

What your levy buys\$

OUR VISION

Healthy lives together.

OUR MISSION

We improve, promote, and protect the health and well-being of the population in the District of Thunder Bay by delivering high-quality public health programs and services with our partners.

OUR MANDATE

The mandate of the Thunder Bay District Health Unit 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.

OUR 2017 BUDGET

The consolidated budget for public health services provided by the Health Unit within the District of Thunder Bay totals approximately \$17.02M. Of this total, 77% is funded by the Province of Ontario, 17% or \$2.84M is funded through the municipal levy and 6% is derived from fees, charges and other sources.

2017 REVENUE SOURCES



Provincial Funding		77%
Municipal Contribution		17%
Fees, Charges & Other Sources		6%

2017 EXPENDITURES

In 2017, each municipal taxpayer in the district will contribute \$24.16 towards the total cost of the services listed below.

Services Provided	(000s)
Family Health	\$ 4,844
Infectious Disease	4,874
Chronic Disease and Injury	4,267
Environmental Health	1,782
Corporate	986
Land Development	188
Emergency Preparedness	78
Total Consolidated Budget	\$ 17,019
Total Municipal Contribution	\$ 2,836
Per Capita Municipal Contribution	\$ 24.16

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

FAMILY HEALTH, INCLUDING:

- Oral health education and preventative services for children as well as in school dental screenings. The Healthy Smiles Ontario program provides no-cost preventative, urgent and non-urgent dental treatment for eligible children up to age 17.
- 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.
- 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 DISEASE, INCLUDING:

- Sexual health program facilitates testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections, harm reduction and nursing outreach services and supports community capacity in dealing with blood borne infections.
- Immunization services for all age groups, yearly review of records for all school pupils, maintenance of the provincial immunization database, and supporting vaccine providers in managing and giving vaccines.
- Infectious disease case and contact management, outbreak detection and management for all reportable diseases; infection prevention and control inspections and support and follow up on IPC lapses.



CHRONIC DISEASE & INJURY, INCLUDING:

- Chronic disease prevention program for working with schools, worksites and community partners to provide health promotion activities, build supportive environments and influence policies to encourage healthy eating, physical activity, healthy body image and UV protection.
- Prevention of injury and substance misuse program for working with community partners to influence healthy policies and create supportive environments for health. The program provides activities to address the misuse of alcohol and other substances, road and off-road vehicle safety, prevention of falls across the life span, and youth suicide prevention.
- Comprehensive tobacco control including training, policy development, prevention, education, youth engagement, cessation resources and programs, and enforcement.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, INCLUDING:

- Food safety services for educating food handlers and inspecting food premises.
- Water safety services for monitoring public and private sources and ensuring water meets high standards for both drinking and recreational use.
- Health hazard prevention and management for inspecting facilities and responding to reports of health hazards in the built and natural environment and for ensuring a 24 hour on-call response to urgent incidents affecting public health.
- 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.

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

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

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