

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

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## SUMMARY INFORMATION REPORT FOR MARCH 2018

### **Recommendation**

*It is recommended that Report No. 016-18 re: "Summary Information Report for March 2018" be received for information.*

### **Key Points**

- Health Unit staff prepared and submitted feedback (attached as Appendix A and Appendix B) to the Government of Ontario's Regulatory Registry on the proposed regulations under the *Cannabis Act, 2017* and the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017*, respectively.
- Health Unit staff prepared and submitted feedback to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation and the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport consultation for the next multi-year action plan for [#CycleON-Action Plan 2.0](#): Ontario's Cycling Strategy.

### **Comments on the Proposed Places of Use Regulations under the *Cannabis Act, 2017* and the Proposed Amendments to the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017***

[Bill 174, Cannabis, Smoke-Free Ontario and Road Safety Statute Law Amendment Act, 2017](#) received Royal Assent in Queen's Park in December 2017. The Bill enacts the *Cannabis Act, 2017* (Schedule 1), the *Ontario Cannabis Retail Corporation Act, 2017* (Schedule 2), the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017* (Schedule 3), and amends the *Highway Traffic Act* regarding driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs (Schedule 4). The Ministry of the Attorney General and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) are accepting comments on the [proposed places-of-use regulations under the Cannabis Act, 2017](#) and the [Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017](#), respectively. Health Unit staff prepared and submitted comments (attached as [Appendix A](#) and [Appendix B](#)) on the proposed regulations in line with a public health approach to cannabis regulation and tobacco control.

### **Support for #CycleON-Action Plan 2.0: Ontario's Cycling Strategy**

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation launched the [Ontario Cycling Strategy - #CycleON](#) in August 2013. #CycleON is a 20-year vision and plan to increase the growth of cycling in Ontario. It provides a multi-pronged approach that, if realized, will increase physical activity among children, youth and adults, and will bring about improvements to road safety, the environment and social / health equity. The MLHU articulated its support and provided recommendations in to *#Cycle ON* in 2013, and since then has engaged with City of London and Middlesex County partners in numerous cycling specific and active transportation initiatives. The Ontario Ministry of Transportation and the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport issued a call for feedback on the next multi-year action plan - [#CycleON-Action Plan 2.0](#). Health Unit staff prepared and submitted feedback expressing support for Action Plan 2.0 and actions that continue investment in cycling infrastructure, increase education and awareness of cycling issues, and advance policies and programs that support cycling as a safe means of active transportation, attached as [Appendix C](#).



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