

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

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BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER – ROLE DESCRIPTION

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health approve Appendix A to Report No. 065-14, entitled Board of Health – Role Description, which is to be sent to the Mayor-Elect of the City of London and the new Warden of the County of Middlesex once selected, for consideration prior to appointment of municipal representatives to the Board of Health.

Key Points

- The Board of Health is responsible for the oversight of the Middlesex-London Health Unit and is comprised of six Municipal Representatives and five Provincial Appointees.
- Potential members of the Board of Health should have a clear understanding of the role, responsibilities and expectation when considering an appointment to the Board.

Background

The Board of Health for the Middlesex-London Health Unit is comprised of five Provincial Representatives, three Middlesex County Representatives and three City of London Representatives. Provincial Representatives are appointed for a term decided by the Lieutenant Governor in Council and Municipal Representatives are general appointed for the duration of the municipal term.

At the September 18, 2014 meeting of the Board of Health, staff were directed to develop a job description and expectations for Board of Health Members to increase awareness about the Board of Health and the Health Unit. The Governance Committee Members would then review the document electronically before it is sent to municipal decision makers.

Board of Health Responsibilities & Expectations

[Appendix A](#) describes the responsibilities and expectations of Board of Health Members. The Board of Health has a legislated duty under the [Health Protection and Promotion Act](#) to deliver and manage public health services in the City of London and Middlesex County. The Board may also engage in other health programs or services that it deems are necessary or desirable.

Board of Health Members are expected to have a strong commitment to public health and a clear understanding of the health unit's mandate and the programs that are provided to the community. There are additional expectations and responsibilities that help to ensure optimal performance of the Board, effective delivery of public health services, and compliance with relevant legislation and regulations.

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