

# AGENDA MIDDLESEX-LONDON BOARD OF HEALTH

Thursday, July 15, 2021, 7:00 p.m. Microsoft Teams

# **MISSION - MIDDLESEX-LONDON HEALTH UNIT**

The mission of the Middlesex-London Health Unit is to promote and protect the health of our community.

# MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Ms. Maureen Cassidy (Chair)

Ms. Aina DeViet (Vice-Chair)

Mr. John Brennan

Ms. Kelly Elliott

Ms. Tino Kasi

Ms. Arielle Kayabaga

Mr. Bob Parker

Mr. Matt Reid

Mr. Mike Steele

Mr. Aaron O'Donnell

# **SECRETARY-TREASURER**

Dr. Christopher Mackie

# **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

# APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### **MINUTES**

Approve: June 17, 2021 – Board of Health meeting

Receive: June 17, 2021 – Governance Committee meeting

Item #	Delegation	Recommendation	Information	Report Name and Number	Link to Additional Information	Overview and Lead	
Reports and Agenda Items							
1.	x	X	x	Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting Summary from July 15, 2021 (Verbal)	July 15, 2021 Agenda	To provide an update on reports reviewed at the July 15, 2021 Finance and Facilities Committee meeting.  Lead: Mr. Matt Reid, Chair, Finance & Facilities Committee	
2.	x			Program Updates: Child Health Oral Health		To provide updates on programs within the health unit.  Leads: Ms. Maureen MacCormick, Director, Healthy Living, Mr. Darrell Jutzi, Manager, Child Health and Ms. Misty Golding, Manager, Oral Health	
3.	x		x	COVID-19 Disease Spread and Vaccine Update (Verbal)		To provide an update on COVID-19 matters within Middlesex-London.  Leads: Dr. Alexander Summers, Associate Medical Officer of Health and Dr. Christopher Mackie, Medical Officer of Health	
4.		x	x	Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for July 2021 (Report No. 32-21)		To provide an update on external meetings attended by the Medical Officer of Health.  Lead: Dr. Christopher Mackie, Medical Officer of Health	
Corr	esp	onde	ence	and Information Items			
5.		X	x	July 2021 Correspondence		To endorse item a) and receive items b) through d).	

# **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Next Board of Health Meeting:
  - o It is recommended that the August 19, 2021 Board of Health be cancelled, such that the next meeting of the Board of Health be September 16, 2021.

# **ADJOURNMENT**



# PUBLIC SESSION – MINUTES MIDDLESEX-LONDON BOARD OF HEALTH

Thursday, June 17, 2021, 7:00 p.m. Microsoft Teams

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ms. Maureen Cassidy (Chair)

Ms. Aina DeViet (Vice-Chair)

Mr. Matt Reid Mr. John Brennan Mr. Bob Parker Ms. Kelly Elliott Mr. Mike Steele Mr. Aaron O'Donnell

**REGRETS:** Ms. Arielle Kayabaga

Ms. Tino Kasi

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Christopher Mackie, Medical Officer of Health (Secretary-

Treasurer)

Ms. Stephanie Egelton, Executive Assistant to the Board of

Health/MOH/AMOH and Communications Coordinator (Recorder) Dr. Alexander Summers, Associate Medical Officer of Health Ms. Emily Williams, Director, Healthy Organization/Interim CEO

Mr. Dan Flaherty, Manager, Communications

Ms. Carolynne Gabriel, Communications Coordinator/Executive

Assistant to the Board of Health

Ms. Heather Lokko, Director, Healthy Start/Chief Nursing Officer Mr. Stephen Turner, Director, Environmental Health and Infectious

Disease

Ms. Maureen MacCormick, Director, Healthy Living

Mr. Mirek Pawelec, Manager, Finance

Ms. Cynthia Bos, Manager, Human Resources Ms. Kendra Ramer, Manager, Strategic Projects

Chair Maureen Cassidy called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Chair Cassidy asked for a moment of silence, to acknowledge the tragedy on Hyde Park Road on June 6, and the discovery of 315 graves of Indigenous children in Kamloops, BC and Brandon, MB.

#### DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Chair Cassidy inquired if there were any disclosures of conflicts of interest. None were declared.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by **Ms. Kelly Elliott, seconded by Mr. Matt Reid,** that the **AGENDA** for the June 17, 2021 Board of Health meeting be approved.

Carried

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Mr. Reid, seconded by Ms. Aina DeViet, that the MINUTES of the May 20, 2021 Board of Health meeting be approved.

It was moved by **Mr. Reid, seconded by Ms. DeViet,** that the **MINUTES** of the June 3, 2021 Finance and Facilities Committee meeting be received.

Carried

# **REPORTS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

### Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting Summary from June 3, 2021 (Report No. 28-21)

Mr. Matt Reid, Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee presented the Finance and Facilities Committee Summary from June 3, 2021.

It was moved by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Aaron O'Donnell, that the Board of Health receive Report No. 14-21FFC re: "Vaccination Site Emergency Purchase Award" for information.

Carried

It was moved by **Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Aaron O'Donnell,** that the Board of Health review and approve the audited Financial Statements of the Middlesex-London Health Unit, Year Ended December 31, 2020, as appended to Report No. 15-21FFC re: "2020 Draft Financial Statements."

Carried

# Verbal Governance Committee Meeting Summary from June 17, 2021

Mr. Bob Parker, Chair of the Governance Committee presented the Governance Committee Summary from June 17, 2021.

It was moved by **Mr. Bob Parker**, **seconded by Mr. Mike Steele**, that the Board of Health receive Report No. 11-21GC re: "2021-22 Provisional Plan Status Update" for information.

Carried

It was moved by **Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Steele**, that the Board of Health amend the 2021-22 Provisional Strategic Plan to include language stating that the Board of Health recognizes the need to amend the Plan to recognize the shift of the Middlesex-London Health Unit's focus to the vaccination efforts against COVID-19.

Carried

It was moved by Mr. Parker, seconded by Ms. DeViet, that the Board of Health:

- 1) Approve policy G-000 Bylaws, Policy and Procedures;
- 2) Approve policy G-010 Strategic Planning;
- *3)* Approve policy G-160 Jordan's Principle;
- *A)* Refer policy G-360 back to staff of the Middlesex-London Health Unit and;
- 5) Approve policy G-400 Political Activities with amendments.

Carried

It was moved by **Mr. Parker, seconded by Ms. DeViet,** that the Board of Health receive Report No. 13-21GC re: "2021 Board of Health Self-Assessment Results" for information.

Carried

It was moved by **Mr. Parker**, **seconded by Mr. Steele**, that the Board of Health receive Report No. 14-2GC re: "2020 Occupational Health and Safety Report" for information.

Carried

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# **Program Update: Human Resources**

Ms. Cynthia Bos, Manager, Human Resources provided an update on the Human Resources program. Highlights of the program included:

- Massive recruitment initiative, hiring 350 temporary casual immunizers, administrative staff and leadership to run 3 mass vaccination clinics in addition to ongoing recruitment to staff the COVID-19 program.
- Continuous learning and development of Dayforce modules in Scheduling, Recruitment, Onboarding, and Reporting.
- Support of the Diversity and Inclusion Employment Systems Review and implementation of recommendations.
- Be Well continuation of virtual wellness programing and resources.
- Support of Operations during COVID-19 and Immunization including 7-day/week HR support for staffing needs and scheduling.
- Key roles in IMS structure as Safety Lead and Logistics Support for staffing and HR needs.
- Continued HR policy development to align with changing practices (eg. remote work).
- Leading the ONA negotiations process and ongoing focus on labour relations.

# **Program Update: Strategic Projects**

Ms. Kendra Ramer, Manager, Strategic Projects provided an update on the Strategic Projects program. Highlights of the program included:

- Preparing and supporting the execution of the 2021-22 Provisional Plan.
- Development of the long term MLHU Strategic Plan.
- Project Management Office (PMO) oversight to enhance efficiency, quality and delivery of projects at MLHU.
- Accountability for monitoring and reporting of strategic projects and initiatives.
- Oversight for the strategic projects identified on the Provisional Plan.

## **Program Update: Program Planning and Evaluation**

Ms. Kendra Ramer, Acting Manager, Program Planning and Evaluation provided an update on the Program Planning and Evaluation program. Highlights of the program included:

- Preparing and supporting the execution of the 2021-22 Provisional Plan.
- Development of the long term MLHU Strategic Plan.
- Project Management Office (PMO) oversight to enhance efficiency, quality and delivery of projects at MLHU.
- Accountability for monitoring and reporting of strategic projects and initiatives.
- Oversight for the strategic projects identified on the Provisional Plan.

# Program Update: Privacy, Risk and Governance

Ms. Kendra Ramer, Acting Manager, Privacy, Risk and Governance provided an update on the Privacy, Risk and Governance program. Highlights of the program included:

- Further development of organizational privacy program, including employee training/education.
- Privacy and risk consultation for strategic projects and new organizational initiatives.
- Oversight for organizational risk management strategy and reporting.
- Management of Governance and Administrative Policy Manuals
- Review and updating of records management practices including transition to electronic documentation.

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#### MLHU Technology Grant Project (Report No. 29-21)

Ms. Heather Lokko, Director, Healthy Start/Chief Nursing Officer presented this report. The Nurse-Family Partnership, Healthy Babies Healthy Children, Outreach and COVID Teams were approved for a joint grant (\$50,000) through the United Way Emergency Community Support Fund to support clients experiencing digital inequities (access to technology).

It was moved by **Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. John Brennan,** that the Board of Health receive Report No. 29-21 re: "MLHU Technology Grant Project" for information.

Carried

### Verbal COVID-19 Disease Spread and Vaccine Update

Dr. Alexander Summers and Dr. Chris Mackie presented the verbal COVID-19 update.

Discussion about this verbal report included:

- Incident rate/7-day rate continues to fall: currently below 20 cases per 100 people in the region.
- With slowing down cases, some staff have been redeployed to the vaccine efforts.
- Watching Delta (previously Indian) variant closely and is more transmissible and responds well to those who have had 2 doses of vaccine.
- Currently in Step 1 of the provincial reopening plan, with Step 2 being near the end of June.
- The introduction of the "Vaccine Olympics" between June 17 July 7, which was the result of a large (17,000 doses) shipment of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.
- A timeline of how MLHU reached the preparation of the Vaccine Olympics.
- Transition of staff redeployment (78 staff) during the Vaccine Olympic, to support mass vaccination clinics/efforts.
- Increase of vaccine capacity at clinics: Earl Nichols (1160), North London (1200), Agriplex (2403), Mount Brydges (650).
- The acceleration of second doses: those who had AstraZeneca could receive their dose after 8 weeks, and those who received an mRNA vaccine before May 9 could receive their second dose.
- 20,000 appointments were booked on launch day.

Further, it was noted that the following programming/services would be affected during this time period:

#### **Healthy Living:**

- Reducing oral health services by 50%.
- Reducing tobacco enforcement activities.
- Reducing COVID-19 Compliance Checks.
- All Southwest Tobacco Control Area Network work on hold.
- All School Health work on hold.

#### **Healthy Start:**

- Postpartum screening at the hospital will be put on hold (public health nurses will continue to meet with clients to inform them of health unit services).
- All phone/virtual/in-person visits will paused, with the exception of highest priority clients.

#### **Environmental Health and Infectious Disease:**

- Planning for 2021/22 School Year vaccination programs suspended.
- Cold Chain inspections suspended.
- CitiPlaza vaccination clinic (non COVID-19 vaccine) suspended.
- Reduce to one Sexually Transmitted Infections clinic per week.
- Family Planning clinic suspended for in person appointments, with virtual appointments and dispensing of birth control/IUDs.

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- Reduced availability of public health inspectors.
- Suspend program evaluation, file reviews, etc.

#### Office of the Medical Officer of Health

- PHAS (Population Health Assessment and Surveillance) will have limited ability to support strategic initiatives and non-COVID-19 work.
- Case and contact management to be limited, with contact tracers being redeployed to support vaccine work.

### **Healthy Organization:**

• Strategic planning meetings, processes, project work etc. will be suspended until after July 7.

It was moved by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Parker, that the Board of Health receive the verbal report on COVID-19 Disease Spread and Vaccine Update for information.

Carried

# Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for June 2021 (Report No. 30-21)

Dr. Mackie presented Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for June 2021.

It was moved by **Mr. Brennan, seconded by Ms. Elliott,** that the Board of Health receive Report No. 30-21 re: "Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for June 2021" for information.

Carried

# **CORRESPONDENCE**

It was noted that no correspondence items were received for the June 17, 2021 meeting.

# **OTHER BUSINESS**

• Next Board Meeting is Thursday, July 15th, at 7 p.m.

#### CONFIDENTIAL

At 8:25 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Reid, seconded by Ms. DeViet, that the Board of Health will move incamera to consider labour relations or employee negotiations, litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board, personal matters about identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees and to approve confidential minutes from the May 20, 2021 Board of Health and June 3, 2021 Finance and Facilities Committee meetings.

Carried

At 9:26 p.m., it was moved by Mr. O'Donnell, seconded by Mr. Brennan, that the Board of Health rise and return to public session.

Carried

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 9:27 p.m., it was moved by Mr. O'Donnell, seconded by Ms. Elliott, that the meeting of Board of Health be adjourned.

Carried

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

MAUREEN CASSIDY	CHRISTOPHER MACKIE



# PUBLIC MINUTES GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Microsoft Teams

Thursday, June 17, 2021 5:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Bob Parker (Chair)

Ms. Aina DeViet Ms. Maureen Cassidy Mr. Mike Steele

**REGRETS:** Ms. Arielle Kayabaga

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Christopher Mackie, Secretary-Treasurer

Ms. Carolynne Gabriel, Executive Assistant to the Board of Health and

Communications Coordinator (Recorder)

Ms. Stephanie Egelton, Senior Executive Assistant to the Medical

Officer of Health / Associate Medical Officer of Health

Ms. Emily Williams, Director, Healthy Organization/Interim CEO

Ms. Kendra Ramer, Manager, Strategic Projects Ms. Cynthia Bos, Manager, Human Resources

Ms. Lilka Young, Human Resources Coordinator, Health and Safety

Ms. Kelly Elliott, Board of Health Member

Chair Bob Parker called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

#### DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Chair Parker inquired if there were any disclosures of conflict of interest. None were declared.

# **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by **Ms. Aina DeViet, seconded by Mr. Mike Steele,** that the **AGENDA** for the June 17, 2021 Governance Committee meeting be approved.

Carried

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by **Ms. Maureen Cassidy, seconded by Mr. Steele,** that the **MINUTES** of the April 15, 2021 Governance Committee meeting be approved as amended.

Carried

# **NEW BUSINESS**

#### 2021-22 Provisional Strategic Plan Status Update (Report No. 11-21GC)

Dr. Christopher Mackie, Medical Officer of Health introduced the report with further comments by Ms. Kendra Ramer, Manager, Strategic Projects. Discussion of this report included the following:

• Since the Provisional Strategic Plan was originally presented to the Board of Health the availability of vaccine supply is anticipated to increase, changing the focus of the Health Unit's

work for the next couple of weeks which could cause delays in the achievement of the Plan's objectives due to its shorter time period than the usual five-year plan.

- At the time this report was written all objectives were proceeding as planned and the intention is to resume work for the goals in Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Plan after the next several weeks.
- Accountability was allocated among the Senior Leadership Team for each goal in the Plan.
- Overcoming vaccine hesitancy is part of the Provisional Strategic Plan. Vaccine hesitancy is being reported at 10-20% so the Health Unit is confident it will exceed the 80% target for vaccine coverage. The lowest vaccine rate is among the younger population and multiple interventions are being employed to reach this target audience, including a promotional video by an Olympic gold medalist and pop-up clinics in schools.
- The goals of the Provisional Strategic Plan are very appropriate to the current needs in the community and elsewhere.

It was moved by Mr. Steele, seconded by Ms. Cassidy, that the Governance Committee recommend to the Board of Health to receive Report No. 11-21GC re: "2021-22 Provisional Plan Status Update" for information.

Carried

It was moved by **Ms.** Cassidy, seconded by **Mr.** Steele, that the Governance Committee recommend to the Board of Health to amend the 2021-22 Provisional Strategic Plan to include language stating that the Board of Health recognizes the need to amend the Plan to recognize the shift of the Middlesex-London Health Unit's focus to the vaccination efforts against COVID-19.

Carried.

# Governance By-Law and Policy Review (Report No. 12-21GC)

Ms. Emily Williams, Director, Healthy Organization/CEO (Interim) introduced the report, highlighting:

- Five policies were included for review by the Board of Health
- Eight policies are overdue for review but will be addressed next month and progress will be back on track for the end of 2021
- One policy has significant changes due to the implementation of Policy Manager software

It was moved by **Mr. Steele, seconded by Ms. DeViet,** that the Governance Committee recommend to the Board of Health to approve policy G-000 Bylaws, Policy and Procedures.

Carried

It was moved by Mr. Steele, seconded by Ms. Cassidy, that the Governance Committee recommend to the Board of Health to approve policy G-010 Strategic Planning.

Carried

It was moved by **Ms.** Cassidy, seconded by **Mr.** Steele, that the Governance Committee recommend to the Board of Health to approve policy G-160 Jordan's Principle.

Carried

There was discussion regarding policy *G-360 Resignation and Removal of Board Members*, including:

- The process is unclear for determining if an investigation is required when a motion is brought forward to remove a board member.
- It was proposed to have two motions for removing a board member: one which states there is to be no investigation, and one which states there will be an investigation.
- It is unclear what is required to meet the definition of "just cause" as laid out in the policy.
- Changing the language stating that a person who is being investigated cannot vote or attend meetings to "banned from meetings" to simplify the language; however, a person who is being investigated can attend the meeting, if invited, in order to present a rebuttal.

- Sixty days to submit a rebuttal is too long and a time limitation should be imposed on any investigations so as to not exclude a member from attending meetings for an unreasonable amount of time.
- Change wording from "Chair shall bring a motion" to "Chair should ask for a motion."

It was moved by **Mr. Steele, seconded by Ms. DeViet,** that the Governance Committee recommend to the Board of Health to refer policy G-360 back to staff of the Middlesex-London Health Unit.

Carried

It was moved by **Mr. Steele, seconded by Ms. DeViet,** that the Governance Committee recommend to the Board of Health to approve policy G-400 Political Activities with amendments.

Carried

# 2021 Board of Health Self-Assessment Results (Report No. 13-21GC)

Ms. Williams introduced the report and thanked the Board of Health members for a 90% response rate to the survey. Ms. Ramer outlined details from the report. Discussion on the report included the following:

- There is an interest in seeing confidential reports prior to meetings while maintaining privacy. A follow-up discussion can be scheduled to consider potential options.
- Some of the questions on topics like "communicating to stakeholders about financial management or HR" or "engaging with stakeholders" could be areas for growth opportunities as some Board Members might be unaware of how stakeholders are being engaged.
- Some of the questions are on topics over which the Board Members have little control, for example recruiting new Board Members. It was proposed to either remove that question for next year or to amend to outline the limits and what steps Board Members can take.

It was moved by **Ms. DeViet, seconded by Ms. Cassidy,** that the Governance Committee recommend to the Board of Health to receive Report No. 13-21GC re: "2021 Board of Health Self-Assessment Results" for information.

Carried

# 2020 Occupational Health and Safety Report (Report No. 14-21GC)

Ms. Williams introduced Ms. Lilka Young, Human Resources Coordinator, Health and Safety who introduced the report. Discussion about the report included:

- The number of reported incidents and injuries remains the same as 2019 and the number of claims to WSIB decreased from eight, to three, possibly due to the shift to working from home.
- There was a large increase in the number of workplace violence incidences; however, no injuries were sustained and there was no worker-to-worker violence. Potential contributing factors to the number of incidents include being in the downtown core, which is more heavily population, and the pandemic, which has resulted in complaints about COVID-19 public health measures.
- There was one critical injury investigation which resulted in no orders being issued by the Ministry.
- The COVID-19 pandemic and response has been an opportunity to integrate health and safety into more processes within the Health Unit.

It was moved by Ms. Cassidy, seconded by Mr. Steele, that the Governance Committee recommend to the Board of Health to receive Report No. 14-21 re: "2020 Occupational Health and Safety Report" for information.

Carried

# **OTHER BUSINESS**

The next meeting of the Governance Committee is Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 6 p.m.

# **CONFIDENTIAL**

At **6:46 p.m.**, it was moved by **Ms. Cassidy, seconded by Ms. DeViet,** that the Governance Committee will move in-camera to consider matters regarding labour relations or employee negotiations and personal matters about identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried

At 7:01 p.m., it was moved by Ms. Cassidy, seconded by Ms. DeViet, that the Governance Committee rise and return to public session from closed session.

Carried

# **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:01 p.m., it was moved by Ms. Cass	sidy, seconded by M	Ir. Steele, that the	e meeting be adjourned.
			Carried

ROBERT PARKER	CHRISTOPHER MACKIE
Chair	Secretary-Treasurer

# MIDDLESEX-LONDON HEALTH UNIT

#### MIDDLESEX-LONDON HEALTH UNIT

#### REPORT NO. 32-21

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

FROM: Christopher Mackie, Medical Officer of Health

DATE: 2021 July 15

# MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH ACTIVITY REPORT FOR JULY

#### Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 32-21 re: "Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for July" for information.

The following report presents activities of the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) for the period of June 4 – June 30, 2021.

To respond to the COVID pandemic, increased meetings and webinars were necessary to keep up with the ever-changing landscape. The MOH continued to participate in external and internal pandemic-related meetings. These included calls daily, every other day, or weekly with Middlesex County, the City of London, local health partners, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa), the Ministry of Health, Ontario Health West, the Southwest LHIN, the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, and Public Health Ontario. The MOH and Mayor Ed Holder hold bi-weekly COVID-19 virtual media briefings (Monday and Thursday), with the Warden of Middlesex County and a representative from London Health Sciences Centre attending once each week.

The MOH and the Associate Medical Officer of Health (AMOH), along with other team members, continue to host a weekly MLHU Staff Town Hall and present on many topics, including COVID-19.

The following events were also attended by the MOH:

June 7 Attended alPHa Board Meeting
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Participated in the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health with Dr. Lawrence

Loh (Peel) and Dr. Jennifer Loo (Algoma) Participated in the SW MOH/AMOH Meeting

June 8 Attended alPHa Annual General Meeting and Conference

June 9 Attended alPHa Board Meeting

Met with MPPs Sattler, Armstrong and Kernaghan on local vaccine supply

June 10 Interview with Jess Brady (Global News Radio, 980 CFPL) on call for applicants to assist

with vaccine clinics

June 11 Meeting with Chief Roberts of Middlesex-London Paramedic Service to discuss vaccine

campaign

**June 12** Participated in urgent Senior Leadership Team meeting regarding a large shipment of

Moderna vaccine

**June 14** Participated in Ontario Health's Black Health Summit to discuss COVID-19 and the

Anti-Black Racism Plan

June 15	Interview with Jane Sims (London Free Press) on the additional shipment of vaccine Participated in Science Table Working Session, with the Ontario COVID-19 Science Advisory Table
June 16	Interview with Kerry McKee (CBC Radio London) on NACI's announcement of vaccine interchangeability Interview with Kelly Grant (Globe and Mail) on vaccine interchangeability and opening of new appointments online Participated in Ultimate Canada Sports' Medical Working Group
June 17	Interview with Rebecca Zandbergen (CBC Radio London) on vaccine rollout and preparing to move to Step 2 Attended Governance Committee and Board of Health meeting
June 18	Attended COMOH Executive meeting Interview with Jane Sims (London Free Press) on the additional shipment of vaccine and changes to MLHU services during the vaccine campaign Interview with Daryl Newcombe (CTV London) on pop up vaccine clinics for school communities
June 21	Interview with Marcy Cuttler (CBC) on vaccine interchangeability Worked as a "vaccinator" at the North London Optimist Community Centre vaccination clinic
June 22	Worked as a "vaccinator" at the Earl Nichols Memorial Arena vaccination clinic
June 23	Participated in MLHU ad hoc Virtual News Conference regarding the Delta COVID-19 variant now being in the community
June 24	Interview with Bill Kelly (900 CHML) on vaccine rollout Participated in Science Table Working Session, with the Ontario COVID-19 Science Advisory Table
June 25	Interview with Mike Stubbs (980 CFPL) on vaccine interchangeability and how you should feel after your second dose of vaccine
June 27	Interview with Kelly Wang (980 CFPL) on shortened dose interval and change in eligibility
June 30	Attended Oakridge Assessment Centre closure media event

This report was submitted by the Office of the Medical Officer of Health.

Christopher Mackie, MD, MHSc, CCFP, FRCPC Medical Officer of Health

# **CORRESPONDENCE – July 2021**

a) Date: June 21, 2021

Topic: Mitigation Funding in 2022

From: Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

To: Honourable Christine Elliott

# Background:

On June 21, 2021, the Board of Health for Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit wrote to Minister Elliott in support of Mitigation Funding to be provided by the Ministry in 2022. The Mitigation Funding received in recent years has been essential to maintaining public health programming and continuation will be needed to support the ongoing control of the pandemic (case and contact management, potential booster vaccinations and safety of the school environment). The Board of Health for Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit urges the provincial government to commit to the Mitigation Funding in 2022 at a level in keeping with that of 2021.

**Recommendation:** Endorse, with CC to Municipal Funders.

b) Date: June 21, 2021

Topic: Post-Pandemic Funding and Recovery

From: Peterborough Public Health To: Honourable Christine Elliott

# Background:

On June 21, 2021, the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health wrote to Minister Elliott requesting that the provincial government consider a commitment to the continuation of mitigation funding for the 2022 fiscal year and the continuation of one-time funding for COVID expenses.

#### **Recommendation:** Receive.

c) Date: June 24, 2021

Topic: Public Health Funding for 2022From: Peterborough Public HealthTo: Honourable Christine Elliott

### Background:

On June 21, 2021, the Board of Health for North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit wrote to Minister Elliott requesting a base funding increase for 2022 in order to maintain public health status quo and address new pressures on public health as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recommendation: Receive.

d) Date: June 17, 2021

Topic: Appeal to the Province of Ontario – Public Health Funding

From: Windsor Essex County Health Unit

To: Honourable Christine Elliott and Honourable Doug Ford

# Background:

On June 21, 2021, the Board of Health for North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit wrote to Minister Elliott and Premier Ford requesting that the Province of Ontario reconsider its approach to funding public health so that it continues to meet the needs of the communities it serves.

Recommendation: Receive.