

**Report to
Rapport au:**

**Ottawa Board of Health
Conseil de santé d'Ottawa
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**and Council
et au Conseil
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SUBJECT: Ottawa Public Health 2025 Annual Report

OBJET: Rapport annuel de 2025 de Santé publique Ottawa

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit:

- 1. Receive Ottawa Public Health's 2025 Annual Report; and**
- 2. Approve that it be forwarded to Ottawa City Council for information, in accordance with the *City of Ottawa Act, 1999*.**

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

QUE, le Conseil de santé de la circonscription sanitaire de la ville d'Ottawa :

- 1. prenne connaissance du Rapport annuel de 2025 de Santé publique Ottawa; et**
- 2. approuve qu'il soit acheminé au Conseil municipal d'Ottawa à des fins d'information, en vertu de la *Loi sur la ville d'Ottawa, 1999*.**

BACKGROUND

Every year, Ottawa Public Health (OPH) publishes an Annual Report to communicate about its work of promoting and protecting the community's health, thank community partners for their commitment to collaborating for improved health of Ottawa residents and visitors, and meet requirements under the *Ontario Public Health Standards* (OPHS). In addition to its duties and responsibilities under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* (HPPA), the Board shall, at the request of the City, make an annual report to the City on the Board's operations, pursuant to the *City of Ottawa Act, 1999*, section 12(7). Further, in November 2016, City Council approved a recommendation requiring that annual reports from its local boards must be in writing and include the following: mandate, strategic directions, annual highlights and a financial statement.

OPH's 2025 Annual Report, attached as Document 1 (English version) and Document 2 (French version), fulfils the above-referenced requirements.

DISCUSSION

The Annual Report highlights some of OPH's key achievements of 2025 in protecting the health of Ottawa's community. The report includes:

- **Advanced OPH's 2023–2027 Strategic Plan**, focusing on equity, prevention, and measurable community impact through strong partnerships.
- **Delivered core public health services at scale**, including routine immunization, infectious disease response, inspections, family supports, and oral health services across Ottawa.
- **Improved access to care for underserved populations** through Neighbourhood Health and Wellness Hubs, community-based clinics, and culturally safer programming.

- **Responded to emerging health risks**, including high measles activity, ongoing overdose prevention efforts, increased environmental health investigations, and outbreak management.
- **Expanded publicly funded dental care**, opening a new clinic in Orléans and significantly increasing access for low-income seniors.
- **Strengthened mental health and substance use prevention**, supporting early intervention, youth engagement, suicide prevention training, and harm reduction initiatives.
- **Enhanced transparency, efficiency, and service delivery** through digital transformation, open data sharing, and modernization of clinical and inspection systems.
- **Invested in organizational capacity**, advancing leadership development, Indigenous cultural safety, and diversity, equity and inclusion across the workforce.

The work highlighted in OPH's 2025 Annual Report represents only a sampling of the health unit's efforts to protect the health and well-being of Ottawa's population through prevention, promotion and protection.

OPH's work would not be possible without the efforts of its dedicated employees, volunteers, learners and the continued support of the Board of Health, partners, and the many individuals and organizations that contribute to the goal of a healthier, more equitable city for all.

Distribution of the Report

OPH will disseminate its 2025 annual report to interest-holders and the public through promoting the release of the report on social media as well as posting the report on its website and distributing it electronically to partners and interest-holders.

RURAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no rural implications associated with this information report.

CONSULTATION

The purpose of this report is administrative in nature and therefore no public consultation is required.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal impediments to receiving the information described in recommendation 1 of this report and no legal impediments to approving recommendation 2.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management implications associated with this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications to receiving the information described in recommendation 1 of this report and no financial implications to approving recommendation 2.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

There are no accessibility impacts associated with this report.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Document 1: Ottawa Public Health's 2025 Annual Report

Document 2: Rapport annuel 2025 de Santé publique Ottawa

DISPOSITION

OPH will coordinate the distribution of the 2025 Annual Report and will forward this Board report to Ottawa City Council for information.