



TO: Chair and Members of the Finance & Facilities Committee
FROM: Christopher Mackie, Medical Officer of Health / CEO
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SHERWOOD FOREST MALL – LEASED SPACE

Recommendation

It is recommended that Report No. 012-18FFC re: “Sherwood Forest Mall – Leased Space” be received for information.

Key Points

- The current lease extension for the Health Unit space at the Sherwood Forest Mall, sub-leased from the London Public Library, expired December 31, 2017.
- Based on the Breastfeeding Program planning process, it was determined that breastfeeding appointments held in this space would be more effective if provided by Public Health Nurses directly in clients’ homes.
- The Health Unit will no longer use the leased space after April 30, 2018, which will yield cost savings of \$4,500 for the balance of 2018, and \$6,800 for 2019.

Background

Since December 1, 2005, the Health Unit has leased approximately 320 square feet of office space from the London Public Library Board. The space consists of two offices adjacent to the library branch located in the Sherwood Forest Mall. The Health Unit has operated a variety of programs from this location, but currently the space is being used by Public Health Nurses for breastfeeding appointments with women experiencing breastfeeding challenges in the early postpartum period. After completing a planning process to ensure an evidence-informed approach to MLHU’s breastfeeding programs and services, the Healthy Start Division will begin providing this support through home visits, rather than in a community location.

The Health Unit has been sub-leasing these premises month-to-month since the previous lease ended on December 31, 2017. The London Public Library has been advised that the Health Unit will stop leasing the space on April 30, 2018. This will yield cost savings of \$4,500 for the balance of 2018, and \$6,800 for 2019.

This report prepared by the Finance Team, Healthy Organization Division.

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