



## **Ottawa Board of Health MINUTES 12**

**Monday, September 21, 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, June 15, 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 June 15, 2020.**

CONFIRMED

## COMMUNICATIONS

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

## MOTION TO INTRODUCE REPORTS

### **Motion 12/1**

Moved by Member Cloutier

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Presentation by Cameron Love on Behalf of the Champlain COVID-19 Response Committee (CCRC) on Partnership and Readiness, the Chair of the Board of Health Verbal Report, the Medical Officer of Health Verbal Report, and the reports titled: Update on COVID-19 and Next Steps, Ottawa Public Health's Strategic Plan for 2019-2022 – Year-One Refresh, 2020 Operating Budget Q2 – Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit Status Report, and Delegation of Authority – Contracts Awarded for the Period of January 1 to June 30, 2020, be received and considered.**

CARRIED

Following a 'Consent Agenda' process, the Board considered the held Items in the order in which they appear on the Agenda, dealing with items 3 and 4 concurrently.

1. CAMERON LOVE ON BEHALF OF THE CHAMPLAIN COVID-19 RESPONSE COMMITTEE (CCRC) - PRESENTATION ON PARTNERSHIP AND READINESS

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

RECEIVED

Dr. Cameron Love, CEO of The Ottawa Hospital, on behalf of the Champlain COVID-19 Response Committee (CCRC), spoke to a PowerPoint presentation in which he described the health sector's response to the pandemic to-date and its readiness and preparation for the coming fall and winter.

Following Dr. Love's presentation, the Board heard from one (1) public

delegation, Councillor Jenna Sudds, who provided feedback and posed questions about COVID-19 testing in Ottawa.

Following his presentation and after hearing from the public delegation, Dr. Love responded to questions from Board Members. The discussion on this item lasted approximately two (2) hours. The presentation was then received by the Board.

At 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 12/3**

Moved by Member Cloutier

**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

2. CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH VERBAL REPORT

ACS2020-OPH-BOH-0005

**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 congratulating Dr. Sarah Funnell on her recent appointment to the College of Family Physicians of Canada Board of Directors. He then updated Board Members on recent events, namely: the August 13<sup>th</sup> virtual launch of the African, Caribbean and Black (ACB) Mental Health Report, the August 31<sup>st</sup> Overdose Awareness Day event; City Council's

August 26<sup>th</sup> decision to extend and expand of the Temporary Mandatory Mask By-law; and a September 10<sup>th</sup> World Suicide Prevention Day virtual event hosted by Ottawa Public Health (OPH) in with Suicide Prevention Ottawa. He then talked about an upcoming event, to be held on September 25<sup>th</sup>, marking Recovery Day Ottawa. In closing, Chair Egli talked about the increasing number of people testing positive for COVID-19 in Ottawa and the important of getting back to basics in terms of being COVIDWise in our behaviours.

The discussion on this item lasted approximately 15 minutes. The report was then received by the Board. The attached memo includes the Chair's Verbal Update.

3. MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH VERBAL REPORT

ACS2020-OPH-MOH-0005

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

RECEIVED

As part of her verbal update, Dr. Etches noted that September 21<sup>st</sup> marked the start of Environmental Public Health Week. As such, she took the opportunity to recognize the important work of our Public Health Inspectors and all those who work in environmental health. She then talked about a recent Provincial announcement with respect to new Ontario Health Teams, including the Ottawa East OHT, which is in the process of finalizing collaborative decision-making agreements. She informed Board Members about OPH's new position statement on stigma and COVID-19 and the importance of avoiding stigmatizing language. She then outlined the objectives and plans for this fall's influenza immunization campaign.

The attached memo includes the Medical Officer of Health's Verbal Update.

4. UPDATE ON COVID-19 AND NEXT STEPS

ACS2020-OPH-MOH-0006

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

- 1. Direct the Medical Officer of Health to prepare a budget for 2021 that reflects the resources required to sustain the COVID-19 response and critical public health services;**
- 2. Direct the Medical Officer of Health to develop recommendations to the Government of Ontario that would seek to address systemic issues that have been brought to light as a result of the pandemic response to date; and**
- 3. Receive, for information, the evaluation report and supporting documents on the “Public health system evaluation and lessons learned from the first peak of COVID-19”, prepared on behalf of the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health (COMOH), attached as Document 1.**

CARRIED

Moving seamlessly from her verbal update into a presentation on the next agenda item, the “Update on COVID-19 and Next Steps”, Dr. Etches talked about: the evolving COVID-19 pandemic situation, including what we’re seeing in terms of people infected with COVID-19; the situation in long-term care homes, including recent actions to have The Ottawa Hospital assume management of two local long-term care homes; a real world contact tracing example that started with a park party and resulted in 105 individuals being identified as high-risk contacts; OPH’s work in supporting schools and school boards, including the recent hiring and onboarding of 45 new Public Health Nurses and their work with Ottawa’s school community; OPH’s response to date, including communications and support for a regional testing strategy; an overview of how OPH is prioritizing its work and reorganizing to ensure sustainability; and a description of next steps in terms of developing a draft 2021 budget to ensure adequate resources into the coming year and formulating

recommendations to the Province to build on some of the lessons learned over the past six months. In closing, Dr. Etches took the opportunity to thank partners and closed with a recognition of Andrew Hendriks' leadership of OPH's Incident Management System since January.

Following her Verbal Update and presentation, Dr. Etches responded to questions from Board Members.

The discussion on items 3 and 4 combined lasted approximately 45 minutes. The Board then received the Medical Officer of Health's Verbal Report and approved the report titled "Update on COVID-19 and Next Steps".

5. OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH'S STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2019-2022 – YEAR-ONE REFRESH

ACS2020-OPH-KPQ-0006

**That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit receive this report for information and approve the re-alignment of Ottawa Public Health's strategic work, as described in this report and outlined in Document 1, attached.**

CARRIED

6. 2020 OPERATING BUDGET Q2 – BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE CITY OF OTTAWA HEALTH UNIT STATUS REPORT

ACS2020-OPH-PCS-0004

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

1. **Receive the 2020 Q2 operating budget status report for information; and**

2. **Approve the establishment of a new capital project for the retrofit of the Sexual Health Center at 179 Clarence Street and new capital spending authority of \$175,000, which will be 100% provincially funded.**

CARRIED, as amended by Motion 12/2

**Motion 12/2**

Moved by Vice-Chair DeGiovanni

**WHEREAS, pursuant to requirements of the Board of Health's Procedure By-law, the Board of Health Agenda 12 for the meeting of September 21, 2020 was published on September 10, 2020, including all reports to be considered at the meeting;**

**AND WHEREAS on September 18, 2020, subsequent to the publication of the Board of Health Agenda 12 and the reports to be considered at the meeting, the Ontario Ministry of Health provided Ottawa Public Health with confirmation of additional capital funding for Seniors Dental Clinics, namely \$1,282,700 for a new clinic in a yet to be determined location and \$809,900 for the Merivale Clinic renovations;**

**AND WHEREAS Board of Health approval is required to create new capital projects and the corresponding new capital spending authority;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report titled "2020 Operating Budget Q2 – Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit Status Report" be amended by adding the following recommendation:**

**That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit approve the establishment of two new capital projects for Seniors Dental Clinics and new capital spending authority totalling \$2,092,600, which will be 100% provincially funded.**

CARRIED

7. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY – CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1 TO JUNE 30, 2020

ACS2020-OPH-PCS-0005

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

RECEIVED

MOTION TO ADOPT REPORTS

**Motion 12/4**

Moved by Member Cloutier

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Presentation by Cameron Love on Behalf of the Champlain COVID-19 Response Committee (CCRC) on Partnership and Readiness, the Chair of the Board of Health Verbal Report, the Medical Officer of Health Verbal Report, and the reports titled: Update on COVID-19 and Next Steps, Ottawa Public Health's Strategic Plan for 2019-2022 – Year-One Refresh, 2020 Operating Budget Q2 – Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit Status Report, and Delegation of Authority – Contracts Awarded for the Period of January 1 to June 30, 2020, 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 12/5**

Moved by Member Cloutier

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Confirmation By-law no. 2020-4, 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 September 21, 2020, be read and passed.**

CARRIED

INQUIRIES

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

**Regular Meeting**

Monday, November 2, 2020 – 5PM

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**BOARD SECRETARY**

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**BOARD CHAIR**