

October 6, 2021

Mayor Ed Holder Chair, London Community Recovery Network City of London 300 Dufferin Ave. P.O. Box 5035 London, ON N6A 4L9

Re: London Community Recovery Framework - Letter of Commitment

Mayor Holder,

Please accept this letter in support of the London Community Recovery Framework developed by the London Community Recovery Network (LCRN).

The Middlesex-London Health Unit has been pleased to participate as a member of the LCRN. The LCRN brings together over 30 organizations representing social, economic, and institutional organizations from across London. We acknowledge that we must continue to work together to realize recovery and renewal from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Middlesex-London Health Unit is committed to promoting and protecting the health of our community so that all people can reach their potential. The London Community Recovery Framework aligns with this mandate and vision. Since early 2020, while leading the COVID-19 pandemic response in the community, the Middlesex-London Health Unit has also been considering and engaging in planning related to pandemic recovery. Five priority areas for community recovery were endorsed by the MLHU Board of Health in November 2020, all of which are reflected in the London Community Recovery Framework.

The London Community Recovery Framework serves as an expression of our community's collective intent to emerge stronger and more inclusive from the pandemic. As such, the Middlesex-London Health Unit commits to undertaking meaningful actions to align our recovery-focused strategies, program, and initiatives with the common vision and measures expressed within the London Community Recovery Framework. Recovery and renewal for our community will require focused work in the years ahead. The Middlesex-London Health Unit will work with the LCRN membership and the broader community to realize the common vision set out in the London Community Recovery Framework.

Please note that a letter expressing full endorsement of the London Community Recovery Framework will be provided following the October 21st meeting of the Middlesex-London Health Unit Board of Health, pending Board of Health approval. The Health Unit is looking forward to seeing the next steps in this process, including the development of a workplan or workplans, so that the Board of Health can fully assess the implications for Health Unit work, and the degree to which the Health Unit can meet any related commitments.

Sincerely,

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