



MIDDLESEX-LONDON HEALTH UNIT

REPORT NO. 008-18GC

TO: Chair and Members of the Governance Committee

FROM: Christopher Mackie, Medical Officer of Health / CEO

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POLICY REVIEW

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Governance Committee:

- 1) Receive report No. 008-18GC re: “Policy Review” for information; and*
- 2) Recommend that the Board of Health approve the new and revised governance policies outlined in [Appendix A](#).*

Key Points

- Maintaining the Board of Health Governance Manual is a responsibility of the Governance Committee.
- A proposed policy model was brought forward to the Governance Committee in April 2016, and the policy review process has continued throughout 2017–18 based on that initiative.
- The new and revised policies brought forward to the Governance Committee are a result of the approved policy model.

Background

The Board of Health approved a plan for developing and revising policies based on a policy model that incorporates best practices from the Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards and advice obtained through legal counsel. Refer to [Report No. 018-16GC](#).

Policy Review

Review of the Governance Manual by-laws and policies continued throughout 2017 and into 2018. The next set of policies prepared for review by the Governance Committee is highlighted in a comprehensive listing of by-laws, policies, status updates, and a summary of changes found in [Appendix A](#).

The following policies were revised at the request of the Governance Committee:

- Bylaw G-B30 Proceedings of the Board of Health has been revised since the last Governance Committee meeting to incorporate changes to voting when participating electronically at meetings.
- Policy G-205 Borrowing has been revised based on feedback received at the last Finance & Facilities Committee meeting.
- Policy G-290 Standing and Ad Hoc Committees has been revised following a review of current best practices regarding workload distribution.
- Policy G-340 Whistleblowing has been revised to incorporate feedback received at the last Governance Committee meeting.

Policy G-395 LHIN Relationships is a new policy developed in consultation with legal counsel.

Next Steps

The Governance Committee has the opportunity to review the new/revised policies found in [Appendix B](#).

Once the Governance Committee is satisfied with its policy review, the revisions will be forwarded to the Board of Health for approval.

This report was prepared by Strategic Projects, Healthy Organization Division.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Mackie', is positioned above the printed name and title.

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