

What your levy buys

OUR MANDATE

The mandate of the Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU) is legislated under the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

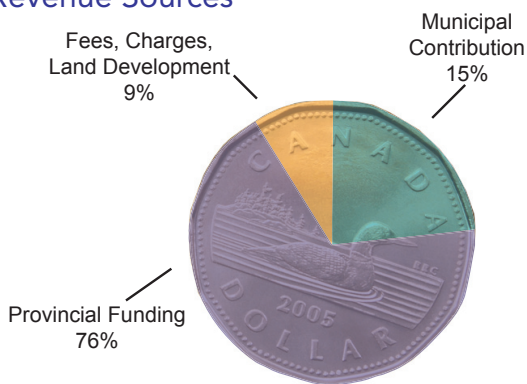
The primary focus of public health is the health and well-being of the whole population through the promotion and protection of health and the prevention of illness. Minimum requirements for the delivery of public health programming are set out in the Ontario Public Health Standards.

The Health Unit provides these mandatory public health programs throughout the Thunder Bay District to approximately 156,000 people across a geographic area totaling 109,564.22 sq. km, through offices in Thunder Bay, Nipigon, Terrace Bay, Marathon, Manitowadge and Greenstone.

OUR 2012 BUDGET

The consolidated budget for public health services provided by the Health Unit within the District of Thunder Bay totals approximately \$18M. Of this total, 76% is funded by the Province of Ontario, 15% or \$2.7M is funded through the municipal levy and 9% is derived from fees, charges and other sources.

Revenue Sources



RETURN ON (PUBLIC HEALTH) INVESTMENT

For 2012, TBDHU's municipalities will invest approximately \$2.7M in public health. With a total consolidated budget of approximately \$18M, the district municipal taxpayers will receive a 658% return on their investment (ROI) in public health services.

Date	Expenditure	Total in \$(millions)
2012	Family Health	6.024
	Infectious Diseases	4.660
	Chronic Diseases + Injuries	3.871
	Environmental Health	1.756
	General Corporate	.904
	Genetics	.612
	Land Development	.172
	Emergency Preparedness	.099
	Total Expenditures	18.098

DATE	AMOUNT
2012	\$ 2,741 million

Thunder Bay District Health Unit - Municipal Levy
 Two million seven hundred & forty-nine thousand
 District Municipality

VISION

To be leaders in creating healthy communities and healthy environments.

MISSION

Thunder Bay District Health Unit is committed to meeting the public health needs of our citizens by delivering accessible programming of the highest standards in protection, prevention and health promotion.

Please see other side for a brief overview of services.

What your levy buys

Health promotion, protection and disease prevention are complex and extensive and are made up of the following program areas:

FAMILY HEALTH, INCLUDING:

- **Speech-language services** for identifying and treating children with speech and language needs from birth to senior kindergarten.
- **Audiology services** for providing infant hearing screening, education and early intervention and follow up to minimize hearing loss. Remote assessment is being used as a way of delivering audiology services to remote communities.
- **Dental health services** for children and the Children in Need of Treatment (CINOT) program providing funding for children up to age 17 for dental treatment.
- **Healthy Babies Healthy Children** program for coordinating services to address the needs of families with children from birth to age 6 who may be at risk for health, behavioural and social problems. Home visiting and telephone counselling is offered to parents.
- **Preschool Vision** program for identifying and providing early intervention to infants and preschool children with blindness or low vision before the age of 6.
- **Breastfeeding clinic & resources** for supporting breastfeeding mothers at community locations, TBDHU and in the home.
- **Prenatal classes and parenting** programs providing parents with information and support.
- **Fair Start** developmental screening for children 18 months to school age to support healthy child development. Referrals are made to appropriate children's services when needed.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES, INCLUDING:

- **Sexual health** program providing clinical services, school clinics, outreach services, harm reduction strategies and education to the community.
- **Infection control** services for educating and supporting schools, daycares, industry, health care and community agencies. Case management and follow up of all reportable diseases.
- **Immunization** of children and adults providing protection from a range of vaccine preventable diseases.
- **Vector Borne Disease surveillance** programs for assessing the risk of infection of West Nile Virus and Lyme Disease and investigating all potential human exposures to rabies from animal contacts.

CHRONIC DISEASE & INJURIES, INCLUDING:

- **Chronic Disease Prevention** program for providing activities and influencing supportive environments and policies to encourage healthy eating, healthy weights, physical activity and UV protection in schools, worksites and the community.
- **Prevention of Injury and Substance Misuse** program for working with community partners to influence healthy policies, supportive environments and providing activities to address alcohol and other substances, road and off road safety, physical falls across the lifespan, and suicide prevention.
- **Comprehensive Tobacco Control** programs providing tobacco-free activities and cessation counselling, and enforcement in support of the provincial smoke-free initiative.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, INCLUDING:

- **Food safety** services for educating food handlers and inspecting establishments.
- **Water safety** services for monitoring public and private sources to ensure their safety for drinking and recreation, according to the Ontario and Canadian Water Quality Standards.
- **Health hazard prevention and management** for maintaining a 24 hour, on-call emergency response to prevent and control outbreaks of communicable diseases.

GENERAL CORPORATE EXPENDITURES including costs for the governance of the Health Unit, facility maintenance, computer equipment and communication for all Health Unit sites.

GENETIC COUNSELLING services for providing genetic clinics to those at risk for or affected by a genetic disease, disability or birth defect, through on-site genetic nurses, visiting geneticists, a clinical advisor and laboratory services.

LAND DEVELOPMENT program for reviewing all properties that are developed or planned to be serviced with in-ground sewage disposal.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS for enabling and ensuring a consistent and effective response to public health emergencies and emergencies with public health impacts.



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