

**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-0015

SUBJECT: Attendance at the Association of Local Public Health Agencies' (alPHa) Fall Symposium

OBJET: Participation au symposium d'automne 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 and Vice-Chair DeGiovanni at the Association of Local Public Health Agencies' (alPHa) Fall Symposium, to be held November 8th, 2024.

RECOMMANDATION DU RAPPORT

Que le Conseil de santé de la circonscription sanitaire de la ville d'Ottawa approuve la participation de la présidente Kitts et la vice-présidente DeGiovanni

au symposium d'automne de l'Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa), qui aura lieu le 8 novembre 2024.

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 October 10, 2024, alPHa released the draft Program for its fall symposium, being held on November 8, 2024, noting that the event would be held electronically. The draft Program was circulated to Members of the Board of Health to canvas for their interest in attending this event. Members were asked to respond to the expression of interest by no later than Wednesday, October 30, 2024.

Chair Kitts and Vice-Chair DeGiovanni indicated they were available to attend.

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 \$400 to attend the virtual aPHa 2024 Fall 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 registrations and advise aPHa of the Ottawa Board of Health representatives.