

Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee Resolution 3

WHEREAS pursuant to section 7 of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* (HPPA) the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care may publish guidelines for the provision of mandatory health programs and services and every board of health shall comply with the published guidelines, and such guidelines shall be transmitted to each board of health and shall be available for public inspection in the Ministry;

AND WHEREAS guidelines were published by the Ministry in 2008 providing for a 75/25 provincial/municipal cost sharing formula;

AND WHEREAS health units could achieve the 75/25 provincial/municipal cost sharing formula by applying increases to provincial funding to reduce the municipal share or by reducing overall costs and applying the cost reduction to the municipal share;

AND WHEREAS the Board of the Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU Board) has failed to apply the 75/25 provincial/municipal cost sharing formula and has neither applied increases in provincial funding to reduce the municipal share or reduced overall costs and applied the cost reduction to the municipal share as contemplated by the guideline;

AND WHEREAS the City of London established a target for a reduction in expenditures by its agencies, boards and commissions for 2012 which involved a reduction in the estimates by the MLHU Board of \$496,000 which, if achieved and applied to the municipal cost share, would move the MLHU Board significantly towards the 75/25 provincial/municipal cost sharing formula;

AND WHEREAS the MLHU Board has proposed a reduction of \$100,000 which is to be applied to the municipal share;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of London has requested the MLHU Board for a further reduction of its proposed budget in 2012 in accordance with the target established for the MLHU Board to move the MLHU Board towards the 75/25 provincial/municipal cost sharing formula;

AND WHEREAS the MLHU Board has refused to consider any further reductions in its notice of estimates for 2012 and refused to move towards the 75/25 provincial/municipal cost sharing formula;

AND WHEREAS the Minister shall appoint assessors who may carry out an assessment of a board of health under the HPPA;

AND WHEREAS the City of London is desirous that the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care appoint an assessor to carry out an assessment of the MLHU Board pursuant to the provisions of the HPPA;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care be requested by the Municipal Council of the City of London to cause assessors appointed under section 82 the HPPA to carry out an assessment of the MLHU Board under section 82(3) of the HPPA.