



**AGENDA
MIDDLESEX-LONDON BOARD OF HEALTH**

Thursday, October 15, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Microsoft Teams

MISSION - MIDDLESEX-LONDON HEALTH UNIT

The mission of the Middlesex-London Health Unit is to promote and protect the health of our community.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Ms. Maureen Cassidy (Chair)
Ms. Aina DeViet (Vice-Chair)
Mr. John Brennan
Ms. Kelly Elliott
Ms. Tino Kasi
Ms. Arielle Kayabaga
Mr. Ian Peer
Mr. Bob Parker
Mr. Matt Reid

SECRETARY-TREASURER

Dr. Christopher Mackie

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MINUTES

Approve: September 17, 2020 Board of Health

Receive: July 16, 2020 Governance Committee

Item #	Delegation	Recommendation	Information	Report Name and Number	Link to Additional Information	Overview and Lead
Reports and Agenda Items						
1.	X	X	X	Governance Committee Meeting Summary October 15 , 2020 (Verbal)	October 15, 2020 Agenda	To provide an update of the October 15, 2020 Governance Committee meeting. Lead: Ms. Aina DeViet, Chair, Governance Committee
2.			X	Update on Confidential Board of Health Report Template and Criteria (Report No. 046-20)	Appendix A	Lead: Dr. Christopher Mackie, Medical Officer of Health
3.			X	COVID-19 Update (verbal)		To provide an update on COVID-19 related items. Leads: Dr. Alexander Summers, Associate Medical Officer of Health and Dr. Christopher Mackie, Medical Officer of Health
4.			X	MOH Activity Report – October (Report No. 047-20)		To provide an update on external meetings attended by the Medical Officer of Health since the last Board of Health meeting. Lead: Dr. Christopher Mackie, Medical Officer of Health
Correspondence						
5.			X	October 2020 Correspondence		To receive correspondence items a) through c) for information.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Next Board of Health Meeting: TBD

CONFIDENTIAL

The Board of Health will move in-camera to consider matters regarding labour relations and identifiable individuals.

ADJOURNMENT



PUBLIC SESSION – MINUTES
MIDDLESEX-LONDON BOARD OF HEALTH

Thursday, September 17, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Webinar – Microsoft Teams

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Maureen Cassidy (Chair)
Ms. Aina DeViet (Vice-Chair)
Mr. John Brennan
Ms. Kelly Elliott
Mr. Bob Parker
Mr. Ian Peer
Mr. Matt Reid
Ms. Tino Kasi (arrived via video conference 6:49pm)
Ms. Arielle Kayabaga

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dr. Christopher Mackie, Medical Officer of Health (Secretary Treasurer)
Ms. Sharon Keith, Executive Assistant, Environmental Health and Infection Diseases (recorder)
Dr. Michael Clarke, CEO (interim)
Dr. Alexander Summers, Associate Medical Officer of Health
Ms. Heather Lokko, Director, Healthy Start
Ms. Maureen Rowlands, Director, Healthy Living – via video
Mr. Stephen Turner, Director, Environmental Health and Infectious Disease
Ms. Mai Pham, Epidemiologist
Mr. Jeff Cameron, Manager, IT
Ms. Mary Lou Albanese, Manager, COVID Team
Ms. Elizabeth Milne, Executive Assistant to the Board of Health and Communications Coordinator
Mr. Dan Flaherty, Manager, Communications
Mr. Alex Tyml, On-line Communications Coordinator
Ms. Donna Kosmack, Manager, Dental Clinic

At 6:32 pm, Chair Cassidy called the meeting to order.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Chair Cassidy inquired if there were any disclosures of conflicts of interest. None were declared.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Parker, seconded by Ms. DeViet, *that the **AGENDA** for the September 17, 2020 Board of Health meeting be approved.*

Carried

MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Parker, *that the MINUTES of the July 16, 2020 Board of Health meeting be approved.*

Carried

It was moved by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Parker, *that the MINUTES of the July 29, 2020 Special Board of Health meeting be approved.*

Carried

It was moved by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Parker, *that the MINUTES of the September 10, 2020 Special Board of Health meeting be approved.*

Carried

It was moved by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Parker, that the MINUTES of the September 10, 2020 Finance & Facilities Committee be Received.

Carried

REPORTS AND AGENDA ITEMS

Finance and Facilities Committee Update (Report No. 040-20)

It was moved by Ms. Elliott, seconded by Ms. DeViet that the Board of Health review and approve the audited Consolidated Financial Statements for Middlesex-London Health Unit, March 31, 2020, as appended to Report No. 020-20FFC.

Carried

It was moved by Ms. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Peer, that the Board of Health;

- 1) receive Report No. 021-20FFC re “Q2 Financial and Factual Certificate Update” for information;
- 2) Approve the allocation of up to \$40,000 of variance funds to support the development of a strategy to address anti-black racism; and
- 3) Approve the allocation of variance funds, above those required to offset the agency gapping budget, to relocation related expenses to a maximum of \$250,000 in 2020.

Carried

It was moved by Ms. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Reid, that the Board of Health approve the 2021 PBMA criteria and weighting that is proposed in Appendix A to Report No. 022-20FFC.

Carried

It was moved by Ms. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Peer, that the Board of Health receive Report No. 023-20FFC, re: “Emergency Contract Award” for information.

Carried

It was moved by Ms. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Peer, *that the Board of Health receive Report No. 040-20 re: “Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting – September 10, 2020” for information.*

Carried

Monitoring Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic and Related Public Health Measures (Report No. 041-20)

Discussion ensued about the following items:

- Initial increase in opioid-related Emergency Department (ED) visits at the beginning of the pandemic, but no increase in deaths.
- Fewer ED visits at the peak of the pandemic.
- Measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 may have also reduced the spread of influenza.

It was moved by Ms. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Reid, *that Report No. 041-20 re: "Monitoring Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic and Related Public Health Measures" be received for information*

Carried

COVID-19 Surveillance Testing on Farms (Report No. 042-20)

Dr. Mackie and the Board of Health thanked Dr. Alexander Summers for his leadership in this area.

It was moved by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Brennan, *that Report No. 042-20 re: "COVID-19 Surveillance Testing on Farms" be received for information.*

Carried

Update on Provincial COVID-19 Case and Contact Management (CCM) System (Report No. 043-20)

Discussion ensued about the following item:

Several issues continue to exist regarding the functionality of the provincial solution and the inherent organizational risks that would be assumed by MLHU once it is implemented locally.

It was moved by Mr. Peer, seconded by Ms. DeViet, *that Report No. 043-20 re: "Update on Provincial COVID-19 Case and Contact Management (CCM) System" be received for information.*

Carried

COVID-19 Update (verbal)

Dr. Summers provided an update on recent COVID-19 related activities at MLHU, which included the following updates

- Much work has focused on return to school and return to campus. The MLHU School Health Team, led by Maureen MacCormick, Anita Cramp, and Jacqueline Eckert - have provided tremendous support.
- As of this morning, there are 28 new cases of COVID-19 among Western University students in the last 6 days. Within this number are two separate outbreaks and several clusters related to households.
- Dr. Summers presented a visualization of the Western Outbreak Alpha, which showed where students had been and which can be used to predict where interactions will occur. The outbreaks are largely driven by interaction in houses, bars, restaurants, and social events. The highest risk times-of-day for transmission are evenings and weekends.
- The COVID Team has been working closely with Western University; steps taken include the closure of non-essential student events including varsity sports.
- With the coming of cooler weather there will be an increased temptation to congregate indoors. The Health Unit's consistent message is that physical distancing is the most effective deterrent to

transmission. Social circles must be kept small in order to interrupt the transmission of COVID-19.

Discussion ensued about the following items:

- Just living a “normal” life is hazardous in a pandemic. People need to be reminded to maintain physical distance.
- We have done education and given warnings. Now it looks like we need to move into enforcement.

It was moved by Mr. Reid, seconded by Ms. Elliott, *that the Board of Health receive “COVID-19 Verbal Update” for information.*

Carried

Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for September (Report No. 044-20)

Dr. Mackie made note of the following item in addition to his written report:

The Western Ontario Health Team has asked those involved to start contributing to startup funding. The first task will be to hire a lead for the work. The Health Unit’s contribution would be in the range of \$8,000. Joe Antone, Manager, Health Equity and Indigenous Reconciliation, will serve on the hiring committee.

It was moved by Mr. Brennan, seconded by Mr. Parker, *that the Board of Health receive Report No. 044-20 re: “Medical Officer of Health/CEO Activity Report for September” for information.*

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Cassidy inquired if there were any questions, hearing none she asked for a mover and seconder.

It was moved by Mr. Reid, seconded by Ms. Elliott, *that the Board of Health receive items a) through j) for information.*

Carried

Other Business

Next meeting – October 15, 2020

CONFIDENTIAL

At 8:03 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Peer, seconded by Ms. Elliott, that the Board of Health move in-camera to consider matters regarding labour relations, identifiable individuals and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, and to consider matters regarding a trade secret or financial information, supplied in confidence to the local board, which if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons or organization, and a trade secret or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value.

Carried

At 10:06 p.m. it was moved by Ms. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Reid, *that the Board of Health return to public session.*

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:06 p.m., it was moved by Ms. DeViet, seconded by Mr. Peer, *that the meeting be adjourned.*

Carried

MAUREEN CASSIDY
Chair

CHRISTOPHER MACKIE
Secretary-Treasurer

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PUBLIC SESSION – MINUTES
MIDDLESEX-LONDON BOARD OF HEALTH
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 16, 2020, 5:30 p.m.
Microsoft Teams & MLHU Boardroom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Aina DeViet (Committee Chair)
Ms. Maureen Cassidy
Ms. Arielle Kayabaga
Mr. Ian Peer
Mr. Bob Parker

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Kelly Elliott, Board Member
Mr. Matt Reid, Board Member
Mr. John Brennan, Board Member
Dr. Chris Mackie, Medical Officer of Health
Dr. Alex Summers, Associate Medical Officer of Health
Dr. Michael Clarke, CEO (Interim)
Ms. Nicole Gauthier, Acting Director, Healthy Organization, and Manager,
Privacy, Risk and Governance
Ms. Elizabeth Milne, Executive Assistant to the Board of Health and
Communications Coordinator
Ms. Svetlana Mutlak, Executive Assistant, Healthy Organization (Recorder)
Mr. Stephen Turner, Director, Environmental Health and Infectious Diseases
Ms. Maureen Rowlands, Director, Healthy Living
Ms. Heather Lokko, Director, Healthy Start and Chief Nursing Officer
Mr. Joe Belancic, Manager, Procurement and Operations
Mr. Jeff Cameron, Manager, IT

Ms. DeViet called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Chair DeViet inquired if there were disclosures of conflicts of interest to be declared. None were declared.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Peer, seconded by Mr. Parker, *that the AGENDA for the July 16, 2020 Governance Committee meeting be approved.*

Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Peer, *that the MINUTES of the June 18, 2020 Governance Committee meeting be approved.*

Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Governance By-law and Policy Review (Report No. 011-20GC)

Dr. Mackie introduced Ms. Gauthier to present the report and advise the Committee on the amendments made to the by-laws with regards to Special Meetings.

[Please note: it was noted after the meeting that the wrong version of the by-laws was appended to Report 011-20 itself; the correct version of the by-laws approved as part of this report was included in the [Complete Agenda Package](#). Report 011-20GC was updated to reflect the correct version of the by-laws on Friday, July 17, 2020, and also appended to these minutes.]

It was moved by Mr. Parker, seconded by Ms. Cassidy, *that the Governance Committee recommend the Board of Health:*

- 1) *Receive Report No. 011-20 re: "By-Law Amendment Regarding Special Meetings"; and*
- 2) *Approve the amendment to governance By-law #3 ([Appendix A](#)).*

Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting of the Governance Committee will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2020

CONFIDENTIAL

At 5:35 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Peer, seconded by Ms. Cassidy, *that the Governance Committee move in-camera to consider matters regarding labour relations, identifiable individuals and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.*

Carried

At 6:24 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Peer seconded by Ms. Cassidy, *that the Governance Committee return to public session.*

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:24 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Peer, seconded by Ms. Cassidy, *that the meeting be adjourned.*

Carried

AINA DEVIET
Committee Chair

CHRISTOPHER MACKIE
Secretary-Treasurer

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

FROM: Christopher Mackie, Medical Officer of Health

DATE: 2020 October 15

UPDATE ON CONFIDENTIAL BOARD OF HEALTH REPORTS AND CRITERIA

Recommendation

It is recommended that Report No. 046-20 re: “Update on Confidential Board of Health Reports and Criteria” be received for information.

Key Points

- While most proceedings of the Middlesex-London Board of Health are open to the public, the *Municipal Act, 2001*, provides direction and legislative requirements to councils and Boards on when discussions may be closed to the public.
- In order to ensure accountability and ongoing transparency, a new confidential Board of Health report template with a checklist ([Appendix A](#)) has been developed in order to ensure Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU) staff carefully review and consider the criteria for bringing a confidential report forward in closed session.
- MLHU staff will continue to evaluate and clarify which criteria apply to a report, prior to recommending it be considered as a confidential report in closed session.

Background

The Middlesex-London Health Unit values transparency, and reports come forward to the Board of Health whenever possible. Sometimes, however, information being considered needs to be kept confidential, which requires MLHU staff to bring a confidential report forward for consideration in closed session. The *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O 2001, c. 25 ([section 239](#)) helps to guide the decision on what information can be confidential and when a meeting may be closed to the public, in order to bring forward a confidential report in closed session.

Process

Health Unit staff consider the criteria provided in the *Municipal Act* when determining whether a Board of Health report needs to be confidential or public. According to criteria in the Act, discussions and reports may come forward in a closed session if the subject matter being considered is one or more of the following:

- the security of the property of the municipality or local board
- personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees
- a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board
- labour relations or employee negotiations
- litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board
- advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose
- a matter in respect of which a council, board, committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another Act

- information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them
- a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization
- a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value
- a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board
- a request under the [Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act](#), if the council, board, commission or other body is the head of an institution for the purposes of that Act
- an ongoing investigation respecting the municipality, a local board or a municipally-controlled corporation by the Ontario Ombudsman, a municipal Ombudsman, or meeting investigator

A meeting may also be closed to the public if the following conditions are both satisfied:

- the meeting is held for the purpose of educating or training the members; AND
- at the meeting, no member discusses or otherwise deals with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of the council, local board or committee.

Next Steps

Health Unit staff will continue to submit reports to the Board of Health in a timely and efficient manner. This new template will further enhance the Health Unit's ability to remain accountable and transparent.

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



Christopher Mackie, MD, MHSc, CCFP, FRCPC
Medical Officer of Health



Michael Clarke, PhD
CEO (Interim)



TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health
FROM: Christopher Mackie, Medical Officer of Health
DATE: Year Month Day

CONFIDENTIAL

TITLE

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health...

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Key Points
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Background

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Other Headings as Needed

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Next Steps

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Authorship

This report was prepared by XX team, XX Division.

Signature line

Medical Officer of Health – signature, name, credentials

CEO – signature, name, credentials

Information being considered in this report pertains to the following subject matter, as outlined in the Municipal Act, 2001:

- **Criteria 1**
- **Criteria 2... etc**

Criteria for bringing report forward in-camera

Except as provided in this section, all meetings shall be open to the public.

A meeting or part of a meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered is:

Place an "X" beside all that apply	Subject Matter
	The security of the property of the Middlesex-London Board of Health
	Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Middlesex-London Board of Health employees
	A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Middlesex-London Board of Health
	Labour relations or employee negotiations
	Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the Middlesex-London Board of Health
	Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose
	A matter in respect of which the Middlesex-London Board of Health may hold a closed meeting under another Act
	Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the Middlesex-London Board of Health by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them
	A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the Middlesex-London Board of Health, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization
	A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the Middlesex-London Board of Health and has monetary value or potential monetary value; or
	A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the Middlesex-London Board of Health.
	A request under the <i>Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i> , if the Middlesex-London Board of Health or other body is the head of an institution for the purposes of that Act.
	An ongoing investigation by Ontario's Ombudsman respecting Middlesex-London Board of Health.
	Educating or training the members of the Middlesex-London Board of Health AND does not materially advances the business or decision-making of the council, local board or committee.



TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health
FROM: Christopher Mackie, Medical Officer of Health
DATE: 2020 October 15

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH ACTIVITY REPORT FOR OCTOBER

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 047-20 re: “Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for October” for information.

The following report presents activities of the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) for the period September 8, 2020 to October 2, 2020.

With the return to school and the end of summer came an increase in COVID-19 cases. This has kept the whole organization busy, including the Medical Officer of Health. Increased meetings and webinars were necessary to keep up with the ever-changing landscape. The MOH continued to participate in external pandemic related meetings, many of which have increased in frequency. These include calls daily, every other day, or weekly with Middlesex County, the City of London, local health partners, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa), the Ministry of Health, Ontario Health West, the Southwest LHIN, the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, and Public Health Ontario. The MOH and London Mayor Ed Holder continue to provide regular COVID-19 virtual media briefings.

The MOH and the Associate Medical Officer of Health (AMOH) continued to host a weekly MLHU Staff Town Hall during the summer weeks to present on many topics, including COVID-19.

The following events were also attended by the MOH.

- September 9 Met with Board of Health Chair, Ms. Maureen Cassidy to review the agenda for the September 17th meeting of the Board
- September 10 Attended the Special Meeting of the Board of Health
Attended the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting
- September 14 Interviewed by CBC – Afternoon Drive – in regard to the most recent COVID-19 outbreak
- September 15 Regular update meeting with Board of Health Chair, Ms. Maureen Cassidy
Meeting with MPP Peggy Sattler in regard to COVID Assessment Centre Issues
- September 16 Interview with Global News Radio AM980 CFPL - Devon Peacock in regard to COVID-19 testing
Meeting with Terry Gillis, President & CEO at Ahria Consulting Inc.
Live interview with Ms. Rita Celli, CBC Ontario Radio, Ontario Today in regard to COVID-19 community outbreak, and behaviour of younger people
Key note speaker at the Canadian Club of London meeting - Covid-19: Defining Our Time

- September 17 Attended a meeting of the Ontario Health Team Coordinating Council
Attended the Board of Health meeting
- September 18 Interview with CBC Radio Toronto – Hear and Now afternoon drive show with Jill Deacon, in regard to COVID-19 community outbreak
- September 21 Interviewed by Ms. Allison Devereaux, CBC London – London Morning Show in regard to COVID-19 updates
- September 22 Call with Mr. Mark Fisher, Director of Education, Thames Valley District School Board in regard to getting ready for positive COVID-19 cases in schools
Call with Mr. Andrew Lockie, Chief Executive Officer, YMCA of Western Ontario, in regard to COVID-19
- September 23 Participated on the Council of Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) Section meeting call
Participated in a call with staff from local school boards and staff from Southwestern Public Health in regard to a process for when a confirmed case emerges in a school
- September 24 Attended the Youth Opportunities Unlimited Board meeting
Regular update meeting with Ms. Maureen Cassidy, Board of Health Chair
- September 25 Participated in the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA) Board teleconference.
Participated in the YMCA Virtual Retreat
- September 28 Interview with Mr. Tyson Robertson, XFM at Fanshawe College in regard to new methods of learning and the guidelines in place for returning post-secondary students

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



Christopher Mackie, MD, MHSc, CCFP, FRCPC
Medical Officer of Health

CORRESPONDENCE – October 2020

- a) Date: 2020 September 14
Topic: Support for Basic Income for All Canadians During the COVID-19 Pandemic
From: Office of the Prime Minister
To: Board of Health, Middlesex-London Health Unit

Background:

On September 14, 2020, the Executive Correspondence Officer for the Prime Minister's Office wrote to the Middlesex-London Health Unit Board of Health acknowledging receipt of the correspondence related to endorsement of a basic income for all Canadians during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. The matter was forwarded on to Honourable Ahmed D. Hussen, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development for his information and consideration.

Recommendation: Receive.

- b) Date: 2020 September 17
Topic: Guaranteed Basic Income
From: Peterborough Public Health
To: Honourable Justin Trudeau, Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos

Background:

On September 17, 2020, the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health wrote to Prime Minister Trudeau and Ministers Freeland and Duclos requesting that a Guaranteed Basic Income be included in the Speech from the Throne on September 23, 2020. Peterborough Public Health recommends that a basic income be available to everyone when needed to effectively support Canadians moving forward during the pandemic and in the future.

Recommendation: Receive.

- c) Date: 2020 September 18
Topic: COVID-19 and Long-Term Care Reform
From: Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit
To: Honourable Patty Hadju, Honourable Marilee Fullerton, Ontario's Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission

Background:

On September 18, 2020, the Board of Health for Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit wrote to Ministers Hadju and Fullerton as well as Ontario's Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission endorsing the Royal Society of Canada Working Group on LTC recommendations to address necessary improvements in Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) and provision of quality care for LTC residents. Furthermore, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit advocates for the adoption of the recommendations to create efforts to create necessary system reform and redesign for Ontarians living in LTC homes.

Recommendation: Receive.