MIDDLESEX-LONDON HEALTH UNIT



REPORT NO. 090-13

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

FROM: Christopher Mackie, Medical Officer of Health

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH ACTIVITY REPORT - JUNE

Recommendation

It is recommended that Report No. 090-13 re Medical Officer of Health Activity Report – June be received for information.

The following report highlights activities of the Medical Officer of Health since the May Medical Officer of Health Activity Report (Report No. 075-13) to June 12, 2013.

The Medical Officer of Health (MOH) was introduced to the Middlesex County Council on May 14 and spoke about the importance of the Health Unit partnering with municipalities.

The MOH presented opening remarks at the Creating Healthy Active Communities – the Power of Partnerships Forum at the Civic Gardens Complex on May 21. This event was also attended by Board Members: Ms. Denise Brown, Mr. Al Edmondson, Mr. Ian Peer and Ms. Nancy Poole.

The MOH attended the seventh Annual Father's Day Breakfast at the Marconi Club on May 27 with Mr. Dan Flaherty and Mr. John Millson. More than 300 students, athletes, coaches and teachers attended the breakfast that is organized by the Thames Valley District School Board and the London District Catholic School Board. Attendees were asked to become ambassadors in the fight to end violence against women.

The MOH participated in Baby Friendly Initiative (BFI) training with the other staff members from the Office of the Medical Officer of Health on May 28.

On May 29, the MOH taped a segment for "Inside London" for Rogers TV.

The MOH spoke after the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care at a World No Tobacco Day event at Covent Garden Market on May 31.

The MOH attended the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) Conference and Annual General Meeting June 2-4, 2013 in Toronto and presented the Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA) Conference in Ottawa on June 10 and 11.

On June 5 and 6, the Medical Officer of Health, accompanied by Mr. Dan Flaherty, Communications Manager, visited the newsrooms at London radio stations, television stations and newspapers to become acquainted with the media in the City. These newsrooms included:

- Astral Radio
- CBC London
- Corus Radio
- CTV
- Free-FM
- London Community News
- Metro London

- The London Free Press
- The Londoner

The Medical Officer of Health also participated in the following teleconferences and events:

May 15 -teleconference Ministry of the Environment Updated Soil Framework

May 16 - teleconference Canadian Public Health Association Panel Discussion

May 22 - CEO/CAO Dinner Meeting at the London Convention Centre

May 27 - celebration for Health Unit's student placement program participants

May 30 - teleconference with Dr. Farhan Asrar re Impacting Public Perceptions using Water Fluoridation as a case study

May 31⁻ event Southwest Tobacco Control Network (TCAN) World No Tobacco Day at the Convent Garden Market.

Analysis and implementation of the PwC recommendations remains a priority for the MOH. In addition to several planning and analysis meetings with staff, the MOH participated on May 30 in a teleconference with Mr. Maurice Chang of PricewaterhouseCoopers, Mr. John Millson and Dr. Bryna Warshawsky regarding next steps in the Shared Services Review.

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This report addresses Ontario Public Health Organizational Standard 2.9 Reporting relationship of the medical officer of health to the board of health