



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 – APRIL

### ***Recommendation***

***It is recommended that Report No. 030-15 re Medical Officer of Health Activity Report – April be received for information.***

The following report highlights activities of the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) from the March Medical Officer of Health Activity Report to April 2, 2015.

The MOH met several times throughout the month with the Ministry of the Environment, City of London and staff from the Environmental Health and Chronic Disease Prevention Services (EHCD) in regards to contaminated soil discovered in east London. Residents in the affected area were notified via a letter hand delivered by EHCDP staff. They were advised that the health risk is very low. Further testing results, including air samples from resident's homes, may be available by the time of the April Board of Health meeting.

The MOH took time off during the March break to spend with his family.

The MOH was very involved in this year's The Ontario Public Health Convention (TOPHC) – Adapting to a Changing World. He provided a keynote address at a pre-convention workshop which gave participants an opportunity to focus on skill development in mental health and healthy weights. He was involved in several presentations over the course of the conference, including being one of the panel speaking at the Sheela Basrur Symposium on how future trends will impact societal change. His presentation was entitled: Ten Great Public Health Achievements of the Twenty-First Century. The MOH was also one of the presenters for the following:

- Population Mental and Public Health Practitioners: What Are The Needs?
- Criteria-based Resource Allocation: A tool to improve public health impact
- Core Values Driving Local Public Health Practices: A Tribal Leadership Approach.

Several other MLHU staff also made presentations at TOPHC.

Senior staff and the MOH, along with Human Resources, worked to identify an appropriate person to fill the position of Director for Family Health Services. Diane Bewick, current Director, Family Health Services has submitted her resignation and will be retiring at the end of April. Ms. Bewick has been with MLHU for approximately 20 years and her contribution to public health, the Health Unit and the community will be greatly missed. Interviews for this position began at the end of March.

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

March 9 Attended London's Homeless Prevention System Implementation Team meeting  
March 13 Attended Code Red Steering Committee meeting with executive staff from other organizations

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March 27 Guest lectured at Western University Dept. of Epidemiology & Biostatistics Research Seminar Course

April 2 Attended a tour of the Unity Project facility



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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