



TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

FROM: Christopher Mackie, Medical Officer of Health

DATE: 2013 September 19

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## **MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH ACTIVITY REPORT – SEPTEMBER**

### ***Recommendation***

***It is recommended that Report No. 107-13 re Medical Officer of Health Activity Report – September be received for information.***

The following report highlights activities of the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) between the June Medical Officer of Health Activity Report to September 9, 2013.

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, the MOH and members of the Senior Leadership Team attended a meeting at City Hall with members of the City's Senior Leadership Team to discuss items of mutual interest and emerging issues.

Nicholas Wilson Public School was the host of the Helmets on Kids Kick-Off Event. Dr. Mackie attended and delivered remarks on behalf of the Health Unit. Also in attendance at the event were Mayor Joe Fontana, London Police, Siskinds LLP, Junior Pan American Cycling Team members, MLHU staff and several other organizations. The event wrapped up with a bicycle rodeo with a grade 3/4 class of students that was organized by London Police Services.

The Middlesex-London Health Unit is a proud supporter of the United Way of London and Middlesex. The MOH met with Art Zuidema (City of London) and Roxanne Riddell (United Way) on June 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Health Unit's continued support. On June 27<sup>th</sup>, the MOH participated in the MLHU Charity Golf Tournament where approximately \$3500.00 was raised for the United Way.

Over the summer, the MOH met with each Manager for an orientation of their program. These meetings helped identify and manage issues of importance to the Health Unit, and in some cases, further meetings were arranged for more discussion.

The MOH also had the opportunity to meet with most Board of Health members over the summer for a one-on-one meeting to discuss issues such as communication preference and perspective on the history of the Health Unit.

Work continued throughout the summer on the Price Waterhouse Coopers (PwC) recommendations and the Medical Officer of Health and MLHU staff met with PwC staff on several occasions to further develop a plan of implementation.

The MOH attended 2 meetings of the Finance and Facilities Committee, Chaired by Board Member Trish Fulton.

The MOH was involved in the interviews for the position of Human Resource/Labour Relations and Corporate Strategy Director.

On July 22, the Medical Officer of Health attended a full day orientation in Toronto with Dr. Arlene King, Chief Medical Officer of Health and also met with the following Directors:

Laura Pisko, Director MOHLTC Health Promotion Implementation Branch; Liz Walker, Director MOHLTC Public Health Planning & Liaison Branch; Gerilynne Carroll, Director Emergency Management; Sylvia Shedden, Director Public Health Standards, Practice & Accountability Branch; Nina Arron, Director Public Health Policy & Programs Branch.

The Medical Officer of Health enjoyed a 2 week vacation with his family in August.

The Medical Officer of Health and CEO also attended the following teleconferences and events:

- June 17 - Meeting of the Southwest Chapter of the Canadian College of Health Leaders attended by Deb Matthews
- June 19 – Meeting with Police Chief Brad Duncan and his senior staff
- June 20 – Tour of the MLHU Immunization Clinic with Barb Sussex, Staff Immunization Nurse
- June 24 – Meeting with MLHU Staff and Ontario Nurses Association representatives to discuss Pay Equity
- June 26 – 40<sup>th</sup> Work Anniversary for Dr. Suman Dhir, MLHU Dentist
- June 27 – Visit to Astral Medial with Dan Flaherty, Manager, Communications
- July 4 – Meeting with Michael Barrett/SW LHIN
- July 11 – Meeting with Jane Fitzgerald (Children’s Aid Society) and Andrew Locke (United Way)
- July 11 – Meeting with Marlene Janzen LeBer & Dr. Abdur Rab – Western University MPH Program
- July 15 – Meeting with Anne McKay at Childreach
- July 16 – Meeting with Todd Stepanuik, CEO for Middlesex Health Alliance
- July 17 – Attended Communicable Diseases Stakeholder Engagement Event in London
- July 19 – Meeting with Lynne Livingstone, Managing Director of Community Services/Neighbourhood & Children Services
- July 23 – Meeting with health committee of the Canadian Latin American Association
- July 23 – Meeting with CUPE Provincial Representative to discuss MLHU Violence Policy
- July 25 – Attended OPHA Webinar – Driving Equity into Public Health Action
- August 14 – Attended meeting in Toronto – Ontario Healthy Schools Coalition on the role of Public Health vis-à-vis Healthy School Initiatives
- August 16 – Attended a meeting – Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy Consultation in London
- September 4 – Shot InMotion TV Commercial to promote healthy lifestyle choices.
- September 6 – Attended launch of Healthzone event at Merry Mount Childrens Centre and toured the Well Baby, Child and Breastfeeding Clinic along with Deb Matthews.

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<p><b>This report addresses</b> Ontario Public Health Organizational Standard 2.9 Reporting relationship of the medical officer of health to the board of health</p>
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