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His Worship Jim Maudsley
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County of Middlesex
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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Dear Mayor ^{Joe} ~~Fontana~~ and Warden ^{Jim} ~~Maudsley~~:

Thank you for your letter dated May 30, 2012 regarding the Middlesex–London Board of Health.

As you know, the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* (HPPA) provides for the organization and delivery of public health programs and services in Ontario and outlines the requirements for composition and process for appointments for boards of health.

The Middlesex-London Board of Health is an autonomous Board of Health and members are appointed under the HPPA and regulations. The Middlesex-London Board of Health currently comprises eleven (11) members (three (3) City of London council appointees, three (3) County of Middlesex council appointees, and five (5) provincial appointees).

The Middlesex-London Board of Health is directly accountable to the residents of Middlesex and London for the management and delivery of public health programs and services. It delegates responsibility to administer these programs to the Medical Officer of Health of the Middlesex-London Health Unit.

The City of London and County of Middlesex do not have the authority to implement a new administrative model for the delivery of public health programs and services. These matters are managed by the local Board of Health.

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Mayor Fontana and Warden Maudsley

The HPPA gives the Chief Medical Officer of Health the authority to investigate any situations that constitute or may constitute a risk to the health of any persons, and take any action that he or she considers appropriate to prevent, eliminate or decrease the risk. At this time, the Ministry is not of the opinion that there is a risk to the health of the public.

The government remains committed to improving access to high quality public health services for the residents of the City of London and County of Middlesex, and I encourage you to continue to work with the Board of Health to reach a collaborative solution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deb Matthews". The signature is written in a cursive style. There is a faint red stamp behind the signature that appears to say "DEB MATTHEWS" and "MINISTER".

Deb Matthews
Minister

c: Viola Poletes Montgomery, Chair, Middlesex-London Board of Health
Dr. Graham Pollett, Medical Officer of Health, Middlesex-London Health Unit
Dr. Arlene King, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Public Health Division
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