

CORRESPONDENCE – November 2020

- a) Date: 2020 October 8
Topic: 2020 Ontario Fall Budget - Consultation
From: Association of Local Public Health Agencies
To: All Boards of Health

Background:

On October 8, 2020, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) announced it is developing a submission to the public pre-budget consultation in response to the special Fall Budget prepared by the Government of Ontario as part of the next phase of the COVID-19 Action Plan. Members are encouraged to contribute their thoughts or respond to the online surge

Recommendation: Receive.

- b) Date: 2020 October 16
Topic: Fall 2020 Budget Consultations
From: Association of Local Public Health Agencies
To: The Honourable Rod Phillips

Background:

On October 16, 2020, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) wrote to Minister Phillips regarding input for consideration in preparation of the Fall 2020 Budget. Several measures were identified for careful considerations, including:

- Immediately reverse the change to the provincial-municipal public health cost-sharing formula.
- Harmonize funding announcement and their allocation.
- Implement COVID-19 Testing and Case & Contact Management Strategy, including immediate expansion of capacity.
- Technological and automated solutions.
- Further reinforcement of Public Health Unit Capacity and Stability: Human Resources.
- Public policy to reinforce healthy behaviours.
- Health Equity Pandemic Planning.

There was also a request for longer term considerations in relation to the preservation of public health core functions.

Recommendation: Receive.

- c) Date: 2020 November 5
Topic: alPHa Summary Budget 2020: Ontario's Action Plan
From: Association of Local Public Health Agencies
To: All Boards of Health

Background:

On November 5, 2020, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) released its summary of the 2020 Ontario Budget which remains focused on the expenditures and measures designed

to withstand and recover from the ongoing pandemic. The budget does not mention longer-term structural or funding changes to the public health system itself. It was announced that prior input submitted during the 2020 Fall Budget consultations are already being considered as part of the 2021 Budget Consultation. Some of the highlights outlined in the Ontario Budget 2020 include:

- Ontario's ongoing COVID-19 health response will rise to a projected \$15.2 billion.
- \$13.5 billion is invested to support for families, seniors, businesses, and workers through the second wave of COVID-19 and beyond.
- \$4.8 billion in new supports for recovery and economic growth.

Recommendation: Receive.

- d) Date: 2020 October 13
Topic: Basic Income for Income Security during the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond
From: Public Health Sudbury & Districts
To: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Honourable Chrystia Freeland

Background:

On October 13, 2020, the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts wrote to Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister Freeland to endorse correspondence from Ontario boards of health recommending the evolution of the Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) into basic income for all Canadians during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

Recommendation: Receive.

- e) Date: 2020 October 29
Topic: Municipal Drug Strategy Coordinators Network of Ontario, Safe Supply
From: Grey Bruce Health Unit
To: Honourable Patty Hajdu, Honourable Christine Elliott

Background:

On October 29, 2020, the Board of Health for the Grey Bruce Health Unit wrote to Minister Hajdu and Minister Elliott to endorse the Municipal Drug Strategy Coordinators Network of Ontario call on the provincial government to fund implementation of safer supply initiatives in a coordinated approach with the federal government. In addition, the Grey Bruce Health Unit supports the implementation of safer supply initiatives by adding the required formulations to the Ontario Drug Benefit Formulary to enable injectable safer supply initiatives to operate.

Recommendation: Receive.

- f) Date: 2020 October 30
Topic: COVID-19 and Long-Term Care Reform
From: Grey Bruce Health Unit
To: Honourable Patty Hajdu, Honourable Marilee Fullerton, Ontario's Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission

Background:

On October 30, 2020, the Board of Health for the Grey Bruce Health Unit wrote to Minister Hajdu and Minister Fullerton as well as Ontario's Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission in support for the recommendations from the Royal Society of Canada Working Group on Long-Term Care regarding critical issues that must be addressed moving forward with Long-Term Care reform and redesign. Refer to correspondence item c) in the [October 15, 2020 Board of Health agenda](#).

Recommendation: Receive.

- g) Date: 2020 November 11
Topic: Inclusive Economy London and Region
From: London Poverty Research Centre at King's
To: Dr. Christopher Mackie, Medical Officer of Health

Background:

On November 11, 2020 Mr. Mike Courey, Director, London Poverty Research Centre at King's asked the Board of Health to consider endorsing their plan for regional economic development. This plan is designed to engage the City of London and relevant institutions within the region in the design and delivery of an inclusive economy strategy that complements current economic recovery efforts. There is a core commitment to addressing the social determinants of health and poverty reduction.

Recommendation: Endorse

- h) Date: 2020 October 8
Topic: Reappointment of Ms. Tino Kasi
From: Executive Council of Ontario
To: Middlesex-London Health Unit Board of Health

Background:

On October 8, 2020, the Executive Council of Ontario advised that Ms. Kasi is reappointed as a part-time member of the Board of Health for the Middlesex-London Health Unit for a period not exceeding one year, effective January 1, 2021.

Recommendation: Receive.

- i) Date: 2020 October 8
Topic: Reappointment of Mr. Robert Parker
From: Executive Council of Ontario
To: Middlesex-London Health Unit Board of Health

Background:

On October 8, 2020, the Executive Council of Ontario advised that Mr. Parker is reappointed as a part-time member of the Board of Health for the Middlesex-London Health Unit for a period not exceeding one year, effective January 1, 2021.

Recommendation: Receive.

- j) Date: 2020 October 28

Topic: Ontario Launching COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream
From: Association of Local Public Health Agencies
To: All Health Units

Background:

On October 28, 2020, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA) issued a news release regarding the announcement of \$1.05 billion in combined federal-provincial funding through the new COVID-19 Resilience infrastructure stream to build or renovate health and safety related projects in long-term care, education and municipalities.

Recommendation: Receive.

k) Date: 2020 October 26
Topic: Ontario to Release 2020 Provincial Budget on November 5
From: Association of Local Public Health Agencies
To: All Health Units

Background:

On October 26, 2020, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA) advised that the 2020 Provincial Budget would be released on November 5, 2020. It was announced that the Budget will provide a three-year outlook that will build on the government's \$30 billion response to COVID-19.

Recommendation: Receive.

l) Date: 2020 October 8
Topic: Mr. Ian Peer
From: Ministry of Health
To: Middlesex-London Health Unit Board of Health

Background:

On October 8, 2020, the Ministry of Health advised that Mr. Peer's appointment to the Board of Health for the Middlesex-London Health Unit will come to an end on December 31, 2020.

Recommendation: Receive.