



# **Ottawa Board of Health**

## **MINUTES 18**

**Monday, October 30 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, 30 October 2017 beginning at 5:00 PM.

The Chair, Shad Qadri, presided over the meeting.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS/CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

There were no announcements or ceremonial activities.

#### ROLL CALL

All members were present.

#### REGRETS

No regrets were filed.

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

No declarations of pecuniary interest were filed.

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting of September 18, 2017

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## COMMUNICATIONS

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

## MOTION TO INTRODUCE REPORTS

### **Motion 18/01**

Moved by Member Tilley

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chair of the Board of Health Verbal Report; the Medical Officer of Health Verbal Report; the Ontario's Health System Transformation: Response to the Minister's Expert Panel Report; the Ottawa Public Health Application to Health Canada for an Exemption from the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act report; the West Nile Virus Activity – 2017 Season report; and the 2018 Ottawa Board of Health Meeting Schedule report be received and considered.**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rules of Procedure be suspended to receive and table the report titled "2018 Draft Operating Budget for the Ottawa Board of Health".**

CARRIED

Following a 'Consent Agenda' process, the Board considered the held Items in the following order: Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

1. CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH VERBAL REPORT

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

The report was then received by the Board.

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2. MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH VERBAL REPORT

ACS2017-OPH-MOH-0007

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

Dr. Isra Levy, Medical Officer of Health, provided the Board with an update on recent events and took questions from Board members. This discussion lasted approximately 19 minutes. The attached memo includes the Medical Officer of Health Verbal Update.

The report was then received by the Board.

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

ACS2017-OPH-PCS-0004

**That, at its meeting of October 30, 2017, the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit:**

- 1. Receive and table the 2018 Draft Operating Budget for the Ottawa Board of Health; and**

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- 2. Direct staff to forward the 2018 Draft Operating Budget for the Ottawa Board of Health to Ottawa City Council on November 8, 2017, as part of the City Council's tabling of the City of Ottawa 2018 Draft Operating and Capital budget.**

CARRIED

Mr. Lou Flaborea, Manager, Performance & Corporate Services, spoke to a PowerPoint presentation, which served to provide the Board with some context on this report. Mr. Flaborea was accompanied by Ms. Brenda Gorton, Account Manager, Finances Department. Board members asked questions on the presentation, a copy of which is held on file with the Board of Health Secretary. This discussion lasted approximately 16 minutes. The report recommendations were then put to the Board and voted on separately.

- 4. ONTARIO'S HEALTH SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION: RESPONSE TO THE MINISTER'S EXPERT PANEL REPORT**

ACS2017-OPH-BOH-0007

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

- 1. Endorse this report in response to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care's Expert Panel on Public Health Report entitled "Public Health within an Integrated Health System";**

2. **Approve that the Chair of the Board of Health submit this report to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care as part of the Ministry's consultation, and write a letter to the Minister outlining the key considerations in the report; and**
3. **Approve that the Chair of the Board of Health, subject to the approval of Recommendation 1, forward the letter to all Ontario Boards of Health, Ottawa City Council, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aLPHa), and local Members of Provincial Parliament.**

Ms. Inge Roosendaal, Program Development Officer, Community & Partner Engagement, spoke to a PowerPoint presentation, which served to provide the Board with some context on this report. Ms. Roosendaal was accompanied by Dr. Vera Etches, Director, Knowledge Exchange, Planning & Quality & Deputy Medical Officer of Health. Board members asked questions on the presentation, a copy of which is held on file with the Board of Health Secretary. This discussion lasted approximately 38 minutes.

In dealing with this item, the Board considered the following motions.

**Motion 18/02**

Moved by Chair Qadri

**WHEREAS** the Medical Officer of Health's report entitled "*Ontario's Health System Transformation: Response to the Minister's Expert Panel Report*" identifies a number of potential impacts that could have implications for the City of Ottawa, and these impacts have also been noted by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aLPHa), and the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health (COMOH);

**AND WHEREAS** in respect of the issue of structure and representation, it is expected that the Expert Panel's proposed amalgamation of health units may result in fewer City of Ottawa representatives at the governance level, with a potential weakening of municipal voice in local public health matters;

**AND WHEREAS** in respect of the public health funding model, the impact of the Expert Panel's recommendations is uncertain but may result in decreased municipal contributions due to alignment with regional boundaries rather than municipal boundaries;

**AND WHEREAS** the City of Ottawa currently provides services to support the Board of Health's operations, the proposed governance model may result in disruption of those long-standing services which may require re-negotiation in areas involving human resources and labour relations, with potential additional expense; and

**AND WHEREAS** in respect of municipal-public health collaboration, it is expected that the proposed alignment with the Local Health Integration Network boundaries, which are determined by hospital catchment areas, could negatively impact the direct relationships with local municipalities and their departments, school boards, community organizations and other local entities;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Health forward the report to the Ottawa City Council with a request that:

- a) Council approve the report entitled "Ontario's Health System Transformation: Response to the Minister's Expert Panel Report"; and
- b) Subject to Council's approval of the report, direct the City Clerk and Solicitor to send confirmation of Council's approval to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

CARRIED

**Motion 18/03**

Moved by Member Taylor

**That recommendation 1 be amended by replacing the word "Endorse" with the word "Approve".**

CARRIED

The report recommendations were then put to the Board and approved, as amended by Motions 18/02 and 18/03.

CARRIED, as amended

5. OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH APPLICATION TO HEALTH CANADA FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM THE *CONTROLLED DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES ACT*

ACS2017-OPH-HPS-0004

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

- 1. Authorize the Medical Officer of Health to apply to Health Canada for an exemption from the federal Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) to operate supervised injection services (SIS) at 179 Clarence Street, as further described in this report; and**
- 2. That upon approval of Recommendation 1 and approval of Health Canada under the CDSA, authorize that SIS services continue to be provided at 179 Clarence Street until such time as the Board of Health has the opportunity to consider the sixty (60) day review and next steps in Q1 2018 (regardless of when Sandy Hill Community Health Centre commences providing SIS services at 221 Nelson Street), as further described in this report.**

Mr. Andrew Hendriks, Director, Health Protection, spoke to a PowerPoint presentation, which served to provide the Board with some context on this report. Mr. Hendriks was accompanied by Ms. Kira Mandryk, Supervisor of Harm Reduction Services, Health Protection. Board members asked questions on the presentation, a copy of which is held on file with the Board of Health Secretary.

The following delegation addressed the Board on the *Ottawa Public Health Application to Health Canada for an Exemption from the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*:

- Mr. Sean O'Leary from We The Parents

**MOTION 17/03**

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

After hearing from the delegations, staff resumed taking question from Board members. Discussion on this item lasted approximately 39 minutes. Following this discussion, the report recommendations were put to the Board.

6. WEST NILE VIRUS ACTIVITY – 2017 SEASON

ACS2017-OPH-HPS-0003

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

Mr. Andrew Hendriks, Director, Health Protection, spoke to a PowerPoint presentation, which served to provide the Board with some context on this report. Mr. Hendriks was accompanied by Dr. Monir Taha, Associate Medical Officer of Health. Board members asked questions on the presentation, a copy of which is held on file with the Board of Health Secretary. This discussion lasted approximately 13 minutes. Following this discussion, the report recommendations were put to the Board.

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7. 2018 OTTAWA BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING SCHEDULE

ACS2017-OPH-BOH-0006

**That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit approve the 2018 meeting schedule, as outlined in this report.**

CARRIED

MOTION TO ADOPT REPORTS

**Motion 18/04**

Moved by Member Tilley

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Chair of the Board of Health Verbal Report; the Medical Officer of Health Verbal Report; the Ontario's Health System Transformation: Response to the Minister's Expert Panel Report; the Ottawa Public Health Application to Health Canada for an Exemption from the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act report; the West Nile Virus Activity – 2017 Season report; and the 2018 Ottawa Board of Health Meeting Schedule report be received and adopted.**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report titled "2018 Draft Operating Budget for the Ottawa Board of Health" be tabled.**

CARRIED

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

INQUIRY BOH 01-17 - OPH ROLE IN ENSURING HEALTH STANDARDS IN  
RENTAL UNITS

**Motion 18/05**

Moved by Member McKenney

**That the Rules of Procedure be suspended to add the Response to Inquiry, being BOH 01-17 titled “OPH Role in Ensuring Health Standards in Rental Units”, to the Agenda for discussion.**

CARRIED

Board members discussed this item for approximately 10 minutes.

NOTICES OF MOTION (FOR CONSIDERATION AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING)

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

INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY DISTRIBUTED

- A. UPDATE ON OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS RELATED TO  
SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

ACS2017-OPH-HPS-0005-IPD

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

**Motion 18/06**

Moved by Member Tilley

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Confirmation By-law no. 2017-5, 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 October 30, 2017, be read and passed.**

CARRIED

INQUIRIES AND ANSWERS

Member Fleury submitted the following written inquiries:

BOH 02-17

Given that injection drug-use takes place at all hours of the day and night, could needle hunters expand their operating hours?

BOH 03-17

Due to the 179 Clarence Street supervised injection site, Ottawa Public Health (OPH) has been interacting with a much greater number of injection drug users. What is OPH doing to ensure drug users have treatment/rehab options readily available? Is there a street outreach component? How successful has OPH been in providing rehabilitation options thus far?

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

**Regular Meeting**

Monday, December 11, 2017 - 5:00 PM, Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue West

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**BOARD SECRETARY**

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**BOARD CHAIR**

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## Ottawa Public Health Board of Health Meeting

### Verbal Report - Chair Shad Qadri

Monday, October 30, 2017

Good evening and thank you very much for joining us.

Tonight, I would like to begin by updating you on some of the exciting work that has been happening at Ottawa Public Health (OPH) since we met last month.

OPH has been active in the community supporting various events. In late September, OPH joined in the #RecoveryAlly social media campaign and, along with dozens of partner agencies, attended the Recovery Day event. The event and campaign, organized by the Community Addictions Peer Support Association, aims to reduce the stigma surrounding addiction and raise awareness about recovery in Ottawa. Thank you to Board Members McKenney, Fleury and OPH employees for joining me at the Recovery Day event in person and to all those who participated in the #RecoveryAlly social media campaign. Several Board members participated in the social media campaign to show support for people in our community in recovery. Thank you to Members Pinel, Poirier and Tilley for supporting the social media campaign.

In addition, as many of you know, the Parenting in Ottawa Facebook page continues to be a hub of information sharing where OPH responds to families' parenting questions on topics such as breastfeeding, child growth and development and more. This fall, Councillor Fleury supported the OPH team by filming a number of videos with his new born son. The video series, which launches later this year, provides parents with skills and how-to videos for bringing their baby home. The videos filmed by the Councillor included content on changing a newborn's diaper and bathing your baby. I am sure these videos will help to answer frequently asked questions OPH receives from parents. I would like to thank Councillor Fleury, his wife Lai and their new baby Jacob who filmed the videos with Public Health Nurse France Venne.

Finally, I would also like to congratulate member Tilley. Member Tilley was the recipient of the Community Service Award at Algonquin College's first ever Alumni of Distinction Awards Ceremony. The award recognizes former students who have gone on to do great things, both in their careers and in their community. My heartfelt congratulations.

That concludes my verbal report for this evening and I welcome any questions.

## Ottawa Public Health Board of Health Meeting

Verbal Report – Dr. Isra Levy

Monday, October 30, 2017

Bonsoir, good evening,

As we meet on traditional Algonquin land, I am reminded of our discussion last June about promoting reconciliation and advancing Indigenous health equity in Ottawa. We are continuing to keep these goals front and centre as we develop and implement our programs and partnerships.

Tonight we have a report before you, following your approval at the last meeting that Ottawa Public Health begin operating a temporary Supervised Injection Service and your direction that we bring forward a report with recommendations for a more permanent solution early next year. As you now know, we did subsequently receive the required approvals from Health Canada, and indications of funding from the province, for our four-month plan, and we began services at Clarence Street on September 26. I have visited our operations several times since then, and I can assure you that you can be proud of the dedication, professionalism and commitment to service of our staff – they are doing a very good job. Any of you who wants to drop in there would be most welcome.

We will be reporting, as directed, on progress at the first board meeting next year. I am bringing an intervening report to you today, though, to address the technicality that the Health Canada exemption allowing the temporary service at our location on Clarence Street may expire before our next Board meeting. In the meantime, I would like to thank all of our local partners who are working to meet the growing harm reduction and other treatment needs in Ottawa, and also members of the media who, for the most part, have been sensitively and professionally describing the health challenges that are facing some drug users in our community every day.

On a different issue, I am now in a position to provide you with an update on the audit of our emergency preparedness and response program that we brought to your attention in February. At that time, I advised you that Ottawa City Council had approved the Office of the Auditor General's Audit Work Plan, which included a proposed audit of Emergency Preparedness and Response for Health Services. Last week, I was formally advised that the auditor has concluded that our program meets or exceeds relevant requirements and standards in all key areas and therefore no further audit-related work

on the OPH Emergency Management Program is planned at this time. I am happy to share this news with you, because it provides further reassurance of the robustness and excellence of our program. It is another tremendous and positive reflection on the professionalism and commitment of our employees.

I can also tell you that this month Ottawa's citizens started getting their flu vaccinations. Pharmacies and physicians' offices in Ottawa now have vaccine, and we encourage people to get immunized. It is the best protection against the flu virus, which causes unpleasant and sometimes very serious illness. As more and more people are getting their vaccines from more and more pharmacies, we have been able to make our own clinics more and more efficient, and to redirect our staff resources to high risk and harder to reach people, including people in shelters and newcomers to Ottawa, as well as to the new requirements regarding providing education to parents reluctant to vaccinate their children. That said, we are still running some community clinics, and this weekend we had excellent interest in our first clinic of the season, where, once again, our employees showed their commitment and professionalism as they moved a large number of people through the clinic, and managed to keep wait times manageable and fairly short.

I also want to touch on the organizational alignment exercise that we recently completed. Firstly, I am pleased to be able to welcome Ms. Sherry Beadle back to OPH as our new Manager of Environmental Health. Sherry has more than 25 years of field experience as a public health inspector and leader, and comes to us now after a stint in the Economic Development Office at the City. We look forward to Sherry's contributions as she brings those new skills and perspectives to our team.

The alignment exercise was undertaken to prepare for the Ministry's new requirements of Boards of Health, and kept Ottawa's health programming needs in mind. This month many of our employees have started in new roles based on operational and language needs, professional skills and designations, and their interests. I am confident that the new structure will help us to be agile and responsive to our new realities.

Talking of those new realities, the province's health system transformation agenda continues apace. The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is receiving feedback on the Minister's Expert Panel on Public Health Report. That feedback is being accepted until tomorrow. We have a report before you this evening that provides an analysis of the implications of the report and recommendations for our submission to the Ministry.

Meanwhile, late last week the province invited MOHs and Board Chairs to hold the date for a summit in mid-November, possibly to officially launch the new Standards, or to advise of their decisions regarding next steps on the Expert Panel.

Also last week, the Ministry informed us of proposed amendments to several regulations under the Health Protection and Promotion Act and invited us to provide feedback on these proposed amendments by November 8th. The majority of the proposed regulatory amendments are in the area of environment health, though there are also some proposed changes in the area of communicable diseases. Given these very short timelines our staff will review the proposed regulatory changes and their implications, and I will respond to the Province by the prescribed deadline as needed. I will, of course, keep you apprised of any pertinent developments.

Mr. Chair, that concludes my update, and as always I am happy to answer any questions.

Merci beaucoup.