

CORRESPONDENCE – October 2021

- a) Date: September 15, 2021
Topic: Support for Local Boards of Health
From: Mayor of the City of Hamilton, Fred Eisenberger
To: The Honourable Christine Elliott

Background:

The City of Hamilton wrote to the Minister of Health on September 15, 2021, in regard to the support of having local boards of health as opposed to regional boards of health. It is noted in the letter that if health units move to a regional model of governance, there will be less autonomy and flexibility with governance related decisions within communities. The pandemic has shown that local responsiveness has reinforced the position that a local public health unit is the preferred governance option of health units (such as the City of Hamilton).

Recommendation: Endorse.

- b) Date: October 1, 2021
Topic: Resignation Letter from the Board of Health
From: Ms. Arielle Kayabaga
To: Board Chair Maureen Cassidy

Background:

On September 20, 2021, Ms. Arielle Kayabaga (former Ward 13 Councillor for the City of London and Board of Health Member) was elected to the position of Member of Parliament, for the riding of London West. As a result of her election, her seat (Ward 13) on City Council has been declared vacant, and she can no longer sit as a Board or Committee Member. Ms. Kayabaga provided her resignation in writing to the Board Chair on October 1, 2021 and the Board of Health thanks her for her service on the Board.

Recommendation: Receive.