

**Report to  
Rapport au:**

**Ottawa Board of Health  
Conseil de santé d'Ottawa  
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**SUBJECT: BUILDING A HEALTHIER OTTAWA: OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH  
STRATEGIC PLAN 2015 – 2018**

**OBJET: FAIRE D'OTTAWA UNE VILLE PLUS SAINES : PLAN STRATÉGIQUE  
DE SANTÉ PUBLIQUE OTTAWA 2015-2018**

#### **REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit approve Ottawa Public Health's Strategic Plan for 2015 – 2018, as outlined in Document 1.**

#### **RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT**

**Que le Conseil de santé de la circonscription sanitaire de la Ville d'Ottawa approuve le Plan stratégique 2015-2018 de Santé publique Ottawa, tel que décrit dans le document 1.**

## **BACKGROUND**

Ottawa Public Health's (OPH) Strategic Plan sets out a roadmap and vision for the organization for the next four years and provides a framework to guide future decision-making. The Strategic Plan addresses the key public health challenges we face in Ottawa. It identifies a series of strategic directions to advance health for the people who live, learn, work and play in our communities.

In December 2013, OPH began a planning process for the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan which culminated in Building a Healthier Ottawa: Ottawa Public Health 2015-2018 Strategic Plan. A number of inputs informed the development of this plan including local level data ([the State of Ottawa's Health 2014 report](#)), a review of the grey literature, as well as over 2,000 survey responses from residents, community partners, and staff.

The Strategic Plan's directions outline the vision, mission, and principles underlying the programs and services offered by OPH. Moreover, it identifies areas to enhance focus and foster innovation in order to respond to community health issues, and continually improve and create the conditions in which people can live healthy lives.

OPH delivers a range of core programs and services that are required by Provincial legislation. The new strategic directions serve to reinforce OPH's work in the context of meeting Provincial requirements and addressing local needs.

## **DISCUSSION**

OPH's new Strategic Plan, as outlined in Supporting Document 1, is driven by its vision, mission, and five strategic directions. Also included in this Plan are five key principles which lay the foundation for the delivery of all of OPH's programs and services. The interconnection between these principles and OPH's vision and mission are illustrated in OPH's framework, which provides the foundation for how the organization operates and the goals OPH aims to achieve.

### **Strategic Directions**

Strategic Direction #1 – Inspire and Support Healthy Eating and Active Living

Strategic Direction #2 - Foster Mental Health in Our Community

Strategic Direction #3 - Enhance Collective Capacity to Reduce Preventable Infectious Diseases

Strategic Direction #4 - Develop an Adaptive Workforce for the Future

## Strategic Direction #5 – Advance Healthy Public Policy

### **NEXT STEPS**

OPH will share this strategic plan with community partners, and it will develop initiatives to support its implementation. This includes engaging with staff and partners to identify alignments with existing programs and services, as well as develop new and innovative approaches to address the health needs of our community. In addition, mechanisms for ongoing monitoring of the execution of the Strategic Plan will be developed.

### **CONSULTATION**

The Ottawa Public Health Strategic Plan was informed by input from staff, community partners, residents, City of Ottawa partners, and the Board of Health.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no legal impediments to implementing the recommendation of this report.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

There are no risk implications associated with this report.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications to implementing the recommendations in this report.

### **ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS**

Accessibility was considered in the writing of this report.

### **.SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**DOCUMENT 1:** Building a Healthier Ottawa: Ottawa Public Health Strategic Plan 2015 – 2018 / Faire d'Ottawa une ville plus saine: Plan Stratégique de Santé Publique Ottawa 2015-2018

### **DISPOSITION**

Ottawa Public Health will work to develop strategic initiatives to support implementation of the Strategic Plan for 2015-2018.