



Ottawa Board of Health MINUTES 4

Monday, April 15, 2019, 5:00 PM

Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue W.

Contact for the Ottawa Board of Health:

Diane Blais, Board of Health Secretary

613-580-2424, ext. 21544

Diane.Blais@Ottawa.ca

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 in the Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, on Monday, April 15, 2019 beginning at 5:00 PM.

The Chair, Keith Egli, presided over the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

Chair Egli remembered Métis Elder Jo MacQuarrie who passed away on March 13, 2019 and invited everyone to stand for a moment of silence in her honour.

ROLL CALL

Member Leikin was absent.

REGRETS

Member Leikin 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 minutes of the meeting of March 4, 2019.

CONFIRMED

COMMUNICATIONS

Twenty-two communication items have been received (held on file with the Board of Health Secretary).

MOTION TO INTRODUCE REPORTS

Motion 4/1

Moved by Member El-Chantiry

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 2018 Annual Report, Dental Health Services for Low-Income Seniors, Ontario Public Health Standards – Accountability and Reporting Requirements, Ottawa Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response, 2018 Operating and Capital Budget Year-End Results – Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit Status Report, Delegation of Authority – Contracts Awarded for the Period of July 1 to December 31, 2018, and Attendance at the Association of Local Public Health Agencies' (aLPHa) 2019 Annual General Meeting and Conference, be received and considered.

CARRIED

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

1. CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH VERBAL REPORT

ACS2019-OPH-BOH-0004

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

RECEIVED, as amended by Motion 4/6

Chair Egli provided the Board with an update on recent events. The Chair's verbal report took approximately 10 minutes. The Board then voted to approve Motion 4/6 and to receive the Chair's verbal report.

The attached memo includes the Chair of the Board of Health Verbal Update.

Motion 4/6

Moved by Vice-Chair DeGiovanni

WHEREAS on March 29, 2019, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care informed Ottawa Public Health (OPH) that they would not be providing ongoing operating funds for OPH's Consumption and Treatment Services, currently located at 179 Clarence Street;

AND WHEREAS Members of the Board of Health are unanimous in their disappointment with this decision and their belief that the services provided by OPH through its Consumption and Treatment Services are crucial to the more than 500 clients who have used these services since the site began operating on September 26, 2017;

AND WHEREAS the Chair of the Board of Health and the Mayor of Ottawa have written a joint letter to the Ontario Minister of Health asking her to review and reconsider this funding decision;

AND WHEREAS OPH is exploring all available options for ensuring these life-saving services can continue;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit authorize its Chair, Councillor Keith Egli, in collaboration with the Medical Officer of Health and/or other partners and stakeholders, as appropriate, to take any further actions that may be necessary and appropriate to secure ongoing funding for Ottawa Public

Health's Consumption and Treatment Services and to report back to the Board of Health as appropriate.

CARRIED

2. MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH VERBAL REPORT

ACS2019-OPH-MOH-0004

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

RECEIVED, as amended by Motions 4/3 and 4/4

In the context of her Verbal Update to the Board of Health, Dr. Etches spoke to a PowerPoint presentation in which she described the work of local public health units and of Ottawa Public Health in particular, she referenced the importance of local partnerships in promoting and advancing public health policies and initiatives and she highlighted the value of public health in terms of improved quality of life and savings to the health care system in general. She also provided an overview of recent Provincial proposals for restructuring Ontario's health system. In particular, she talked about:

- The creation of Ontario Health Teams, the processes related to that and some of the preliminary discussions held to date with partners and colleagues; and
- Announcements in the 2019 Provincial Budget, released on April 11, 2019, with respect to changes to the number of public health units in Ontario, their governance model and funding formula.

Following Dr. Etches' presentation, and before hearing from public delegations, Chair Egli read two motions into the record:

Motion 4/3

WHEREAS the Provincial government's 2019 Budget, released on April 11,

2019 announced some significant changes to how public health services in Ontario are structured, governed and funded;

AND WHEREAS there are many unknowns about how and when the Province proposes to implement these changes;

AND WHEREAS the Province is proposing to reduce the number of health units in Ontario from 35 locally-based health units to 10 regionally based health units;

AND WHEREAS local public health is known for its responsiveness to local needs, basing many of its programs and services on local evidence, data, and priorities;

AND WHEREAS the proposed restructuring is likely to result in a loss of local control and local responsiveness of public health programs and services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit request that Ottawa City Council:

- Request that the Mayor of Ottawa write to the Province of Ontario to communicate Council's unequivocal support for the work of Ottawa Public Health;**
- Request the Province maintain the health protection, health promotion, and prevention mandate of Ottawa Public Health;**
- Request the Province maintain the current 75 percent provincial, 25 percent municipal funding formula for Ottawa Public Health and public health programs in Ontario; and**
- Request the Province initiate consultations with municipalities and public health agencies on the public health system in Ontario.**

Motion 4/4

WHEREAS on February 26, 2019, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care announced Ontario Health Teams as a new way of organizing and delivering services to patients;

AND WHEREAS on April 3, 2019, information was released with respect to

the guidelines and process for applications for Ontario Health Teams;

AND WHEREAS Ottawa's Medical Officer of Health has engaged in preliminary discussions with local partners to explore the possibility of Ottawa Public Health (OPH) becoming a partner in Ottawa area-based Ontario Health Teams;

AND WHEREAS the first step in this process is the submission of self-assessments, due to the Ministry by May 15, 2019, and the subsequent step will be for selected groups to be invited to submit their full applications by July 12, 2019, with Ontario Health Teams being announced beginning in the fall of 2019;

AND WHEREAS OPH's potential involvement in Ottawa area-based Ontario Health Teams may result in, as yet undefined, budgetary and/or governance implications for OPH;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit authorize Ottawa's Medical Officer to Health to continue to explore this option, in collaboration with local partners, including the submission of self-assessments by the May 15, 2019 deadline;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Medical Officer of Health report back to the Board of Health, either at the Board's regular meeting of June 17, 2019 or at a Special Meeting, to be called by the Chair as needed, with respect to the outcome and/or with respect to any new information as of the date of said meeting.

The Board then heard from the following public delegations who talked about their partnerships with Ottawa Public Health and the importance of being able to retain that capacity going forward:

- Norah Foster, Certified Credit Counsellor, Resolve Credit and Financial Counselling and member of the Ottawa Gambling Harms Prevention Network;
- Marie-Josée Trépanier, Chair, Champlain Maternal Newborn Regional Program; and

- Roberto Ortiz, Executive Director, and Brent Bauer, Chair, MAXOttawa.

After hearing the public delegations, Dr. Etches responded to questions from Members of the Board of Health. The Board then voted on motions 4/3 and 4/4 as noted below. The discussion on this item lasted approximately 95 minutes.

Motion 4/3

Moved by Vice-Chair DeGiovanni

WHEREAS the Provincial government's 2019 Budget, released on April 11, 2019 announced some significant changes to how public health services in Ontario are structured, governed and funded;

AND WHEREAS there are many unknowns about how and when the Province proposes to implement these changes;

AND WHEREAS the Province is proposing to reduce the number of health units in Ontario from 35 locally-based health units to 10 regionally based health units;

AND WHEREAS local public health is known for its responsiveness to local needs, basing many of its programs and services on local evidence, data, and priorities;

AND WHEREAS the proposed restructuring is likely to result in a loss of local control and local responsiveness of public health programs and services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit request that Ottawa City Council:

- **Request that the Mayor of Ottawa write to the Province of Ontario to communicate Council's unequivocal support for the work of Ottawa Public Health;**
- **Request the Province maintain the health protection, health promotion, and prevention mandate of Ottawa Public Health;**
- **Request the Province maintain the current 75 percent provincial, 25 percent municipal funding formula for Ottawa Public Health and**

public health programs in Ontario; and

- **Request the Province initiate consultations with municipalities and public health agencies on the public health system in Ontario.**

CARRIED

Motion 4/4

Moved by Vice-Chair DeGiovanni

WHEREAS on February 26, 2019, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care announced Ontario Health Teams as a new way of organizing and delivering services to patients;

AND WHEREAS on April 3, 2019, information was released with respect to the guidelines and process for applications for Ontario Health Teams;

AND WHEREAS Ottawa's Medical Officer of Health has engaged in preliminary discussions with local partners to explore the possibility of Ottawa Public Health (OPH) becoming a partner in Ottawa area-based Ontario Health Teams;

AND WHEREAS the first step in this process is the submission of self-assessments, due to the Ministry by May 15, 2019, and the subsequent step will be for selected groups to be invited to submit their full applications by July 12, 2019, with Ontario Health Teams being announced beginning in the fall of 2019;

AND WHEREAS OPH's potential involvement in Ottawa area-based Ontario Health Teams may result in, as yet undefined, budgetary and/or governance implications for OPH;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit authorize Ottawa's Medical Officer to Health to continue to explore this option, in collaboration with local partners, including the submission of self-assessments by the May 15, 2019 deadline;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Medical Officer of Health report back to the Board of Health, either at the Board's regular meeting of June

17, 2019 or at a Special Meeting, to be called by the Chair as needed, with respect to the outcome and/or with respect to any new information as of the date of said meeting.

CARRIED

3. OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH'S 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

ACS2019-OPH-BOH-0006

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

- 1. Receive Ottawa Public Health's 2018 Annual Report; and**
- 2. Approve that it be forwarded to Ottawa City Council for information in accordance with the City of Ottawa Act, 1999.**

CARRIED

At 6:48 p.m., the Board considered Motion 4/5, below.

Motion 4/5

Moved by Member El-Chantiry

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. DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR LOW-INCOME SENIORS

ACS2019-OPH-HPP-0005

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

- 1. Receive, for information, a report on dental health services in Ottawa for low-income seniors; and**
- 2. Direct staff to request funding to support dental health services for low-income seniors if funding opportunities become available.**

CARRIED

Ms. Esther Moghadam, Director of Health Promotion, spoke briefly to a PowerPoint presentation, which served to provide the Board with an overview of the report. She was accompanied by Nancy Kennedy, Program Manager, Dental Health Services, and Hoan Nguyen, Supervisor, Dental Clinical Operations. Following the presentation, staff responded to questions from Board members. This discussion lasted approximately 12 minutes. The Board then voted on the report recommendations.

5. ONTARIO PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS – ACCOUNTABILITY AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING REQUIREMENT

ACS2019-OPH-KPQ-0001

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

ACS2019-OPH-HPS-0001

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

RECEIVED

7. 2018 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET YEAR-END RESULTS – BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE CITY OF OTTAWA HEALTH UNIT STATUS REPORT

ACS2019-OPH-PCS-0002

That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit receive the 2018 operating budget year-end results for information.

RECEIVED

8. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY – CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018

ACS2019-OPH-PCS-0003

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

RECEIVED

9. ATTENDANCE AT THE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES' (aIPHa) 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE

ACS2019-OPH-BOH-0005

That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit approve the attendance of Chair Egli and Members Cloutier and Pinel at the Association of Local Public Health Agencies' (aIPHa) 2019 Annual General Meeting and Conference, to be held from June 9 to 11, 2019 in Kingston.

CARRIED, as amended by Motion 4/2

Motion 4/2

Moved by Member El-Chantiry

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health approve that Member Pinel's name be removed from the report recommendation and one additional member be added (name to be confirmed), and that the report be approved, as amended by this change.

CARRIED

MOTION TO ADOPT REPORTS

Motion 4/7

Moved by Member El-Chantiry

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 2018 Annual Report, Dental Health Services for Low-Income Seniors, Ontario Public Health Standards – Accountability and Reporting Requirements, Ottawa Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response, 2018 Operating and Capital Budget Year-End Results – Board of Health for the City of Ottawa

Health Unit Status Report, Delegation of Authority – Contracts Awarded for the Period of July 1 to December 31, 2018, and Attendance at the Association of Local Public Health Agencies' (aLPHa) 2019 Annual General Meeting and Conference, be received and adopted.

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 4/8

Moved by Member El-Chantiry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Confirmation By-law no. 2019-3, 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 15, 2019, be read and passed.

CARRIED

INQUIRIES

There were no inquiries.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Regular Meeting

Monday, 17 June 2019 - 5:00 PM, Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue West

BOARD SECRETARY

BOARD CHAIR