

1. PUBLIC HEALTH MODERNIZATION AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN  
THE CITY OF OTTAWA AND OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH

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As part of his Verbal Update to the Board of Health, Chair Egli reported on meetings held with provincial representatives during the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's (AMO) Annual General Meeting and Conference. During these meetings there was discussion about the municipal transition to the 70/30 funding formula, an upcoming consultation process on public health modernization, and the valued partnership between Ottawa Public Health and the City of Ottawa.

Arising from the Chair's verbal update, the Board of Health considered the following motion, which Chair Egli introduced after ceding the chair to Vice-Chair DeGiovanni.

Motion 6/2

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After a brief discussion about its objectives, the Board voted on Motion 6/2. The discussion on this item lasted approximately 15 minutes.

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Moved by Chair K. Egli

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