



## **Ottawa Board of Health MINUTES 13**

**Monday, November 2, 2020, 5:00 PM**

**By Electronic Participation**

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**Board Members:**

**Chair: K. Egli**

**Vice-Chair: T. DeGiovanni**

**Members: E. Banham, J. Cloutier, E. El-Chantiry, G. Gower, T. Kavanagh,  
L. Leikin, S. Menard, S. Pinel, P. Tilley**

The Ottawa Board of Health met via Zoom, on Monday, November 2, 2020 beginning at 5:00 PM.

Councillor Keith Egli, Chair of the Board of Health, presided over the meeting.

ROLL CALL

All members participated.

REGRETS

No regrets were filed.

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

No declarations of interest were filed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Confirmation of minutes of the meeting of September 21, 2020.**

CONFIRMED

COMMUNICATIONS

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

MOTION TO INTRODUCE REPORTS

**Motion 13/1**

Moved by Member Tilley

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chair of the Board of Health Verbal Report, the Medical Officer of Health Verbal Report, and the reports titled: Ottawa Public Health Submission to Health Canada on Proposed New Regulations for Supervised Consumption Sites and Services, 2021 Ottawa Board of Health Meeting Schedule, and Performance Appraisal of Medical Officer of Health – In Camera – Personal Matters About an Identifiable Individual - Reporting Out Date: Not to be Reported Out, be received and considered;**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rules of Procedure be suspended to receive and table the report titled “2021 Draft Operating Budget for the Ottawa Board of Health”.**

CARRIED

Following a ‘Consent Agenda’ process, the Board considered the held Items in the order in which they appear on the Agenda.

1. CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH VERBAL REPORT

ACS2020-OPH-BOH-0006

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

RECEIVED

Chair Egli began his verbal update by thanking families for celebrating Thanksgiving and Halloween differently this year in order to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, thanking businesses for cooperating with the new restrictions imposed in October, and encouraging residents to continue to support small businesses in any way they can. He then provided updates on

Council's recent extension of the Temporary Mandatory Mask By-law and a recent Health Canada funding announcement for the Safer Supply Ottawa Program. He also talked about the upcoming Ottawa Community Action Plan Virtual Summit, scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup>, and encouraged all Board of Health Members to participate.

The discussion on this item lasted approximately 10 minutes. The report was then received by the Board. The attached memo includes the Chair's Verbal Update.

2. MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH VERBAL REPORT

ACS2020-OPH-MOH-0007

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

RECEIVED

As part of her verbal report, Dr. Etches provided updates on: a recent City Council decision on climate action, Energy Evolution; our fall influenza immunization campaign, noting the goals of this year's campaign, the start of OPH-run flu clinics and uptake to date; the work of local Ontario Health Teams, most notably in terms of reaching communities most impacted by COVID-19; and Ministry of Health reporting requirements, particularly as pertains to risks faced by our health unit this year. She then talked about the ongoing response to COVID-19, indicating that she has written to the Mayor describing the need for a new approach to the pandemic response, for the sake of the population's health. Specifically, she talked about the need for Ottawans to learn to live with COVID with caution, noting that the goals of the response to the pandemic continue to be to minimize hospitalizations and death, as well as societal disruption.

Following her verbal update, Dr. Etches responded to questions from Board Members. The discussion on this item lasted approximately an hour and 10

minutes. The report was then received by the Board. The attached memo includes the Medical Officer of Health's Verbal Update.

3. 2021 DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE OTTAWA BOARD OF HEALTH

ACS2020-OPH-PCS-0006

**That, at its meeting of November 2, 2020, the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit:**

- 1. Receive and table the 2021 Draft Operating Budget for the Ottawa Board of Health; and**

RECEIVED and TABLED

- 2. Direct staff to forward the 2021 Draft Operating Budget for the Ottawa Board of Health to Ottawa City Council on November 4, 2020, as part of the City Council's tabling of the City of Ottawa 2021 Draft Operating and Capital budget.**

CARRIED

Chair Egli and Dr. Etches providing opening remarks, after which Mr. Lou Flaborea, Manager of Performance and Corporate Services, spoke to a PowerPoint presentation which served to provide Board Members with an overview of the 2021 Draft Operating Budget. A copy of his presentation is held on file with the Board Secretary.

Following the presentation, Dr. Etches and Mr. Flaborea responded to questions from Board Members. Questions centered on confidence in the provincial funding commitment, the City's contribution, added pressures due to the COVID response and COVID-related measures to keep employees safe, and the value of public health services.

The discussion on this item lasted approximately 45 minutes. The report

recommendations were then put to the Board and voted on separately.

At approximately 6:45 p.m., during discussions on the above-noted item, the Board approved a motion to extend the time of the meeting beyond 7:00 p.m.

**Motion 13/2**

Moved by Member Tilley

**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

4. OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH SUBMISSION TO HEALTH CANADA ON PROPOSED NEW REGULATIONS FOR SUPERVISED CONSUMPTION SITES AND SERVICES

ACS2020-OPH-HPP-0007

**That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit receive the Medical Officer of Health's submission to Health Canada on proposed new regulations for supervised consumption sites and services, as outlined in Document 1, and approve the recommendations contained therein.**

CARRIED

5. 2021 OTTAWA BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING SCHEDULE

ACS2020-OPH-BOH-0007

**That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit approve the 2021 meeting schedule, as outlined in this report.**

CARRIED

IN CAMERA ITEMS\*

6. PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH - – IN CAMERA – PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL. REPORTING OUT DATE: NOT TO BE REPORTED OUT

ACS2020-OPH-BOH-0008

**Issued separately**

CARRIED

This item was CARRIED on consent, eliminating the need for the Board to move In Camera.

MOTION TO ADOPT REPORTS

**Motion 13/3**

Moved by Member Tilley

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chair of the Board of Health Verbal Report, the Medical Officer of Health Verbal Report, and the reports titled: Ottawa Public Health Submission to Health Canada on Proposed New Regulations for Supervised Consumption Sites and Services, 2021 Ottawa Board of Health**

**Meeting Schedule, and Performance Appraisal of Medical Officer of Health – In Camera – Personal Matters About an Identifiable Individual - Reporting Out Date: Not to be Reported Out, be received and adopted;**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the report titled “2021 Draft Operating Budget for the Ottawa Board of Health” be tabled, for consideration at the Board of Health meeting of November 30, 2020.

CARRIED

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

There were no motions requiring suspension of the rules.

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

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

#### CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

##### **Motion 13/4**

Moved by Member Tilley

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Confirmation By-law no. 2020-5, 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 November 2, 2020, be read and passed.

CARRIED



## INQUIRIES AND ANSWERS

None

## ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

## NEXT MEETING

### **Regular Meeting**

Monday, November 30, 2020 - 5:00 PM

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**BOARD SECRETARY**

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**BOARD CHAIR**