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DATE                        1 February 1999

TO/DEST.                 Co-ordinator, Community Services Committee

FROM/EXP.                Medical Officer of Health

SUBJECT/OBJET         **CANADIAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE**

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**DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Community Services Committee recommend Council approve the involvement of the Health Department in hosting the Canadian Public Health Association Conference**

**BACKGROUND**

As indicated in the attached letter from the Ontario Public Health Association (Annex A), Ottawa has been selected to be the site of the 2000 Canadian Public Health Association Conference. This conference is held in Ontario every ten years and has not been held in Ottawa since 1980.

The conference normally has between 500 and 800 attendees who come from all across the country. The conference lasts four day and can have satellite sessions before and after the main conference.

As can be seen from the letter, it is anticipated that Health Department staff will play a key role in this national forum. It offers an opportunity to showcase some of our local initiatives and for staff to network inexpensively with colleagues from across the country.

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

No community consultation is required.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Any costs would be absorbed within the existing Departmental approval. Conference organizers will no doubt attempt to access any other local sources of funding using normal channels.

*Approved by  
Robert Cushman, MD, MBA, FRCPC*



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Dr. Geoff Dunkley  
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Dear Dr. Dunkley:

On behalf of the Ontario Public Health Association I would like to formally invite the Health Department of the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton to collaborate with us to co-host the CPHA Conference in the year 2000.

OPHA has a strong tradition of collaboratively co-hosting OPHA conferences and we would anticipate that this skill and experience would be carried forward to the CPHA Conference. In addition, because OPHA held its Conference in Ottawa in 1991, I'm sure there are many community agencies and individuals in addition to Health Department staff who would be interested in working on the CPHA Conference.

Because of the demand for meeting space in the year 2000, the Crown Plaza has been booked by CPHA for the period October 22-25. The terms of reference for Conference Committees have been established by CPHA and a draft has been sent to you under separate cover. The expectations for technical and secretariat support for volunteers as well as the treatment of residual revenues would be discussed between your Health Department and OPHA and subsequently negotiated with CPHA.

Be assured that you and your Health Department would play a key role on the Conference Planning Committee, as well as the Scientific Program, Fundraising (local) and Exhibits Committees.

OPHA looks forward to discussing your needs and priorities in greater detail over the next few months and creating an arrangement which is mutually rewarding and exciting.

Sincerely,

Peter R. Elson  
Executive Director

c.c. Brian Hyndman, OPHA President  
Eliseo Martell, Vice-President