



## **Ottawa Board of Health MINUTES 15**

**Monday, April 3, 2017, 5:00 PM**

**Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue West**

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### **Board Members:**

**Chair: S. Qadri**

**Vice-Chair: J. Poirier**

**Members: D. Chernushenko, M. Fleury, A. Kapur, L. Leikin, C. McKenney, S. Pinel,  
M. Qaqish, M. Taylor, P. Tilley**

The Ottawa Board of Health met in the Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, on Monday, April 3, 2017 beginning at 5:00 PM.

The Chair, Shad Qadri, presided over the meeting.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS/CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

There were no announcements or ceremonial activities.

## ROLL CALL

Vice-Chair Poirier was absent from the meeting.

## REGRETS

Vice-Chair Poirier sent regrets.

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

No declarations of pecuniary interest were filed.

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting of February 13, 2017

CONFIRMED

## COMMUNICATIONS

Eleven communication items have been received (*held on file with the Board of Health Secretary*)

## MOTION TO INTRODUCE REPORTS

### Motion 15/01

Moved by Member Pinel

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chair of the Board of Health Verbal report; the Medical Officer of Health Verbal report; Ottawa Public Health's 2016 Annual report; Healthy Eating, Active Living: Protecting Vulnerable Populations Through Restrictions in Marketing of Foods and Beverages report; Quality Improvement Plan for 2017-2020 report; Ottawa Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response report; and Delegation of Authority – Contracts Awarded for the Period of July 1 to December 31, 2016 report be received and considered, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Rules of Procedure be suspended to consider the following additional item due to the timelines associated with same:

- Report from the Medical Officer of Health titled *Update on Opioids and the Risk of Unintentional Overdoses in Ottawa*, due to timelines associated with this item

CARRIED

Following a 'Consent Agenda' process, the Board considered the held Items in the following order: Items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 8.

1. CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH VERBAL REPORT

ACS2017-OPH-BOH-0002

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

Chair Qadri provided the Board with an update on recent events. The attached memo includes the Chair of the Board of Health Verbal Update.

Following the discussion, the report recommendation was put to the Board.

RECEIVED

2. MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH VERBAL REPORT

ACS2017-OPH-MOH-0002

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

Dr. Isra Levy, Medical Officer of Health, provided the Board with an update on recent events and took questions from Board Members. This discussion lasted approximately 20 minutes. The attached memo includes the Medical Officer of Health Verbal Update.

Following the discussion, the report recommendation was put to the Board.

RECEIVED

3. OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH'S 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

ACS2017-OPH-SSB-0005

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

- 1. Receive Ottawa Public Health's 2016 Annual Report; and**
- 2. Approve that it be forwarded to Ottawa City Council for information, in accordance with the *City of Ottawa Act, 1999*.**

Dr. Isra Levy, Medical Officer of Health, introduced Ottawa Public Health's 2016 Annual Report and spoke to a PowerPoint presentation, which served to provide the Board with some context on this report. A copy of the presentation is held on file with the Board of Health Secretary.

The report recommendations were then put to the Board.

CARRIED

4. HEALTHY EATING, ACTIVE LIVING: PROTECTING VULNERABLE POPULATIONS THROUGH RESTRICTIONS IN MARKETING OF FOODS AND BEVERAGES

ACS2017-OPH-HPDP-0003

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

- 1. Receive for information the list of policy options at the municipal level in the area of marketing to children and youth, as outlined in Document 1;**
- 2. Approve the consultation plan, as outlined in the report; and**
- 3. Approve that the Chair of the Board of Health write a letter to Minister**

**Philpott and Senator Greene Raine in support of Bills S-228 and C-313.**

Ms. Gillian Connelly, Manager, Health Promotion Disease Prevention, and Ms. Sonia Jean-Philippe, Public Health Nutritionist, Ottawa Public Health, spoke to a PowerPoint presentation, which served to provide the Board with some context on this report. A copy of the presentation is held on file with the Board of Health Secretary.

At 6:48 p.m., Member Pinel moved a motion to extend the meeting.

**MOTION 15/02**

Moved by Member Pinel

**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

The following delegations addressed the Board on the Healthy Eating, Active Living: Protecting Vulnerable Populations Through Restrictions in Marketing of Foods and Beverages report. Those persons whose names are marked with an asterisk (\*) provided written statements, copies of which are held on file with the Board of Health Secretary.

- Ms. Seema Nagpal, Epidemiologist & Senior Leader, Diabetes Canada- (agreed with report recommendations)
- Ms. Monique Potvin Kent\*, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ottawa, (agreed with report recommendations)
- Ms. Marie-Christine Monchalin\*, Manager, Public Issues, Canadian Cancer Society, (agreed with report recommendations)
- Mr. Manuel Arango\*, Director, Health Policy, Heart & Stroke Foundation, (agreed with report recommendations)
- Mr. Alex Munter, President & CEO, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) (agreed with report recommendations)
- Dr. Annick Buchholz, Lead Psychologist, CHEO's Centre for Healthy Active Living (agreed with report recommendations)

- Ms. Carolynne Mondoux and Ms. Margaret Hughes, Dietitians of Canada (agreed with report recommendations)
- Mr. Jim Shepherd\*, parent (agreed with report recommendations)
- Mr. Bill Jeffery\*, Executive Director, Centre for Health Science and Law (agreed with report recommendations)
- Ms. Gillian Dawson, Chair, Ottawa Food Policy Council (agreed with report recommendations)

After hearing from the delegations, Ottawa Public Health staff took questions from Board members. This discussion lasted approximately 145 minutes. Following the discussion, the report recommendations were put to the Board.

CARRIED

5. QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR 2017-2020

ACS2017-OPH-IQS-0003

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

RECEIVED

6. OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

ACS2017-OPH-IQS-0004

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

RECEIVED

7. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY – CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2016

ACS2017-OPH-IQS-0005

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

RECEIVED

8. UPDATE ON OPIOIDS AND THE RISK OF UNINTENTIONAL OVERDOSES IN OTTAWA

ACS2017-OPH-CP-0001

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

- 1. Receive for information the updates outlined in this report with respect to Ottawa Public Health actions related to opioids and the risk of unintentional overdoses in Ottawa; and**
- 2. Approve that the Chair of the Board of Health and the Medical Officer of Health send a joint letter to the federal government in support of Bill C 224, the *Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act*.**

Mr. Andrew Hendriks, Manager, Clinical Programs, and Dr. Vera Etches, Deputy Medical Officer of Health, spoke to a PowerPoint presentation, which served to provide the Board with some context on this report. A copy of this presentation is held on file with the Board of Health Secretary.



The following delegation addressed the Board on this item.

- Mr. Sean O’Leary, representative of We the Parents

After hearing from the delegation, Dr. Etches and Mr. Hendriks took questions from Board members. This discussion lasted approximately 35 minutes.

CARRIED

#### INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY DISTRIBUTED

##### A. ACTION PLAN TOWARDS SMOKE-FREE OTTAWA HOSPITALS

ACS2017-OPH-HPDP-0002-IPD

#### MOTION TO ADOPT REPORTS

##### **Motion 15/03**

Moved by Member Pinel

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chair of the Board of Health Verbal Report; the Medical Officer of Health Verbal Report; Ottawa Public Health’s 2016 Annual report; Healthy Eating, Active Living: Protecting Vulnerable Populations Through Restrictions in Marketing of Foods and Beverages report; Quality Improvement Plan for 2017-2020 report; Ottawa Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response report; and Delegation of Authority – Contracts Awarded for the Period of July 1 to December 31, 2016 report; and Update on Opioids and the Risk of Unintentional Overdoses in Ottawa report be received and adopted.**

CARRIED

#### MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN PREVIOUSLY

There were no motions of which notice had been given previously.

#### MOTIONS REQUIRING SUSPENSION OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

As noted in the procedural motion to introduce reports.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION (FOR CONSIDERATION AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING)

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

#### CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

##### **Motion 15/04**

Moved by Member Pinel

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Confirmation By-law no. 2017-2, 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 April 3, 2017, be read and passed.**

CARRIED

#### INQUIRIES AND ANSWERS

There were no inquiries.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

#### NEXT MEETING

##### **Regular Meeting**

Monday, June 19, 2017 - 5:00 PM, Champlain Room

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**BOARD SECRETARY**

**BOARD CHAIR**

MEMO / NOTE DE SERVICE

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

DESTINATAIRE : Conseil de santé de la circonscription sanitaire de la ville d'Ottawa

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DATE: April 3, 2017

3 avril 2017

FILE NUMBER: ACS2017-OPH-BOH-0002

SUBJECT: **CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH VERBAL REPORT**

OBJET : **RAPPORT VERBAL DU PRÉSIDENT DU CONSEIL DE SANTÉ**

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Good evening and thank you very much for joining us.

Tonight, I would like to begin by sincerely thanking all Ottawa Public Health employees, particularly those involved in the response to the opioid issue in our community. The world of public health is unpredictable and it often requires that OPH take action, reacting to alarming and serious events. The employees of Ottawa Public Health have managed this emerging crisis by strengthening community partnerships and broadening our strategy of prevention education and harm reduction. Ottawa Public Health's

ultimate aim is to eliminate overdoses and deaths due to opioid misuse. I thank each and every one of you, our residents and community partners for the role you have played in addressing this significant community issue.

I wish now to update the Board on two recent events. The first is Ottawa Public Health's involvement in *Crime Prevention Ottawa's Forum on Family Violence*. According to Statistics Canada, "more than 320,000 people were victims of a violent crime in 2014, with 26 percent having been victimized by a family member". Family violence takes various forms and impacts young and old. While at this forum, Ottawa Public Health was able to showcase our health unit's efforts in working with families. Dr. Levy moderated the Forum's panel, encouraging a fundamental discussion on family violence as well as highlighting our work as part of our Healthy Babies, Healthy Children program and our participation in the Ottawa Elder Abuse Response Committee. We look forward to continuing to work with Crime Prevention Ottawa and other partner organizations to reduce the incidence of family violence.

Second, I'd like to provide an update on the most recent All-Staff event which took place March 21. This year's All-Staff meeting was indeed a memorable one. Those in attendance were encouraged to *Reflect on Change and Embrace Equity*. What an opportunity it was to learn, particularly from three Indigenous elders who challenged us about our own assumptions and beliefs. We had significant conversations regarding Indigenous health and learned a great deal about indigenous culture. We were joined by Deputy Minister of the Ontario Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, Deborah Richardson, our keynote speaker for the meeting. Several board members, Members Pinel, Tilley and Councillors Fleury, Qaqish, Taylor and Chernushenko were all able to join us. It was a very special meeting and I think an excellent educational opportunity for all employees who were able to attend in-person or via Livestream. As we look to the future, I trust that we will continue to learn from those shared experiences and focus on actions that promote reconciliation.

Thank you to all. That concludes my verbal report for this evening.

MEMO / NOTE DE SERVICE

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

DESTINATAIRE : Conseil de santé de la circonscription sanitaire de la ville d'Ottawa

FROM: Dr. Isra Levy  
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DATE: April 3, 2017

3 avril 2017

FILE NUMBER: ACS2017-OPH-MOH-0002

SUBJECT: **MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH VERBAL REPORT**

OBJET : **RAPPORT VERBAL DU MÉDECIN CHEF EN SANTÉ PUBLIQUE**

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Bonsoir, good evening.

I was going to start this evening with an update on the ongoing opioid issue and the work of Ottawa's Overdose Prevention Taskforce, which you will recall we discussed at our last meeting. However, given recent developments I have discussed with Chair Qadri my recommendation that you receive a formal report on this subject tonight, and I am grateful that he has, and you have, agreed to entertain that report. Mr. Hendriks and

Dr Etches will be outlining developments, and the rationale for a recommendation to you for advocacy relating to federal legislation, later this evening.

Last week I participated in the annual Ontario Public Health Convention. This event, sponsored by Public Health Ontario, alPHa, and the Ontario Public Health Association, has become the preeminent scientific meeting relating to Public Health practice in Ontario, and almost 900 participants were there. I am proud to say that OPH was well represented, and many of our staff did presentations. Dr Pim was a plenary speaker, and shared with participants the extraordinary contributions of our volunteers and staff to the refugee program last year, through a scientific lens. I also moderated a session on Evaluating Emergency Preparedness, which addressed outbreak prevention with focused discussions on Zika, Ebola and other infectious disease threats. And, as you may have seen in the press, while the convention was going on, our routine work here dealing with flu and gastrointestinal outbreaks, and possible measles and mumps exposures in the community, was keeping the teams busy too.

The Ontario convention is also an opportunity for the Ministry to provide updates on its priorities and work, and we heard presentations from the Deputy Minister of Health, Assistant Deputy Minister for Population and Public Health, and the Provincial Chief MOH. All spoke about Health System Transformation and the view of the Ministry relating to the role of public health in that transformation. Essentially, there are three things to keep in mind:

- Firstly, the role of Public Health in Ontario - what the Ministry will be asking Boards of Health to do in the future,
- Secondly, the role of Public Health in health system transformation - how Medical Officers of Health and Boards of Health will relate to Local Health Integration Networks in the future, and,
- Thirdly, how Public Health will be structured and governed in the future.

With respect to the first issue, what we will be required to do in the future, you will remember that the Ministry recently released a draft of proposed new public health standards, and that we are currently in a period of consultation regarding the content of these new standards, which are expected to take effect in January 2018. There is suggestion of a period of transition that will allow for adaptation and adoption of the standards over a longer period of time, to facilitate alignment with existing budgetary and operational planning cycles.

The consultation period ends on April 21, 2017. A preliminary review of the draft standards suggests that implementing them may well require substantial reorientation of

resources, and structural and functional change in the organisation. We have initiated processes to ensure that every member of staff at OPH has an opportunity to reflect on the implications of the proposed new standards, and participate in team meetings that will inform both responses to the Ministry consultations and future operational planning and organisational needs. We also welcome any of your thoughts in this regard, and you will recall that we hosted a regional consultation session for the Ministry here in Ottawa last month, where staff and Board members from OPH and from neighbouring health units had dialogue with Ministry officials on the subject. We will be submitting written input to the Ministry prior to the consultation deadline, and we will certainly circulate that to each of you in advance for your information and input should you wish.

Now, with respect to the 2<sup>nd</sup> point, that of relationships with the LHIN, you will recall that I mentioned at our retreat last fall that there is a ministry working group, one of 17, working on issues relating to implementation of the *Patients First* legislation. It is my understanding that it will be making recommendations by May of this year.

And regarding the 3<sup>rd</sup> point, future structure and governance issues, you'll also recall the recent memo from the Minister announcing the Expert Panel that has now started work, and – we understand – is also on track to report in the spring. So, a lot of work is going on at the Ministry, with the potential for significant impact on our operations, partnerships and accountabilities in the future. I will, of course, continue to update you on these issues moving forward.

Before I end, I also want to advise you that last Friday the City of Ottawa's Legal Services group was informed of a legal challenge to the City's Water Pipe (Hookah) By-law.

As I understand it, the challenge is on the grounds that the By-law violates the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* as it is allegedly discriminatory against the cultural rights of a specific group of Canadians (Arab-Canadians). Of course, as this issue unfolds we will be ready to help the City's Legal Services group and By-law and Regulatory Services Branch in whatever way we can, and we understand that their intention will be to vigorously defend against the By-law challenge. (We know, of course, that similar Water Pipe By-laws from the Toronto and the Vancouver have previously withstood judicial scrutiny, though one of those judgments is currently subject to an appeal).

I will shortly, with your permission Mr. Chair, make some comments about our annual report for 2016, but that concludes my update, and I am happy to answer any questions.

Merci beaucoup.