



Ottawa Board of Health MINUTES 20

Monday, 11 December 2017, 5:00 PM

Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue West

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Board Members:

Chair: S. Qadri

Vice-Chair: J. Poirier

**Members: D. Chernushenko, M. Fleury, A. Kapur, L. Leikin, C. McKenney, S. Pinel,
M. Qaqish, M. Taylor, P. Tilley**

The Ottawa Board of Health met in the Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, on Monday, 11 December 2017 beginning at 5:00 PM.

The Chair, Shad Qadri, presided over the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

The meeting began with four (4) ceremonies, as described below:

- Recognition of contribution to the World Economic Forum report entitled “Migration and Its Impact on Cities” – Certificates were presented to employees who helped develop Ottawa’s submission: Eric Leclair, Inge Roosendaal, Marcella Tapia. Dr Carolyn Pim and Kim Trotter were also recognized in absentia.
- Recognition of Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) *Difference Maker Award* – A certificate was presented to Ben Leikin, recipient of this prestigious award.
- Recognition of Ottawa Public Health’s Nomination for the 2017 Ottawa/Rideau River Spring Floods Response and Recovery – Michael Ferguson accepted a certificate on behalf of all those who contributed to the response and recovery effort.
- Recognition of Dr. Levy’s last Board of Health meeting – A certificate was presented to Dr. Levy in appreciation of his years of service to and leadership of Ottawa Public Health.

ROLL CALL

Member Leikin was absent from the meeting.

REGRETS

Member Leikin sent regrets.

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

Member Taylor declared a deemed pecuniary interest on Ottawa Board of Health Agenda 20, Item 3 - 2018 Draft Operating Budget for the Ottawa Board of Health, Document 1, Page 5 - Cost Shared Programs, Foundational Standards, as his wife is an Ottawa Public Health employee working in this area.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting of October 30, 2017

DRAFT CONFIRMED

Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting of November 14, 2017

CONFIRMED

COMMUNICATIONS

Nineteen communication items have been received (held on file with the Board of Health Secretary), including two Responses to Inquiries, as listed below.

Responses to Inquiries

- Inquiry BOH 02-17 – Needle Hunters' Hours of Operation

- Inquiry BOH 03-17 - Ottawa Public Health Interactions with Injection Drug Users

MOTION TO INTRODUCE REPORTS

Motion 20/01

Moved by Vice Chair Poirier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- the Chair of the Board of Health Verbal Report;
- the Medical Officer of Health Verbal Report;
- the 2018 Draft Operating Budget for the Ottawa Board of Health Report;
and
- the Update on Dental Services Report be received and considered.

CARRIED

Following a 'Consent Agenda' process, the Board considered the held Items in the following order: Items 1, 2 and 3.

1. CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH VERBAL REPORT

ACS2017-OPH-BOH-0009

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

Chair Qadri provided the Board with an update on recent events. The Chair's verbal report took approximately four minutes. The attached memo includes the Chair of the Board of Health Verbal Update.

The report was then received by the Board.

RECEIVED

2. MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH VERBAL REPORT

ACS2017-OPH-MOH-0008

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

Dr. Isra Levy, Medical Officer of Health, and Dr. Very Etches, Interim Medical Officer of Health, provided the Board with an update on recent events. This verbal update lasted approximately fourteen minutes. The attached memo includes their Verbal Update.

The report was then received by the Board.

RECEIVED

3. 2018 DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE OTTAWA BOARD OF HEALTH

ACS2017-OPH-PCS-0004

That, at its meeting of December 11, 2017, the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit:

- 1. Approve the 2018 Draft Operating Budget for the Ottawa Board of Health;**
- 2. Upon the Board of Health's approval of the 2018 Draft Operating Budget for the Ottawa Board of Health, direct staff to forward the report to Ottawa City Council, for consideration on December 13, 2017 as part**

of the City Council's approval of the City of Ottawa 2017 Draft Operating and Capital budget; and

- 3. Upon approval of the 2018 Draft Operating Budget for the Ottawa Board of Health by the Board of Health and Ottawa City Council, direct the Medical Officer of Health (or delegate), on behalf of the Board of Health, to forward the 2018 Annual Service Plan and Budget Submission based on the approved 2018 Operating Budget for the Ottawa Board of Health to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) for consideration.**

Mr. Lou Flaborea, Manager of Performance and Corporate Services, spoke to a PowerPoint presentation, which served to update the Board on provincial funding announcements since the tabling of the Draft Budget and set the context for discussions. A copy of his presentation is held on file with the Board Secretary. Mr. Flaborea was accompanied by Ms. Brenda Gorton, Account Manager of Financial Services Unit.

Following this presentation, the Board considered Motion 20/02, as outlined below:

Motion 20/02

Moved by Vice Chair Poirier

WHEREAS the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care provided its 2017 funding letter to Ottawa Public Health on November 15, 2017, after the 2018 Draft Operating Budget for the Ottawa Board of Health had been tabled with the Board of Health and with City Council;

AND WHEREAS the above-referenced funding letter confirmed a previously announced \$350,000 increase to Ottawa Public Health's base funding for opioids and \$559,000 in one-time funding for various programs and initiatives;

AND WHEREAS the above-referenced funding letter also indicated that the anticipated base increase of 2.5% for cost-shared programs for 2017 was not approved;

AND WHEREAS the net effect is a permanent reduction of \$765,000 to the

OPH budget, which will be accommodated by reducing staffing levels through attrition and by a small increase in gapping provisions;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial funding letter does not affect the assumptions made in developing the 2018 Draft Operating Budget but does change the 2017 and 2018 numbers that are reflected in Document 1;

AND WHEREAS staff has REVISED Document 1 to accurately reflect adjusted numbers;

AND WHEREAS the REVISED Document 1 continues to be in-line with the City's guidelines for budget development, as outlined in Budget Directions reports approved by City Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Document 1, as tabled with the Board of Health on October 30, 2017 and with City Council on November 8, 2017, be replaced with the REVISED Document 1, as circulated to Members of the Board of Health on Friday, December 8, 2017;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the REVISED 2018 Draft Operating Budget for the Ottawa Board of Health be forwarded to Ottawa City Council for consideration on December 13, 2017 as part of City Council's approval of the City of Ottawa 2018 Draft Operating and Capital budget.

CARRIED

The following public delegations addressed the Board:

1. Janice McFarlane*, Director of Mental Health and Housing Services, Pinecrest-Queensway Community Health Centre;
2. Kaitrin Doll, Rideau-Rockcliffe Community Resource Centre, and Lynda Giffen, Sandy Hill Community Health Centre;
3. Michele Penney, Somerset West Community Health Centre;
4. Rakesh Misra, volunteer, Market Mobile; and
5. Dawn Lyons*, Director of Community Services, Pinecrest-Queensway Community Health Centre.

Delegations marked with an * provided written submissions, which are held on

file with the Board Secretary.

Ottawa Public Health staff then took questions from Board members.
Discussions on this item lasted approximately 75 minutes.

At approximately 6:50 p.m., the Board considered Motion 20/03 as follows:

Motion 20/03

Moved by Vice Chair Poirier

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)© of the Procedure By-law.

CARRIED

Following the discussion, the Board considered Motions 20/04 and 20/05, as outlined below.

Motion 20/04

Moved by Member Taylor

WHEREAS several years previous Ottawa Public Health received one-time funding from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to work alongside partners to address bed-bug infestations in Ottawa;

AND WHEREAS bed bug infestations continue to be prevalent and cause distress and hardship for Ottawa residents, including vulnerable populations who require assistance in order to effectively address bed bug infestations;

AND WHEREAS Toronto Public Health received sustained funding to address bed bug infestations in the City of Toronto;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Ottawa Public Health staff be directed to consult with City of Ottawa staff, including By-law and Regulatory Services staff, and community partners to articulate the appropriate needs request;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Board of Health write a letter that requests that the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care provide sustained funding to Ottawa Public Health for the purpose of working with partners to address and mitigate bed bug infestations in the City of Ottawa.

CARRIED

Motion 20/05

Moved by Vice Chair Poirier

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

1. Approve the 2018 Draft Operating Budget for the Ottawa Board of Health, outlined at REVISED Document 1, as follows:

a. Page 5 – Cost Shared Programs:

- i. Infectious Diseases;**
- ii. Chronic Diseases & Injuries;**
- iii. Family Health;**
- iv. Foundational Standards *;**
- v. Environmental Health; and**
- vi. Emergency Preparedness;**

b. Page 5 – Public Health City Funded Programs:

- i. City Funded Public Health Initiatives; and**
- ii. One-Time City Funded Programs;**

c. Page 5 – Provincially Funded Programs;

- i. Infection Control;**
- ii. Healthy Smiles Ontario;**
- iii. Healthy Babies Healthy Children;**

- iv. **SITE Expansion;**
 - v. **Smoke Free Ontario;**
 - vi. **Enhance Food Safety;**
 - vii. **Enhanced Safe Water;**
 - viii. **Needle Distribution and Retrieval;**
 - ix. **Social Determinants of Health;**
 - x. **Smoking Cessation – One-Time; and**
 - xi. **Harm Reduction; and**
- d. **Page 9 – User Fees;**
2. **Upon the Board of Health’s approval of the REVISED 2018 Draft Operating Budget for the Ottawa Board of Health, direct staff to forward the REVISED report to Ottawa City Council, for consideration on December 13, 2017 as part of the City Council’s approval of the City of Ottawa 2018 Draft Operating and Capital budget; and**
3. **Upon approval of the REVISED 2018 Draft Operating Budget for the Ottawa Board of Health by the Board of Health and Ottawa City Council, direct the Medical Officer of Health (or delegate), on behalf of the Board of Health, to forward the 2018 Annual Service Plan and Budget Submission based on the approved REVISED 2018 Operating Budget for the Ottawa Board of Health to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) for consideration.**

CARRIED

Motion 20/05 was divided for voting purposes.

*** DECLARATION OF PECUNICARY INTEREST**

Member Taylor submitted a deemed declaration of pecuniary interest on Ottawa Board of Health Agenda 20, Item 3, 2018 Draft Operating Budget for the Ottawa Board of Health, Document 1, Page 5 - Cost Shared Programs, Foundational

Standards, as his wife is an Ottawa Public Health employee working in this area.

Member Taylor did not take part in the discussion or vote on this portion of the Budget.

The balance of the 2018 Draft Operating Budget for the Ottawa Board of Health and transmittal report were then put to the Board and CARRIED, as amended by Motions 20/02, 20/04 and 20/05.

CARRIED, as amended

4. UPDATE ON DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN OTTAWA

ACS2017-OPH-HPP-0005

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

- 1. Receive, for information, an update on dental health services in Ottawa;
and**
- 2. Approve that Ottawa Public Health work in partnership with the
Champlain Local Health Integration Network on a solution to increase
emergency pediatric dental care capacity in Ottawa**

CARRIED

MOTION TO ADOPT REPORTS

Motion 20/06

Moved by Vice Chair Poirier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- the Chair of the Board of Health Verbal Report;**

- the **Medical Officer of Health Verbal Report**;
- the **2018 Draft Operating Budget for the Ottawa Board of Health Report**, as amended; and
- the **Update on Dental Services Report** be received and adopted.

CARRIED

INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY DISTRIBUTED

- 1 UPDATE ON OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH'S FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM:
"OTTAWA SAFE" TRIAL PROJECT

ACS2017-OPH-HPS-0006-IPD

Motion 20/07

Moved by Member Fleury

That the Rules of Procedure be suspended to add the IPD titled "Update on Ottawa Public Health's Food Safety Program "Ottawa Safe" Trial Project" to the Agenda for discussion.

CARRIED

Member Fleury spoke briefly on this item.

- 2 NEW ONTARIO PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS OVERVIEW - IPD

ACS2017-OPH-PQK-0002-IPD

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN PREVIOUSLY

There were no motions of which notice had been given previously.

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 Motions (for consideration at a subsequent meeting).

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CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

Motion 20/08

Moved by Vice Chair Poirier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Confirmation By-law no. 2017-7, 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 December 11, 2017, be read and passed.

CARRIED

INQUIRIES AND ANSWERS

There were no inquiries.

ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT MEETING

Regular Meeting

Monday, 5 February 2018 - 5:00 PM, Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue West

BOARD SECRETARY

BOARD CHAIR

DRAFT

Ottawa Public Health Board of Health Meeting

Notes for Chair Shad Qadri

Monday, December 11, 2017, 5 p.m.

Good evening and thank you very much for joining us.

As usual, I will begin this evening by updating you on some of the activities at Ottawa Public Health (OPH) since we met in October. First, in November, we were pleased to be part of a pre-screening of the movie *Wonder*. This new movie speaks to bullying, kindness and mental health and is geared towards families. OPH was able to use the opportunity to promote positive mental health and shared resources related to bullying and suicide prevention. The movie can help parents “Have that Talk” and spark discussion with children and youth. The theatre was packed and we are very pleased to have been a part of the pre-screening. If anyone in the community wants more information on resources related to bullying and suicide prevention, please visit “Have That Talk dot C. A.”

Also last month, I took part in the *Community Kitchen Cook-off Launch* for the Albion-Heatherington Recreation Centre kitchen. OPH has been an active contributor to the revitalization project at the city, which has focussed on the Albion-Heatherington neighbourhood, and Dr Etches participated in the design group for that project. At the launch there was some friendly competition involved as Councillor Deans, the ward Councillor for the area, Dan Chenier, General Manager of Recreation, Culture and Facilities Services, and I each worked with teams of 3 youth from

the Heatherington community to cook and prepare a soup and salad using the ingredients provided and greens from a garden tower. The launch was a great success and I am confident that this community kitchen will provide children and youth the opportunity to learn about creating healthy snacks and be actively engaged in their own health and well-being.

Finally, I would like to share a bit of news with you. Earlier this fall, Councillor Keith Egli and I nominated Dr. Levy for the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario's Council Award. For those who may not be familiar with it, this Award honours outstanding Ontario physicians who have demonstrated excellence and come closest to meeting society's vision of an "ideal physician".

Although Dr. Levy was not selected as a recipient, the submission certainly reminded us of the extent to which Dr. Levy demonstrates all of the characteristics of an ideal physician. Not only does he use his skills to improve health at the individual level, but he works tirelessly to improve the health of the whole population of the City of Ottawa and beyond.

On that note, I would like to extend my thanks again to Dr. Levy for his unwavering professionalism and dedication throughout his years of service to Ottawa Public Health and to wish him well in the next stages of his career.

I would also like to welcome Dr. Etches to her first meeting in her new role as Acting Medical Officer of Health. I know the Board joins in my pleasure in welcoming you, Vera, and we wish you much success.

Ottawa Board of Health Meeting

Notes for Dr. Isra Levy and Dr. Vera Etches

Monday, December 11, 2017

Dr. Isra Levy

Bonsoir, good evening,

Before we begin, I would like to recognize that we are meeting on traditional Algonquin land. As we meet on this land, promotion of reconciliation continues, as do our efforts at OPH to advance Indigenous health equity in Ottawa. This evening, as part of the report on dental programs and services, you will note that we have an update on our dental clinic at the Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health.

Tonight, too, we have an IPD memo before you, regarding the new Ontario Provincial Health Standards. OPH received the standards last month and a proposed course of action is outlined in the memo before you this evening. Further, as per Board direction, the report entitled "*Ontario's Health System Transformation: Response to the Minister's Expert Panel Report*" that you considered in October was forwarded and approved by Ottawa City Council in November. Board members will note that there is no mention of the Minister's Expert Panel report in the new standards. OPH will continue to monitor Ontario's health system transformation agenda and keep you apprised of activities on the file.

In a few moments, I will turn the microphone over to Dr. Vera Etches, who will be taking over as Ottawa Public Health's Acting Medical Officer of Health. Before that, I would like to take a moment to thank the Board of Health and the residents of this community for the honour of serving as your Medical Officer of Health. As most are aware, early in the new year, I will be joining Canadian Blood Services (CBS) as Vice President of Medical Affairs and Innovation. With deep gratitude and respect, I would like to thank you all for this opportunity to serve Ottawa and support our community's health and wellbeing.

I think all organisations benefit from leadership renewal. I am very much looking forward to continuing to serve the people of our community in my new role and I know that Ottawa Public Health is in excellent hands with Dr. Vera Etches and the strong senior leadership team we have in place. Without further ado, I would like to invite Dr. Vera Etches to take over for the balance of this verbal report.

Please welcome Dr. Vera Etches.

Dr. Vera Etches

Good evening,

Thank you all for the warm welcome and to Isra for your kind words. I truly appreciate the messages of support many of you have sent over the past several weeks and am looking forward to this new acting role immensely.

I too would like to begin by recognizing that we are meeting on traditional Algonquin land. Advancing health equity for our First Nation, Inuit and Metis population is very important to me and I look forward to continuing this work in my new role.

Now that Isra has provided updates related to some of tonight's agenda items, I am happy to provide further information on recent developments.

At the federal level, in late October, the government announced a new investment of \$36.4M over the next five years for a cannabis education and awareness campaign. This is welcome news for OPH as one of our significant concerns with the legalization of cannabis related to public education - particularly for youth and young adults - about the health and safety risks of cannabis use.

At the provincial level, on November 1st the Province tabled Bill 174, in preparation for the legalization of cannabis. The Bill received Second Reading on November 20th and was scheduled for Third Reading today, December 11th. In September of this year, the Board adopted recommendations with respect to the legalization in cannabis. Key recommendations were that there be a ban on the public consumption of cannabis, including smoking and vaping, and that there be a prioritization of protecting the health and development of youth based on evidence related to the harms of early and regular cannabis use. Bill 174 would repeal the existing *Smoke Free Ontario Act* and *Electronic Cigarettes Act, 2015* and replace them with the *Cannabis Act, 2017* and a new *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017*. Bill 174 also includes amendments to the *Highway Traffic Act* and establishes government monopoly over the distribution/sale of cannabis through enactment of the *Ontario Cannabis Retail Corporation Act, 2017*. Under the proposed

legislation, the legal age to purchase, possess and consume cannabis in Ontario will be 19 years of age, thereby aligning with the minimum age in Ontario that applies to tobacco and alcohol. The Bill also proposes penalties for youth who distribute or use cannabis and broadly prohibits the consumption of cannabis in a public place, workplaces, vehicles or boats, or any place prescribed by regulations. Staff will continue to monitor progress and report to the Board as appropriate.

Also, last week the Ministries of Health and Long-Term Care and Community Safety and Correctional Services released new data on opioid-related mortality and morbidity, which demonstrates the escalating nature of the opioid crisis. They reported a 68% increase in opioid-related deaths across Ontario when you compare May – July 2017 to the same period in 2016. As a result it was announced that Naloxone would be made available to Police and Fire services across Ontario, which is something that Ottawa had implemented earlier in 2017 through the work of the Overdose Prevention and Response task force and its partnership with our various municipal partners. Of note, the data released by the Coroner last week is consistent with the increase Ottawa experienced with respect to opioid-related morbidity during the spring of 2017, which we observed by monitoring ED visits and other partners' reports.

(optional, if not worried about length)

Additionally, there is also a request for the Federal government to allow the MOHTLC to approve temporary overdose prevention sites, which would expand the ability of provinces to respond to the escalating opioid crisis in situations of public health emergency.

Finally, On Wednesday, December 6th, Ontario's Auditor General released a Value-For-Money Audit of Public Health Chronic Disease Prevention services.

The report highlights the importance of surveillance, monitoring and reporting, evaluation, healthy public policy and collaboration with partners. OPH is in full agreement with the importance of provincial leadership and opportunities for the Ministry, Public Health Ontario and local public health units to work together in this area.

While the Auditor's report outlined some of the challenges facing some local public health units with respect to: accessing schools, epidemiological data, and lack of program evaluations to determine program impact, this is not the case for Ottawa Public Health.

OPH is committed to continuing to work with the BOH and provincial partners to address ongoing challenges, such as funding inequities across local public health agencies.

At the local level, Board Members will have received responses to inquiries tabled at the October meeting. These are also listed under "Communications" on today's Agenda. A more detailed report on the first 60 days of SIS operations is scheduled for the 1st meeting of 2018, but these responses provide some preliminary information relating to OPH's response to the opioid crisis.

Also, we were very pleased to hear last month that the Champlain Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) is increasing treatment services to meet the growing needs

of people with addictions to opioids. The LHIN has committed to investing a total of \$1.7 million in ongoing funding for a number of health agencies across the Champlain region. This is welcome news as we continue to see a need in the community.

In closing, Board Members may have noticed – or even experienced it themselves - Influenza activity has increased rapidly this fall, with lab results indicating that we have surpassed our threshold for declaring the start of influenza season in Ottawa. Although OPH's community flu clinics have all concluded, residents can still get their flu shot through local pharmacies or their primary care provider.

Mr. Chair, that concludes my update. Merci beaucoup. I am happy to answer any questions.

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