



TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

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LONDON COMMUNITY RECOVERY FRAMEWORK – LETTER OF COMMITMENT

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health:

- 1) Receive Report No. 45-21 re: “London Community Recovery Network – Letter of Commitment” for information; and*
- 2) Direct the Board of Health Chair to send a letter to City staff endorsing the London Community Recovery Framework.*

Key Points

- MLHU has participated in the London Community Recovery Network since its inception in 2020.
- On September 23rd, staff received the draft London Community Recovery Framework ([Appendix A](#)) and a request for a letter of commitment.
- Staff provided an initial informal letter of support by the deadline ([Appendix B](#)) and are requesting formal Board of Health endorsement of the London Community Recovery Framework.

Background

On July 21, 2020, London City Council endorsed the creation of the London Community Recovery Network. The London Community Recovery Network (LCRN) is chaired by the Mayor, supported by Council, and is comprised of 51 community leaders who represent social, economic, and institutional organizations across London. The collective effort of the London Community Recovery Network is focused on creating a strong, resilient, and inclusive post-pandemic London.

MLHU received a draft London Community Recovery Framework ([Appendix A](#)) on September 23rd. Staff provided some comments for consideration prior to finalization of the draft, as well as for consideration as the flexible implementation of the Framework unfolds.

Recovery and Renewal Focus Areas

There are three overarching areas of focus within the Framework: investing in people, driving prosperity, and fostering community, with more specific areas identified within each. Of note, the more specific areas demonstrate significant alignment with the social determinants of health (e.g., homelessness and housing affordability and availability; employment; community belonging) and all five of the Middlesex-London Health Unit’s recovery priority areas are reflected within the Framework (domestic violence, food insecurity, mental health, racism, and substance use). The Framework also identifies COVID-19 management and prevention as a key area of focus. These alignments will generate significant synergies between existing and planned public health work and the broader community recovery efforts of the London Community Recovery Network.

Expectations of Network Members

Network members who provide a letter of endorsement and express commitment to ongoing collective recovery work will be expected to:

- Identify strategies and initiatives already being worked on that align with the LCRN shared metrics
- Provide a list of aligned ongoing initiatives to the Staff Support Team via our data collection platform (currently in development)
- Look for and/or create alignment with the LRCN Framework when identifying new initiatives or expanding existing ones over the coming months (as is feasible within the organization's mandate and resources)
- Provide short updates/successes or strategies/initiatives over the course of 2021 to roll into the LCRN's public reporting

MLHU could also be involved in further planning and refinement of indicators as the LCRN Framework further evolves and is implemented by organizations and groups within our community, should workload capacity allow it.

Next Steps

The London Community Recovery Network has requested that MLHU provide an official letter of commitment for the work set out in the Framework. On October 6, 2021 MLHU provided the LCRN an informal letter of support ([Appendix B](#)), noting that MLHU would provide an official letter of endorsement and support, pending Board of Health approval. Staff will keep the Board of Health informed of ongoing developments in the LCRN process so implications for MLHU work and the degree to which the Health Unit can meet any related commitments can be fully assessed.

This report was prepared by the Office of the Chief Nursing Officer.



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