

**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: ACS2024-OPH-BOH-0004

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 participation of Chair Kitts, Vice-Chair DeGiovanni and Member Bauer at the Association of Local Public Health Agencies' (alPHa) Winter Symposium, to be held February 16, 2024.

RECOMMANDATION DU RAPPORT

Que le Conseil de santé de la circonscription sanitaire de la ville d'Ottawa approuve la participation de Président Kitts, le Vice-Président DeGiovanni et

membre Bauer au symposium d'hiver de l'Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA), qui aura lieu par participation électronique le 16 février 2024.

BACKGROUND

Ottawa Public Health is an active member of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA). ALPHA provides support for leadership in Ontario public health units, such as through training for Board of Health members on governance, and professional development for senior leaders in management. 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 per year, including an Annual General Meeting and Conference in June as well as Fall and Winter symposiums.

DISCUSSION

Board Members were canvassed for their interest in attending the ALPHA Winter Symposium. Chair Kitts, Vice-Chair DeGiovanni and Member Bauer, have indicated they were available to attend.

RURAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no rural implications associated with this report.

CONSULTATION

Board of Health Members were consulted.

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 \$400 to attend the virtual ALPHA 2024 Winter

Symposium. 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 alpha of the Ottawa Board of Health representatives. Should the Members be unable to attend, it is requested that they notify the Board Secretary as soon as possible.