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

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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.