



MIDDLESEX-LONDON HEALTH UNIT

REPORT NO. 50-23

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

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2022 ANNUAL REPORT AND ATTESTATION

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health:

- 1) Receive Report No. 50-23 re: “2022 Annual Report and Attestation” for information; and*
- 2) Approve the Middlesex-London Health Unit 2022 Annual Report and Attestation.*

Key Points

- The Ontario Ministry of Health requires public health units to submit an Annual Report and Attestation.
- Staff at the Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU) have completed the ministry required template for the 2022 Annual Report and Attestation.
- The Board of Health Chair has completed a certificate of attestation to demonstrate compliance with the organization requirements outlined in the Ontario Public Health Standards.

Background

The Annual Report and Attestation is a funding and accountability reporting tool that Boards of Health are required to submit annually as per the Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services, and Accountability, and the Public Health Funding and Accountability Agreement. As per the Accountability Agreement, the ministry typically requires the Annual Report to be completed, and submitted, by the end of April of the subsequent year. However, given the demands of the pandemic, the due date for the 2022 report was extended to August 31, 2023 ([Appendix A](#)).

2022 Annual Report

The 2022 Annual Report and Attestation was completed by the MLHU leaders to reflect the work completed during 2022 which was a bridge between pandemic response and recovery. The program indicators are included, however there are some indicators that are not being provided because further development and renewal work is required. This work is planned for 2023/24. The attestation indicates that most requirements were met and for each requirement that was not met, or fully met, mitigation strategies are identified.

The financial information is consistent with the 2022 financial statements that were approved by the Board during July 2023. This information shows a surplus on Mandatory Programs and that this surplus was re-directed to reduce COVID-19 expenditures. The surplus resulted from reduced programs and staff that assisted with COVID-19, which left vacancies within the Mandatory Programs.

Conclusion

The Annual Report for 2022 reflects the significant demands of the COVID-19 pandemic and recovery from it on the capacity of the Health Unit to meet all components of the Ontario Public Health Standards.

Recovery strategies are underway in 2023, including the ongoing development of relevant indicators of the Health Unit's work.

Next Steps

The Annual Report and Attestation ([Appendix A](#)) was submitted as draft to the Ministry on August 31, 2023. The final will be submitted following Board approval.

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