



TO: Chair and Members of the Governance Committee

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GOVERNANCE POLICY REVIEW

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Governance Committee recommend to the Board of Health to:

- 1) Receive Report No. 02-23GC re: “Governance Policy Review” for information; and*
- 2) Approve the governance policies as amended, appended to this report ([Appendix B](#)).*

Key Points

- It is the responsibility of the Board of Health to review and approve governance by-laws and policies.
- [Appendix A](#) details recommended changes to the by-laws and policies that have been reviewed by the subcommittees of the Board and outlines the status of all documents contained within the Governance Manual.
- There are seven (7) policies that have been prepared for review by the Governance Committee ([Appendix B](#)).

Background

In 2016, the Board of Health (BOH) approved a plan for review and development of by-laws and policies based on a model that incorporates best practices from the Ontario Public Health Standards and advice obtained through legal counsel. For more information, please refer to [Report No. 018-16GC](#).

Policy Review

For 2023 and 2024, policies will be grouped together (when possible) by subject matter area for ease in reviewing.

There are 7 (seven) policies included as [Appendix B](#) that have been reviewed by the Governance Committee and prepared for approval by the Board of Health:

- G-180: Financial Planning and Performance
- G-205: Borrowing
- G-430: Informing of Financial Obligations
- G-200: Approval and Signing Authority
- G-260: Governance Principles and Board Accountability
- G-370: Board of Health Orientation and Development
- G-400: Political Activities

[Appendix A](#) to this report details the recommended changes for the above by-laws/policies as well as the status of all documents contained within the Governance Manual.

Next Steps

It is recommended that the Governance Committee recommend to the Board of Health approve the policies as amended as outlined in [Appendix B](#).

This report was prepared by the Chief Executive Officer.



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