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SUBJECT: CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH VERBAL REPORT

OBJET : RAPPORT VERBAL DU PRÉSIDENT DU CONSEIL DE SANTÉ

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- Last week, the City of Ottawa welcomed Medical Officers of Health and Board of Health Members from across Ontario to the 2015 Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aIPHa) Annual General Meeting & Conference.
- This conference was hosted by Ottawa Public Health and aIPHa.

- Several Ottawa Board Members attended and I was honoured to make opening remarks
- As part of the Annual General Meeting, delegates passed a number of resolutions with subjects ranging from health equity to increasing access to naloxone.
- Congratulations to the OPH staff who worked with alPHa to organize this successful conference

OPH comments on other committee reports

- As some of my Council colleagues may be aware, OPH has been working to advance healthy public policy and influence municipal and provincial decisions that impact health.
- In late May, Ottawa Public Health provided comments on a planning committee report regarding the zoning by-law.
- The city report considered amending the current zoning by-law to provide opportunities for more small businesses in urban neighbourhoods. OPH staff brought forward the health benefits of the proposed zoning amendment, to demonstrate how this type of zoning can help create vibrant, mixed use, walkable neighbourhoods.
- OPH was also involved in consultations and community events around reducing default speed limits. Last month, our Medical Officer of Health was invited to speak on this matter at a Community Summit on Road Safety hosted by the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Yasir Naqvi.
- Finally, a systematic review of the City's major by-laws will be taking place over the next four years.
- OPH will be participating in this review and has proposed by-laws with respect to expanding the definition of smoking to include hookah pipes in public places, the posting of food premise certificates and a personal service setting registry be considered.
- I am pleased that OPH has been able to participate in these opportunities to advance healthy public policy and build healthier Ottawa.

Ultimate Lunch Cook-off

- I am also happy to report that Ottawa Public Health celebrated Food Revolution Day at Immaculata High School this past May.
- Myself, along with Mayor Watson, Member Fleury, and Dr. Levy joined grade 11 and 12 culinary arts student in an 'Ultimate Lunch Cook-off.' The results – were delicious and nutritious.
- Ottawa Public Health is proud to partner with local schools to improve healthy eating and active living and to help make the healthy choice the easy choice.

Congratulations to Board Members

- Finally, I would like to thank all of our Board Members who have represented us at events in the community over the past five months.
- Here is an example of a picture (above) of one of our Board members, Peter Tilley, at a Dental Month Screening Event for Oral Health