

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

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SUMMARY INFORMATION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2018

Recommendation

It is recommended that Report No. 009-18 re: “Summary Information Report for February 2018” be received for information.

Key Points

- The City of London’s Shift rapid-transit initiative is a comprehensive undertaking, which complements MLHU’s work under the Ontario Public Health Standards in several areas.

Shift: London’s Rapid Transit Initiative

[London’s Rapid Transit Initiative Master Plan](#) was approved by City Council on July 25, 2017. Through the [Business Case](#) evaluation process, [Bus Rapid Transit](#) (BRT) was identified as providing the best value solution in terms of mobility, city building, economic development and affordability. In September 2017, the Health Unit was invited to participate as a community stakeholder in the pre-planning phase, which precedes formal commencement of the [Transit Project Assessment Process](#) (March–September 2018). A Public Health Nurse from the Healthy Communities and Injury Prevention Team has been engaged in this process on behalf of MLHU. The Health Unit contributed previously to the Shift initiative discussion via the [Shift Blog – Shifting to Better Health!](#) on March 10, 2015, and through the [Board of Health, May 19, 2016](#).

The Shift initiative is a comprehensive undertaking, which compliments MLHU’s work under the Ontario Public Health Standards in several areas, including: reducing the burden of chronic diseases and preventable injuries (via increased use of active modes of transportation and improved road safety), promoting healthy natural and built environments (via reduced outdoor air pollutants and climate change impacts), and decreasing health inequities (via improved transportation access for populations with need).

This report was submitted by the Healthy Communities and Injury Prevention Team, Healthy Living Division.



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