



TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health
FROM: Christopher Mackie, Medical Officer of Health / CEO
DATE: 2018 September 20

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH ACTIVITY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 057-18 re: “Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for September” for information.

The following report presents activities of the Medical Officer of Health for the period of July 6, 2018, to September 4, 2018.

- July 6 Met with Dr. Rick Mann, Coroner, to discuss the opioid crisis
- July 10 Interviewed by Gary Ennett, CBC, in advance of an in-studio interview on July 11
- July 11 Interviewed by Julianne Hazelwood, CBC, in regard to Toronto MOH’s proposal to decriminalize all drugs for personal use
- July 12 Attended tour of the Temporary Overdose Prevention Site (TOPS) with senior staff of the City of London
- July 13 With Health Unit staff, met with staff from the City and Regional HIV/AIDS Connection (RHAC) to discuss strategies for improving needle recovery in the community
- July 16 Attended the Community and Protective Services meeting at City Hall in regard to funding for the relocation of the Health Unit
- July 17 Led a class (Global MINDS Fellowship Program, Summer Institute, Western University) on the topics of poverty and mental health
Interviewed by Shannon Coulter, *London Free Press* (LFP), about TOPS extension request
Interviewed by Paula Duhatschek, CBC London, about TOPS extension request
- July 18 Phone call with Brian Schwartz, Public Health Ontario, for their regular update
Met with Jeff Yurek, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, at Queen’s Park
- July 19 Interviewed by Mike Stubbs, 980 CFPL, about TOPS extension request
Interviewed by Darrel Newcombe, CTV News, about TOPS extension request
Teleconference with community partners about upcoming community information meetings for Supervised Consumption Facilities (SCFs)
Attended Board of Health meeting
- July 20 Met with Mark Henshaw and Patrick Sackville to discuss supervised consumption
Phone call with Peter Fragiskatos, MP for London North Centre, about SCFs and TOPS extension request
- July 23 Live interview with Craig Needles, 980 CFPL, about TOPS extension request

- July 24 Co-facilitated session at the Global MINDS Fellowship Program, Western University, titled “Partnerships and Influencing Decision-Makers”
- July 25 Teleconference with the alPha 2018 Municipal Election Task Force
Attended two community information meetings organized to provide information on the proposed SCF sites
- July 26 Live interview with Travis Dhanraj and Liny Lamberink, Global News, about the London opioid crisis
- July 27 Met with Adam Thompson, Manager, Government and External Relations, City of London, to discuss City of London participation in AMO meeting
- July 30 Teleconference with the Toronto Drug Strategy Secretariat re: supervised consumption
- July 31 Teleconference with Dr. Vera Etches, Medical Officer of Health, to discuss plans for the upcoming Urban Public Health Network Conference
- August 1 Teleconference with Dr. Eden, Regional Supervising Coroner for Inquests, London Police Services, and the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services
- August 2 Met with Megan Walker, Executive Director, London Abused Women’s Centre, to discuss SCF issues
- August 7 Met with Kate Young, MP for London West, and Peter Fragiskatos, MP for London North Centre, to discuss various public health issues and tour the TOPS
- August 9 Interviewed by Murray Hunter, management consultant, for research on leadership
Interviewed by Shannon Coulter, LFP; Chris dela Torre, CBC Radio One; Scott Kitching, BlackburnNews.com; and Gerry Dewan, CTV News, about TOPS extension and funding
- August 10 Interviewed by Craig Needles, AM980 News, about TOPS extension
- August 13 Attended site/building design meeting for the 446 York Street location
- August 14 Delegation status at the Middlesex County Council meeting. Discussed and answered questions about the County Services Review, which MLHU is currently conducting
Interviewed by Jonathan Sher, LFP, about TOPS
Met with Ronnie Grigg to discuss Insite, Vancouver’s SCF
- August 15 Met with the London & Middlesex Housing Corporation to discuss SCFs
Presented to the Pharmacy Student Conference, at St. Joseph’s Hospital, on the London opioid crisis
Phone call with Mayor Matt Brown to discuss SCFs
- August 16 Met with City of London staff to discuss water quality in London
Met with Joe Antone, Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre (SOAHAC), to discuss his counselling work and future opportunities
Met with Jake Skinner, Principal, Blackridge Strategies, for a tour of the TOPS

August 23 Met with Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, regarding SCFs; presented document “The Business Case for Supervised Consumption in London, Ontario.”

September 6 Attended Finance & Facilities Committee meeting
Participated in stakeholder meeting about people who inject drugs coordinated by the South West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) and London Health Sciences Centre

This report was submitted by the Office of the Medical Officer of Health.

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

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