

## **CORRESPONDENCE – January 2021**

- a) Date: December 20, 2020  
Topic: Opioid Poisoning Crisis in Toronto - Update  
From: Toronto Public Health  
To: All Boards of Health

### ***Background:***

On December 20, 2020, the Board of Health for Toronto Public Health advised that it had endorsed the urging of the Federal Minister of Health to permit the simple possession of all drugs for personal use and to support the immediate scale up of prevention, harm reduction and treatment services. Furthermore, the Board of Health for Toronto Public Health reiterated the urging of the Federal Minister of Health on a number of requests related to the opioid poisoning crisis including the allocation of funding in support for treatment services and reinstate funding for the Overdose Prevention Sites.

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

- b) Date: December 4, 2020  
Topic: Regionalization of Public Health  
From: Grey Bruce Health Unit  
To: All Boards of Health

### ***Background:***

On December 4, 2020, the Board of Health for Grey Bruce Health Unit wrote to all Boards of Health regarding concerns over the extra-legislative development of undefined regional initiatives created in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that pose a challenge to local public health boards. The Grey Bruce Health Unit suggested that reporting structures imposed under some of the existing regional initiatives are incongruent with the legal chain of authority outlined in the Health Protection and Promotion Act. The Board of Health for Grey Bruce Health Unit proposes collaborative dialogue to take place to explore the concerns raised so that all health system partners come together to address the health needs of our communities throughout the region and the province.

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

- c) Date: December 2, 2020  
Topic: Bill 216 Food Literacy for Students Act 2020  
From: Timiskaming Health Unit  
To: Honourable Stephen Lecce, Honourable Christine Elliott, and the Honourable Ernie Hardeman

### ***Background:***

On December 2, 2020, The Board of Health for Timiskaming Health Unit wrote to Ministers

Lecce, Elliott and Hardeman in support for Bill 216 Food Literacy for Students Act, 2020 which include curriculum guidelines for food literacy education for students from grade 1 to grade 12.

***Recommendation: Receive.***

- d) Date: January 6, 2021  
Topic: Film Content Information Act, 2020  
From: Minister Lisa Thompson  
To: Dr. Christopher Mackie

***Background:***

On January 6, 2021, Minister Thompson wrote to Dr. Mackie in response to the concerns about the Film Content Information Act, 2020. Minister Thompson explained that through the Act the government requires film exhibitors to provide information that is more descriptive than just the standard age-based rating, like whether the film shows smoking, vaping, or other substance use. Film exhibitors are responsible for flagging film content information that is important for the audience to protect consumers and help them make informed decisions. The act will take effect on June 8, 2021.

***Recommendation: Receive.***