



Ottawa Board of Health MINUTES 6

**Monday, September 16, 2019, 5:00 PM
Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue W.**

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Board Members:

Chair: K. Egli

Vice-Chair: T. DeGiovanni

**Members: E. Banham, J. Cloutier, E. El-Chantiry, G. Gower, T. Kavanagh,
L. Leikin, S. Menard, S. Pinel, P. Tilley**

The Ottawa Board of Health met in the Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, on Monday, 16 September 2019 beginning at 5:00 PM.

The Chair, Keith Egli, presided over the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

Healthy Communities - Partner Recognition

Chair Egli presented certificates of recognition to:

- Mark Barnes for his work in Naloxone training and distribution as well as his leadership in addiction treatment and overdose response; and
- Michael Wood, Michael Labelle and Peter Gilroy from Ottawa Special Events for their work in bringing local influencers together to amplify OPH's Party Safe messaging and helping to increase OPH's social media reach with these messages.

ROLL CALL

All members were present.

REGRETS

No regrets were filed.

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (INCLUDING THOSE ORIGINALLY ARISING FROM PRIOR MEETINGS)

Vice-Chair Tammy DeGiovanni declared a potential conflict of interest on the motion relation to Ontario Health Teams applications as her employer, the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) is the lead on one of the Ontario Health Team applications.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of minutes of the meeting of June 17, 2019.

CONFIRMED

COMMUNICATIONS

Twenty-nine communication items have been received (held on file with the Board of Health Secretary).

Response to Inquiries

- Inquiry BOH 01-19 – Reducing Screen Time and Promoting Nature and Outdoor Play

MOTION TO INTRODUCE REPORTS

Motion 6/1

Moved by Member Gower

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chair of the Board of Health Verbal Report, the Medical Officer of Health Verbal Report, and the reports titled: New Official Plan – High Level Policy Directions – Presentation; Ottawa Public Health Work on Climate Change; Ottawa Public Health’s 2019/2020 Influenza Season Updates; Ottawa Public Health Submission to Health Canada on Proposed Vaping Products and Packaging Regulations; Ottawa Public Health Submission to the

Canadian Food Inspection Agency on Proposed Food Labelling Modernization Regulatory Amendments; 2018 Annual Report and Attestation to the Ministry; 2019 Operating Budget Q2 – Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit Status Report; and Delegation of Authority – Contracts Awarded for the Period of January 1 to June 30, 2019, be received and considered.

CARRIED

Following a 'Consent Agenda' process, the Board considered the held Items in the following order: Items 1, 2, 3, and 5.

1. CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH VERBAL REPORT

ACS2019-OPH-BOH-0010

That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit receive this report for information.

RECEIVED, as amended by Motion 6/2

In his verbal update, Chair Egli reported on recently events, including meetings held with provincial representatives during the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's (AMO) Annual General Meeting and Conference. During these meetings there was discussion about the municipal transition to the 70/30 funding formula, an upcoming consultation process on public health modernization, and the valued partnership between Ottawa Public Health and the City of Ottawa.

Arising from the Chair's verbal update, the Board of Health considered the following motion, which Chair Egli introduced after ceding the Chair to Vice-Chair DeGiovanni.

Motion 6/2

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit recommend that City Council request that the Mayor ask the Minister of Health to maintain the relationship between the City of Ottawa and Ottawa Public Health, which maximizes the coordination between public health programs and municipal services, and benefits from the integration of administrative and other efficiencies; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit request that the Chair of the Board of Health, working with the Medical Officer of Health, ensure that, in calculating future budget allocations, the Ministry of Health recognize the City of Ottawa's ongoing in-kind contribution, which is not currently accounted in Ottawa Public Health's annual operating budget.

After a brief discussion about the motion's objective, Board voted to approve the motion and receive the verbal update.

The discussion on this item lasted approximately 15 minutes. The attached memo includes the Chair's Verbal Update.

Motion 6/2

Moved by Chair K. Egli

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has proposed the reorganization of local public health units into regional public health entities and has announced proposed changes to the provincial funding formula for public health; and,

WHEREAS the provincial portion for cost-shared programs and services will be 70% for the 2020 budget; and,

WHEREAS the Ministry of Health will be undertaking consultations on the implementation of these changes; and,

WHEREAS Ottawa Public Health provides crucial programs and services to the residents of Ottawa; and,

WHEREAS sections 12(1) – (8) of the *City of Ottawa Act, 1999* establish that the employees for the Board of Health are provided by the City of Ottawa and, given that the City of Ottawa provides over eight million

dollars (\$8,000,000.00) per year through in-kind supports (such as rent, information technology, purchasing and human resource services and other administrative efficiencies), which would be cost prohibitive to recreate in a different structure;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit recommend that City Council request that the Mayor ask the Minister of Health to maintain the relationship between the City of Ottawa and Ottawa Public Health, which maximizes the coordination between public health programs and municipal services, and benefits from the integration of administrative and other efficiencies; and,

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CARRIED

2. MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH VERBAL REPORT

ACS2019-OPH-MOH-0006

That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit receive this report for information.

RECEIVED, as amended by Motion 6/3

Dr. Very Etches, Medical Officer of Health, provided the Board with an update on recent news, activities and events and responded to Members' questions with respect to same.

Arising from Dr. Etches' verbal update, the Board considered the following

motion, introduced by Member Gower.

Motion 6/3

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit authorize Ottawa's Medical Officer to Health to continue to explore this option, in collaboration with local partners, including the submission of a full application and any operational requirements related to same;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit authorize the Chair of the Board of Health to approve and/or sign-off on any requirements that go beyond operational requirements (ex. governance);

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair and/or the Medical Officer of Health report back to the Board of Health, as appropriate, on any significant developments on this matter, either at regular meetings of the Board of Health or at any special meetings that may be called by the Chair as needed.

After a brief discussion about the intent of the motion and extent of the delegation, the Board voted on Motion 6/3, the Board voted to approve the motion and receive the verbal update.

The discussion on this item lasted approximately 35 minutes. The attached memo includes the Medical Officer of Health's Verbal Update.

Motion 6/3

Moved by Member Gower

WHEREAS at its meeting of April 15, 2019, through the Medical Officer of Health's Verbal Update, the Board of Health learned of the Ontario government's proposal for the creation of Ontario Health Teams, which are intended to focus on the coordination of care for patients and on improving their defined population's health; and

AND WHEREAS at its April meeting, the Board expressed support for Ottawa Public Health's participation in the first phase of submissions for three Ottawa area-based Ontario Health Teams and authorized the Medical

Officer of Health to continue to explore these opportunities, in collaboration with local partners;

AND WHEREAS at its meeting of June 17, 2019, the Board received an update from the Medical Officer of Health who indicated that Ottawa Public Health had participated in the first phase of the application process, which was the submission of a self-assessment, for three prospective local Ontario Health Teams, namely:

- 1. Ottawa Health Team (led by 6 Ottawa-area CHCs)**
- 2. 'To Be Named By Kids' OHT (led by CHEO)**
- 3. Ottawa East OHT (led by Montfort Hospital)**

AND WHEREAS at the time of the June Board meeting, Ottawa Public Health was awaiting a response from the Ministry of Health as to whether any or all of these proposed Ontario Health Teams would be invited to submit a full application and what the full application process would entail;

AND WHEREAS in mid-July, the Ministry of Health announced that, of the over 150 submissions received from across the Province as part of first phase, 31 applicants were invited to move forward to the next phase of submitting a full application, including all three (3) Ottawa-area Ontario Health Team proposals;

AND WHEREAS in mid-July, the Ministry of Health also updated applicants on details for the next steps in the application process;

AND WHEREAS Ontario Health Teams are a transformational initiative for Ottawa Public Health but also an opportunity to further its strategic priority of driving prevention across the health system;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit authorize Ottawa's Medical Officer to Health to continue to explore this option, in collaboration with local partners, including the submission of a full application and any operational requirements related to same;

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair and/or the Medical Officer of Health report back to the Board of Health, as appropriate, on any significant developments on this matter, either at regular meetings of the Board of Health or at any special meetings that may be called by the Chair as needed.

CARRIED

*** DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Vice-Chair Tammy DeGiovanni declared a potential conflict of interest on the motion relation to Ontario Health Teams applications as her employer, the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) is the lead on one of the Ontario Health Team applications.

Vice-Chair DeGiovanni did not take part in the discussion or vote on the motion.

3. NEW OFFICIAL PLAN – HIGH LEVEL POLICY DIRECTIONS - PRESENTATION

ACS2019-OPH-MOH-0007

That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit receive a presentation on the Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development report “New Official Plan – High Level Policy Directions” (ACS2019-PIE-EDP-0031), tabled at the August 22, 2019 joint meeting of the Planning Committee and Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.

RECEIVED

Alain Miguelez, Manager of Policy Planning, Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development Department, and Charmaine Forgie, Manager of

Business Support Services, Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development Department, spoke to a PowerPoint presentation, which served to provide the Board with an overview of the High Level Policy Directions associated with the new Official Plan and the public engagement process related to same.

Member Menard introduced the following motion, for the Board's consideration in discussing this item:

Motion 6/4

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit formally endorse the 5 Big Moves and express its strong support for Ottawa Public Health to continue advancing healthy built and natural environments, with a view to advocating for ambitious targets and policies and embedding a public health perspective to the development of the new Official Plan that will promote positive health outcomes and climate change mitigation and adaptation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that where such policies go beyond planning and zoning matters, that the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit encourage Ottawa Public Health employees to build on past successes by seeking to develop similar collaborative relationships with other City departments in order to advance healthy public policies in areas related to the built environment;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit request that its Members, collectively and individually and with support from OPH employees, serve as public health champions by advocating for healthy public policies related to climate change and the built environment in accordance with this motion at every opportunity, including at other Boards, at working groups, at standing committees, at sub-committees and at City Council.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Ottawa Board of Health support the inclusion of the following in the Official Plan:

- **A position on the urban boundary expansion that is informed by a public health perspective.**
- **That, by 2046, a significant majority of trips in the City of Ottawa be**

made by sustainable transportation (walking, cycling, transit, or carpool) and that the definition of sustainability include affordability.

- **A prioritization of the provision of more quality affordable housing, including the introduction of inclusionary zoning city-wide, with higher requirements in Transit-Oriented Development areas.**
- **The expansion and enhancement of our public spaces.**
- **An emphasis on a built environment that combats social isolation, stress and anxiety.**

Staff responded to questions from Board members arising from both the presentation and the proposed motion. As part of the discussion, Member Menard agreed to a friendly amendment, proposed by Member Leikin.

This discussion lasted approximately 40 minutes. The Board then voted to approve the revised motion and receive the report.

Motion 6/4

Moved by Member Menard

WHEREAS one of the Preliminary Policy Directions for the Official Plan focuses on resiliency and suggests that a climate, energy, environmental and public health lens be embedded, which represents an integrated approach to planning that recognizes the adverse health impacts of climate change and the role of the built environment as an important mechanism for mitigating and adapting to emerging health challenges, as described in the Discussion Paper titled “The Building Blocks for a Healthy Ottawa”;

AND WHEREAS there are proven links between the built environment and greenspace and the health and wellbeing of residents, including phenomena such as nature deficit disorder and the urban heat island effect;

AND WHEREAS various built environment policies that impact on residents’ health and well-being are highlighted in the “5 Big Moves”, including but not limited to: growth management and affordable housing

(Big Move 1), mobility and modal split (Big Move 2), design of public spaces (Big Move 3) and food production (Big Move 5);

AND WHEREAS public health is particularly integrated in Big Move 4, Climate, Energy and Public Health, which includes:

- **Element 1 - Public Health:**
 - **Advance human health through Official Plan policies**
 - **Design and build inclusive, all age communities**
 - **Build walkable, 15-minute neighbourhoods**
 - **Design sustainable and green communities**
- **Element 2 - Natural Systems:**
 - **Protect and grow the urban forest**
 - **Consolidate the rural natural heritage system**
 - **Revise and rename the Greenspace Master Plan as the Parks and Greenspace Master Plan**
- **Element 3 - Climate Adaptation & Resiliency:**
 - **Design and build communities to reduce the impacts of extreme heat and reduce the urban heat island effect**
 - **Reduce flood risks and their impacts**
 - **More resilient homes and communities**
 - **Resilient infrastructure**
- **Element 4 - Energy:**
 - **Smart energy planning and development**
 - **Local energy generation, storage and demand management**

AND WHEREAS Ottawa Public Health's reports titled "New Official Plan – High Level Policy Directions – Presentation" (ACS2019-OPH-MOH-0007)

and “Ottawa Public Health Work on Climate Change” (ACS2019-OPH-HPS-0002) highlight some of the health unit’s successes to-date and ongoing efforts to generate and/or analyze evidence and to work with partners in bringing a health lens to the issues of climate change and the built environment;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit formally endorse the 5 Big Moves and express its strong support for Ottawa Public Health to continue advancing healthy built and natural environments, with a view to advocating for ambitious targets and policies and embedding a public health perspective to the development of the new Official Plan that will promote positive health outcomes and climate change mitigation and adaptation;

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- **The expansion and enhancement of our public spaces.**
- **An emphasis on a built environment that promotes social cohesion and connectedness and mental health.**

CARRIED, with Member El-Chantiry dissenting

4. OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH WORK ON CLIMATE CHANGE

ACS2019-OPH-HPS-0002

That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit receive, for information, an overview of Ottawa Public Health's activities in support of climate action, as outlined in this report.

RECEIVED

At 6:45 p.m., the Board considered Motion 6/5, below.

Motion 6/5

Moved by Member Gower

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health approve that the meeting time be extended past 7:00 p.m. pursuant to Subsection 8.(1)(c) of the Procedural By-law.

CARRIED

5. OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH'S 2019/2020 INFLUENZA SEASON UPDATES

ACS2019-OPH-HPP-0007

That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit receive, for information, the 2019/2020 influenza season update, as outlined in this report.

RECEIVED, as amended by Motion 6/6

Marie-Claude Turcotte, Program Manager, Immunization Unit, spoke to a PowerPoint presentation, which served to provide the Board with an overview of the report and proposed 2019-2020 influenza season strategy.

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions from Board members. This discussion lasted approximately 40 minutes. The Board then voted to approve Motion 6/6 and to receive the report.

Motion 6/6

Moved by Member Gower

WHEREAS errors were detected at the bottom of page 3 of the above-referenced report with respect to the percentage increases in the number of flu vaccine directly administered by OPH and the number of doses distributed to community health care providers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Background section be amended by replacing the references to the increases from the previous flu season in the doses directly administered by OPH from 30% to 36% and the doses distributed to community health care providers from 30% to 8%.

CARRIED

6. OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH SUBMISSION TO HEALTH CANADA ON
PROPOSED VAPING PRODUCTS AND PACKAGING REGULATIONS

ACS2019-OPH-HPP-0009

That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit receive the Medical Officer of Health's submission to Health Canada on proposed vaping products and packaging regulations, as outlined in Document 1, and approve the recommendations contained therein.

CARRIED

7. OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH SUBMISSION TO THE CANADIAN FOOD
INSPECTION AGENCY ON PROPOSED FOOD LABELLING
MODERNIZATION REGULATORY AMENDMENTS

ACS2019-OPH-HPP-0010

That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit receive the Medical Officer of Health's submission to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency on proposed Food Labelling Modernization regulatory amendments, as outlined in Document 1, and approve the recommendations contained therein.

CARRIED

8. 2018 ANNUAL REPORT AND ATTESTATION TO THE MINISTRY

ACS2019-OPH-KPQ-0004

That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit receive this

report for information.

RECEIVED

9. 2019 OPERATING BUDGET Q2 – BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE CITY OF OTTAWA HEALTH UNIT STATUS REPORT

ACS2019-OPH-PCS-0005

That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit receive this report for information.

RECEIVED

10. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY – CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1 TO JUNE 30, 2019

ACS2019-OPH-PCS-0006

That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit receive this report for information.

RECEIVED

MOTION TO ADOPT REPORTS

Motion 6/7

Moved by Member Gower

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CARRIED

MOTIONS REQUIRING SUSPENSION OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

There were no motions requiring suspension of the rules.

NOTICES OF MOTION (FOR CONSIDERATION AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING)

There were no Notices of Motion (for consideration at a subsequent meeting).

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

Motion 6/8

Moved by Member Gower

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Confirmation By-law no. 2019-5, a by-law of the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit to confirm the proceedings of the Ottawa Board of Health at its meeting of September 16, 2019, be read and

passed.

CARRIED

INQUIRIES

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Regular Meeting

Monday, November 4, 2019 - 5:00 PM, Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue W.

BOARD SECRETARY

BOARD CHAIR