CORRESPONDENCE – September 2021

a) Date: August 6, 2021

Topic: Menu Labelling, Child Visual Health and Vision Screening, and Consumption and

Treatment Services Compliance and Enforcement protocols

From: Peterborough Public Health To: The Honourable Christine Elliott

Background:

On August 6, 2021, the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health wrote to Minister Elliott to request that the Ministry of Health consider funding an increase to their cost-shared base budget to accommodate additional staff positions for the implementation of Menu Labelling, Child Visual Health and Vision Screening, and Consumption and Treatment Services Compliance and Enforcement protocols under the Ontario Public Health Standards. With the anticipated return to regular programs and services in the upcoming months and the ongoing demands of COVID-19 response there are concerns that mandated programs will not be adequately resourced.

Recommendation: Receive.

b) Date: August 15, 2021

Topic: Response to COVID-19 – June 2021 Update

From: Toronto Public Health

To: Toronto Members of Parliament, Members of Provincial Parliament and All Boards

of Health

Background:

On August 15, 2021, Toronto City Council adopted a number of motions related to the Black Scientists' Task Force on Vaccine Equity as well as items related to the current COVID-19 response.

Recommendation: Receive.

c) Date: July 20, 2021

Topic: COVID-19 Recovery and Post Pandemic Funding

From: Southwestern Public Health To: The Honourable Christine Elliott

Background:

On July 20, 2021, the Board of Health for Southwestern Public Health wrote to Minister Elliott requesting that the Ministry of Health commit to an extension of mitigation funding for the 2022 fiscal year as well as one-time funding for COVID-19 extraordinary expenses. It was also requested that the Ministry commit to increasing base-funding levels and multi-year funding

to accommodate increasing operating costs as well as restoring and returning programs to Ontario Public Health Standards requirement levels.

Recommendation: Receive.