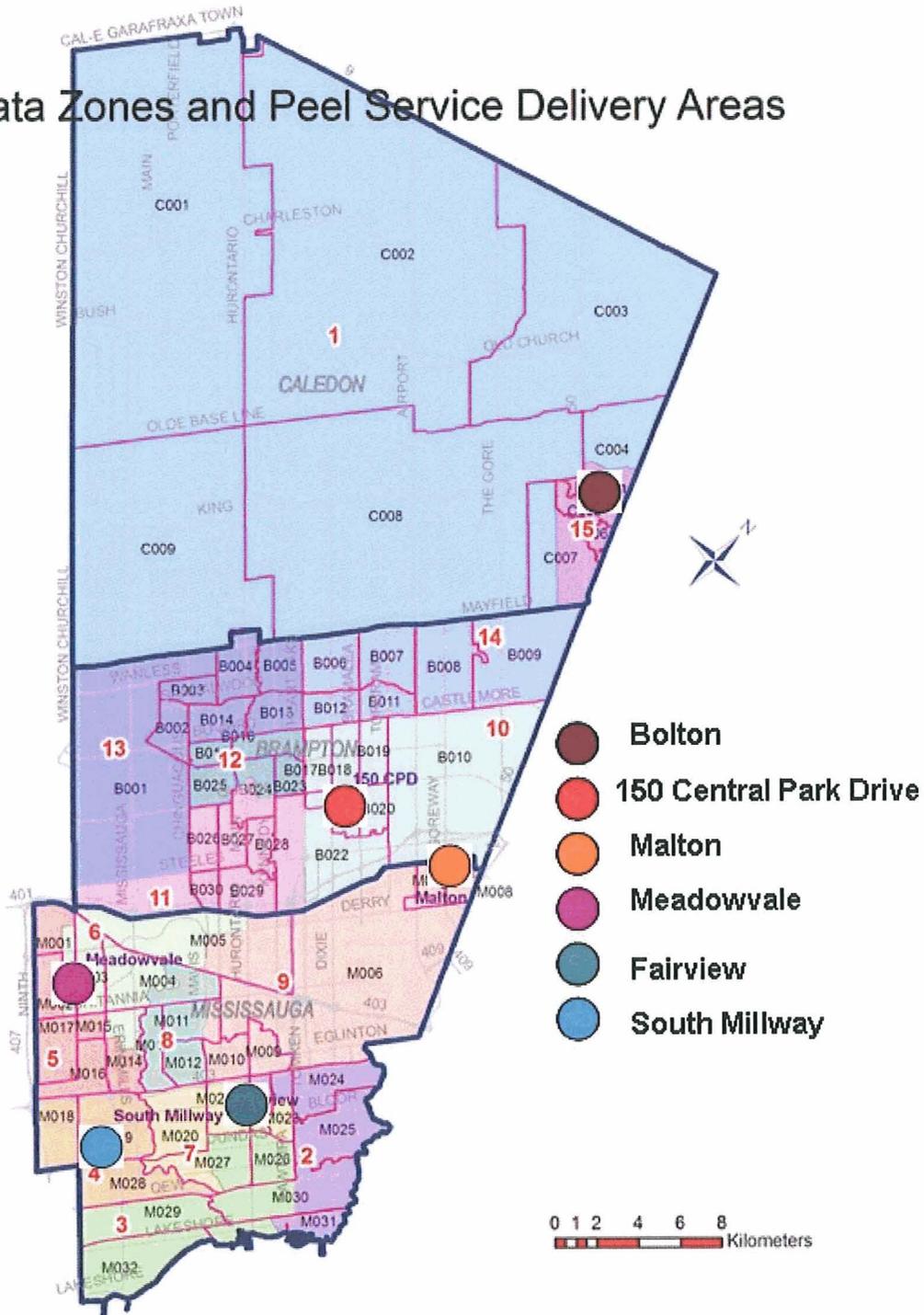
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APPENDIX I

Map of Peel Public Health Clinic Locations

Data Zones and Peel Service Delivery Areas



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APPENDIX II

Services Currently Offered at Public Health Clinics

	South Millway	Malton	Bolton	Meadowvale	Fairview	150 Central Park Drive
Healthy Sexuality	√	√	√	√	√	√
Needle Exchange	√	√	√	√	√	√
Breastfeeding				√		√
Prenatal Classes				√	√	√
Teen Supper Club*					√	
Dental	√	√**	√**	√	√	√
Immunization				√	√	√
Food Handler Course				√	√	√
Vaccine Distribution*	√	√	Provided at the Davis Centre	√	√	√

* The Teen Supper Club is also offered in the Derrybrae Peel Living building in Malton and at 57 Mill Street North in Brampton.

** Dental service provided in a separate facility from other Public Health Services.