

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

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## 2012 BOARD OF HEALTH REMUNERATION

### **Recommendation**

*It is recommended that Report No. 029-13 re “2012 Board of Health Remuneration” be received for information.*

### **Key Points**

- Section 49 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act outlines the reimbursement of Board of Health members.
- Several issues required considerable attention from the Board of Health in 2012.

### **Background**

[Section 49 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act](#) (HPPA) speaks to the composition, term, and remuneration of Board of Health members. Subsections (4), (5), (6), & (11) below relate specifically to remuneration and expenses which are:

#### **Remuneration**

*(4) A board of health shall pay remuneration to each member of the board of health on a daily basis and all members shall be paid at the same rate. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7, s. 49 (4).*

#### **Expenses**

*(5) A board of health shall pay the reasonable and actual expenses of each member of the board of health. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7, s. 49 (5).*

#### **Rate of remuneration**

*(6) The rate of the remuneration paid by a board of health to a member of the board of health shall not exceed the highest rate of remuneration of a member of a standing committee of a municipality within the health unit served by the board of health, but where no remuneration is paid to members of such standing committees the rate shall not exceed the rate fixed by the Minister and the Minister has power to fix the rate. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7, s. 49 (6).*

#### **Member of municipal council**

*(11) Subsections (4) and (5) do not authorize payment of remuneration or expenses to a member of a board of health, other than the chair, who is a member of the council of a municipality and is paid annual remuneration or expenses, as the case requires, by the municipality. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7, s. 49 (11).*

In relation to Section 49(6), the Board of Health’s meeting rate for 2012 was \$132.50 from January to March, and \$139.93 from April to December 2012.

## 2012 Remuneration and Expenses

Under [Section 284 \(1\) of the Municipal Act](#), the City of London and Middlesex County Administration are required to report on the remuneration paid to Council members, including remuneration paid to members of Council by Boards and Commissions. The remuneration report includes stipends paid for meetings, reimbursements provided for travel and related expenses. As contained in past years' Board of Health reports (see [Report No. 046-12](#) for 2011), attached as [Appendix A](#) is the remuneration, travel and conference costs that the Health Unit provided to each Board of Health member in 2012.

Several issues required considerable attention from the Board of Health in 2012 which included:

- 1) 2012 Board of Health Budget, including the City of London's review of the Health Unit's budget
- 2) Board of Health governance issues
- 3) Medical Officer of Health Recruitment Committee
- 4) Significant media attention

The Medical Officer of Health Recruitment Committee was struck to search for a replacement for Dr. Graham Pollett as he retired at the end of September 2012. The Committee consisted of the following Board of Health members:

Ms. Viola Poletes Montgomery (Chair)  
Ms. Nancy Poole  
Mr. Marcel Meyer

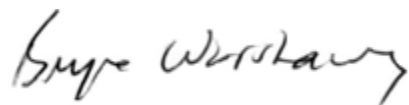
Mr. Al Edmondson  
Ms. Patricia Coderre

The Board of Health was chaired by Ms. Viola Poletes Montgomery in 2012. As Chair of the Board of Health and the Medical Officer of Health Recruitment Committee, Ms. Poletes Montgomery was required to attend a number of meetings and had to devote many additional hours to work on the above events/situations on behalf of the Board of Health.

Mr. Al Edmondson participated on the Medical Officer of Health Recruitment Committee and also was actively involved on the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA) Board of Directors as President.

Consistent with Section 49(11) of the Health Protection and Promotion Act, City Councilors Denise Brown and Stephen Orser did not receive remuneration for any Board of Health meetings.

Mr. John Millson, Director, Finance and Operations, will be in attendance at the February 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to address any questions regarding this report.



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