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Mr. Shad Qadri
Chair, Board of Health
Ottawa Public Health
110 Laurier Avenue West
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Dear Mr. Qadri:

I am pleased to advise you that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care will provide the Board of Health for Ottawa Public Health up to \$350,000 in additional base funding for staff positions to support local opioid response initiatives, including naloxone distribution to community-based organizations and work on early warning and surveillance of opioid overdoses.

The Assistant Deputy Minister of the Population and Public Health Division will write to Ottawa Public Health shortly concerning the terms and conditions governing this funding.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to harm reduction and public health.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Hoskins', written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Eric Hoskins
Minister

c: Dr. Isra Levy, Acting Medical Officer of Health
Jim Watson, Mayor, City of Ottawa
Roselle Martino, Assistant Deputy Minister, Population and Public Health Division