

**Report to
Rapport au:**

**Ottawa Board of Health
Conseil de santé d'Ottawa
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Ward: CITY WIDE / À L'ÉCHELLE DE LA VILLE File Number: ACS2023-OPH-BOH-0003

SUBJECT: Attendance at the Association of Local Public Health Agencies' (aLPHa) Winter Symposium

OBJET: Participation au symposium d'hiver de l'Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aLPHa)

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit approve the Board of Health Members' participation at the Association of Local Public Health Agencies' (aLPHa) Winter Symposium, to be held February 24, 2023, and pre-symposium workshop to be held February 23, 2023.

RECOMMANDATION DU RAPPORT

Que le Conseil de santé de la circonscription sanitaire de la ville d'Ottawa approuve la participation des membres du Conseil de santé au symposium

d'hiver de l'Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa), qui aura lieu le 24 février 2023, et un atelier pré-symposium qui aura lieu le 23 février 2023.

BACKGROUND

Ottawa Public Health is an active member of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa). alPHa provides leadership to boards of health and public health units in Ontario as well as advises and lends expertise on the governance, administration and management of health units. The Association also collaborates with governments and other health organizations, advocating for a strong, effective and efficient public health system in the province. Membership includes Board of Health Members, Medical Officers of Health and Associate Medical Officers of Health, as well as senior public health managers and affiliate members.

Participation in alPHa meetings is strongly encouraged, including by the Medical Officer of Health and/or Associate Medical Officers of Health and, whenever possible, Members of the Board of Health. alPHa regularly holds three meetings a year, including an Annual General Meeting and Conference in June as well as Fall and Winter symposiums.

DISCUSSION

On January 18, 2023, alPHa released the draft Program and BOH Section meeting agenda for its winter symposium, being held on February 24, 2023. The draft Program and BOH Section meeting agenda were circulated to Members of the Board of Health to canvas for their interest in attending this event. With a registration deadline of Monday, February 20, 2023, Board Members were asked to respond to the expression of interest by no later than Friday, February 17, 2023.

Given the timing of the circulation, the deadline for expressions of interest and registration, and the publication of the Board's January 30, 2023, meeting Agenda, this report is recommending that the Board approval Members' participation without specifically naming those Members who will be attending. Pursuant to the Board of Health Travel Policy and based on past practice, participating Members will be asked to "report back" verbally at the subsequent meeting of the Board of Health, scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2023.

RURAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no rural implications associated with this report.

CONSULTATION

Board of Health Members are being consulted on their desire and availability to participate.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal impediments to implementing the recommendation in this report.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management implications associated to this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost per delegate is approximately \$300 to attend the virtual aPHa 2023 Winter Symposium and Board of Health Section Meeting. Funds are available within the Ottawa Board of Health operating budget.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

There are no accessibility impacts associated with this report.

DISPOSITION

The Board Secretary will process the registration and advise aPHa of the Ottawa Board of Health representatives.