



## **Ottawa Board of Health MINUTES 22**

**Monday, April 16, 2018, 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, April 16, 2018 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

Vice-Chair Poirier and Member Leikin were absent.

## REGRETS

Vice-Chair Poirier and 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 the minutes of the meeting of February 5, 2018**

CONFIRMED

COMMUNICATIONS

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

MOTION TO INTRODUCE REPORTS

**Motion 22/01**

Moved by Member McKenney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chair of the Board of Health's Verbal Report; the Medical Officer of Health's Verbal Report; Ottawa Public Health's 2017 Annual Report; the Public Health Approach to Reducing Harms From Gambling in Ottawa report; the Acting Medical Officer of Health's Submissions to Proposed Provincial Regulations under the Smoke Free Ontario Act, 2017 and the Cannabis Act, 2017 report; the Ottawa Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response report; the Planning Approach for a New Public Health Strategic Plan (2019-2022) report; the 2017 Operating Budget Year-End Results – Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit Status report; the Delegation of Authority – Contracts Awarded for the Period of July 1 to December 31, 2017 report; the Attendance at the Association of Local Public Health Agencies' (Alpha) 2018 Annual General Meeting and Conference report; the Election-Related Resources Policy report; and the Report from the Sponsors' Group on the Recruitment and Selection of a New Medical Officer of Health be received and considered.**

CARRIED

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

1. CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH VERBAL REPORT

ACS2018-OPH-BOH-0004

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

RECEIVED

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

2. MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH VERBAL REPORT

ACS2018-OPH-MOH-0003

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

RECEIVED

Dr. Very Etches, Interim Medical Officer of Health, provided the Board with an update on recent events. This verbal update lasted approximately 10 minutes. The attached memo includes her Verbal Update. The report was then received by the Board.

3. OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH'S 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

ACS2018-OPH-MOH-0004

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

- 1. Receive Ottawa Public Health's 2017 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

- 4. A PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH TO REDUCING HARMS FROM GAMBLING IN OTTAWA**

ACS-2018-OPH-HPP-0004

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

- 1. Approve Ottawa Public Health's collaborative four-point plan to reduce harms from gambling in Ottawa, conditional upon receiving funding outside of the current revenue-sharing agreement, as described in this report;**
- 2. Authorize the Board of Health Chair to make a funding application to the Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to fund the proposed four-point plan; and**
- 3. Direct that this report be forwarded to Council for information.**

CARRIED, as amended by Motions 22/03 and 22/04

Ms. Gillian Connelly, Manager of Healthy Communities, spoke to a PowerPoint presentation, which served to provide the Board with an overview of the report. A copy of her presentation is held on file with the Board of Health Secretary.

The following delegations addressed the Board on this topic:

- Keith Egli, Councillor, Ward 9, Knoxdale-Merivale
- Paul Pellizzari, Executive Director of Social Responsibility, Ontario Lottery and Gaming
- Catherine Bernatchez, YMCA/YWCA Youth Gambling Awareness Program

After hearing from the delegations, Dr. Etches and Ms. Connelly responded to questions from Board members. Discussion on this item lasted approximately 2 hours and 5 minutes, after which the Board voted on two (2) motions and carried the report, as amended by these motions.

At approximately 6:48 p.m., the Board considered Motion 22/02, below.

#### **Motion 22/02**

Moved by Member McKenney

**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

#### **Motion 22/03**

Moved by Member McKenney

**WHEREAS the increase of gambling opportunities in Ottawa will have negative health and social impacts on some individuals, their families and the broader community; and**

**WHEREAS research shows that increases in gambling availability are associated with a growth in problem gambling; and**

**WHEREAS research shows there is a near 2% prevalence of moderate risk and problem gambling in Ottawa, representing approximately 15,000 residents; and**

**WHEREAS** only 541 individuals received gambling addiction treatment in Ottawa in 2016/17; and

**WHEREAS** the majority of researchers agree certain forms of gambling are more problematic and these types of games include casino game tables and Electronic Gaming Tables (slot machines); and

**WHEREAS** the most effective way to prevent problem gambling is to restrict the access and availability of gambling opportunities; and

**WHEREAS** the Board of Health on August 19, 2013 approved that Ottawa Public Health's position is against increasing access and availability of gambling in Ottawa; and

**WHEREAS** in November 2017, the City of Ottawa's Committee of Adjustment approved an increase in the maximum number of game tables allowed at the RCR site from 21 to 35; an

**WHEREAS** in February 2018 HRCO filed an application to allow a further increase in the number game tables from 35 to 55 and gave notice that they plan to expand the number of Electronic Gaming Tables beyond the current 1250; and

**WHEREAS** the cumulative effects of approvals to increases in the access and availability of gambling are expected to cause significant gambling-related harms within the community;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ottawa Board of Health reiterate its ongoing strong position against increasing access to and availability of gambling in Ottawa.

CARRIED

**Motion 22/04**

Moved by Member Taylor

**That the Discussion section of the report, under Recommendation 2, be amended to replace all references to the ask of the Province for \$150k and \$200k respectively to reflect:**

- **An initial minimum request for \$150,000 one-time or interim funding; and**
- **An initial minimum request for \$200,000 recurring base funding, the amount of such to be increased as OPH data on the scope of this issue grows.**

CARRIED

5. THE ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH SUBMISSIONS TO PROPOSED PROVINCIAL REGULATIONS UNDER THE SMOKE FREE ONTARIO ACT, 2017 AND CANNABIS ACT, 2017.

ACS2018-OPH-HPP-0003

**That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit receive the Acting Medical Officer of Health's submission to the Province of Ontario in response to proposed regulations for the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017 and for places of use under the Cannabis Act, 2017, as outlined in Documents 1 and 2 respectively, and approve the recommendations contained therein.**

CARRIED

The following delegation addressed the Board on this topic:

- Carol McDonald, Ottawa Council on Smoking or Health

After hearing from the delegation, Dr. Etches and Ms. Connelly responded to questions from Board members. Discussion on this item lasted approximately 22 minutes.



6. OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

ACS2018-OPH-HPS-0002

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

RECEIVED

7. PLANNING APPROACH FOR NEW OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGIC PLAN (2019-2022)

ACS2018-OPH-KPQ-0002

**That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit approve Ottawa Public Health's planning approach for the development of a new Strategic Plan (2019 – 2022), as outlined in this report and attached documents.**

CARRIED

8. 2017 OPERATING BUDGET YEAR-END RESULTS – BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE CITY OF OTTAWA HEALTH UNIT STATUS REPORT

ACS2018-OPH-PCS-0001

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

1. **Receive the 2017 operating budget year-end results for information; and**
2. **Approve the transfer of \$345K from the Ottawa Board of Health**

**Technology Fund for the development of the Electronic Public Health Records project.**

CARRIED

9. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY – CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2017

ACS2018-OPH-PCS-0002

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

RECEIVED

10. ATTENDANCE AT THE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES' (aIPHa) 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE

ACS2018-OPH-BOH-0005

**That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit approve the attendance of Members Kapur and Leikin at the Association of Local Public Health Agencies' (aIPHa) 2018 Annual General Meeting and Conference, to be held from June 10 to 12, 2018 in Toronto.**

CARRIED

11. ELECTION-RELATED RESOURCES POLICY

ACS2018-OPH-BOH-0006

**That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit adopt the City of Ottawa's Election-Related Resources Policy, as described in this report**

CARRIED

IN CAMERA ITEMS\*

12. REPORT FROM THE SPONSORS' GROUP ON THE RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION OF A NEW MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH – IN CAMERA - PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL – REPORTING OUT DATE: FOLLOWING COUNCIL APPROVAL

ACS2018-OPH-BOH-0007

CARRIED

INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY DISTRIBUTED

- A. IMPLEMENTATION OF A NEW ELECTRONIC PUBLIC HEALTH RECORDS SYSTEM

MOTION TO ADOPT REPORTS

**Motion 22/05**

Moved by Member McKenney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chair of the Board of Health's Verbal Report; the**

**Medical Officer of Health’s Verbal Report; Ottawa Public Health’s 2017 Annual Report; the Public Health Approach to Reducing Harms From Gambling in Ottawa report; the Acting Medical Officer of Health’s Submissions to Proposed Provincial Regulations under the Smoke Free Ontario Act, 2017 and the Cannabis Act, 2017 report; the Ottawa Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response report; the Planning Approach for a New Public Health Strategic Plan (2019-2022) report; the 2017 Operating Budget Year-End Results – Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit Status report; the Delegation of Authority – Contracts Awarded for the Period of July 1 to December 31, 2017 report; the Attendance at the Association of Local Public Health Agencies’ (Alpha) 2018 Annual General Meeting and Conference report; the Election-Related Resources Policy report; and the Report from the Sponsors’ Group on the Recruitment and Selection of a New Medical Officer of Health be received and adopted.**

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

There were no motions requiring suspension of the rules.

NOTICES OF MOTION (FOR CONSIDERATION AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING)

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

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

**Motion 22/06**

Moved by Member McKenney

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Confirmation By-law no. 2018-2, 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 16, 2018, be read and passed.**

CARRIED

INQUIRIES AND ANSWERS

There were no inquiries.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

**Regular Meeting**

Monday, June 18, 2018 - 5:00 PM, Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue West

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**BOARD SECRETARY**

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**BOARD CHAIR**

## Ottawa Board of Health Meeting

Notes for Chair Shad Qadri

Monday, April 16, 2018

Good evening, Bonsoir,

I would like to begin tonight's verbal update by recognizing that we are meeting on traditional Algonquin territory. I acknowledge and appreciate Ottawa Public Health's (OPH) continued efforts to promote reconciliation, which are featured in the annual report before you this evening.

I would also like to highlight some events that have taken place since we last met.

In late February, following our Board meeting, Acting Medical Officer of Health Dr. Vera Etches and Board of Health Member Michael Qaqish attended the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aLPHa) Winter Meeting. I would like to thank them both for attending this meeting on behalf of OPH and the Board of Health. I know Dr. Etches will be providing her verbal address to the Board shortly. Councillor Qaqish, if you have any insights from the meeting you would like to mention, please feel free to share those at this time.

*Allow Councillor Qaqish time to speak.*

Thank you Councillor.

In March, I attended two Open Houses, which provided me with the opportunity to see details of the Hard Rock Casino's proposed \$318 million expansion at Rideau Carleton Raceway. I am pleased to have had the chance to review the proposed expansion plans and to consider health-related impacts this will have on our community. We know that problem gambling can have a significant impact on members of our community and I will continue to monitor the casino expansion file closely.

Also last month, in collaboration with community partners, OPH launched the “Your Minute” youth video campaign. The campaign invites youth from 14 to 18 years old to film a one-minute video to promote positive mental health and prevent or reduce harms related to substance use. If you know a 14 to 18 year old in Ottawa, encourage them to take a minute, grab a camera or phone, and start filming their minute. Video entries will be posted online and the submission deadline is April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Last week, OPH received some positive news regarding the Supervised Injection Services being offered at 179 Clarence Street. The provincial Minister of Health and Long-Term Care wrote a letter to the federal Minister

of Health expressing support for OPH's application for an exemption under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*. This letter is a positive signal from the province and I know the OPH team is actively working with the Ministry on both operating and capital funding.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the OPH team and the province for the successful promotion and implementation of the new Immunization Connect Ontario (ICON) tool. This new online tool allows parents to update, view and/or print their child's immunization record. I am hearing very positive comments in the community about this tool and congratulate OPH on this success.

We have a full agenda this evening, so I will stop here and give Dr. Etches the floor.



## Ottawa Board of Health Meeting

Notes for Dr. Vera Etches

Monday, April 16, 2018

Good evening, Bonsoir,

Tonight, I also have updates on local matters and provincial work related to Ottawa Public Health.

I would like to welcome Doug Kirkpatrick as the Director of Communications and Community Engagement for Ottawa Public Health. The Communications, Knowledge Exchange & Municipal Relations team and the OPH Board Secretariat & Support Unit have been brought together to form a newly named Service Area called, Communications and Community Engagement.

The Chair mentioned OPH's continued efforts to promote reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples. In March, I joined other OPH staff to learn from the presenters at the Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health's 2018 Symposium. Le symposium était axé sur l'équité en matière de santé pour les enfants, les jeunes et les familles autochtones. I look forward to

sharing some of the material with you as it will be reflected in a report on OPH's Reconciliation Action Plan next meeting.

Also locally, influenza activity across Ottawa appears to be winding down. The number of lab-confirmed influenza cases has been gradually decreasing since early March. Les cas signalés de grippe au cours de la présente saison ont été plus nombreux qu'au cours des années précédentes.

There are still ongoing influenza outbreaks in Long-Term Care Homes and Retirement Homes. While the season is winding down, I encourage residents to continue to practice hand hygiene and to stay home when feeling sick, especially if visiting people at higher risk for complications of infection.

Récemment, SPO a également commenté le plan d'action pluriannuel du ministère des Transports et du ministère du Tourisme, de la Culture et du Sport de l'Ontario visant à faire progresser la mise en œuvre de #VéloOntario : Stratégie ontarienne de promotion du vélo. The action plan for cycling in Ontario aims to help create supportive environments for healthy living, aligning with the Ontario Public Health Standards'

requirements related to chronic disease prevention and OPH's strategic direction to inspire and support healthy eating and active living.

Since our last meeting, there have been a number of budget-related updates. First, as you will read in this year's year-end operating status report, on January 24, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care announced \$21,000 in base funding and \$68,000 in one-time funding for the 100% provincially funded Needle Distribution and Retrieval Programs.

Next, OPH provided our Annual Service Plan and Budget to the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care on March 1 for 2018. The plan is a new requirement of the Ministry designed to communicate OPH's program plans, budgeted expenditures and additional one-time and base funding requests of the province. OPH is following this plan to deliver our services in accordance with the new Ontario Public Health Standards.

Later, on March 22, the Ministry announced further one-time funding of \$350,000 for the Interim Supervised Injection Site on Clarence Street, \$42,000 for amendments to the Immunization of School Pupils Act and \$40,000 for minor capital renovations in the Immunization clinic. And further, last Friday, April 13, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care wrote directly to Medical Officers of Health across the province to

announce “a two percent base funding increase to all boards of health for the provision of public health programs and services.” Minister Jaczek wrote that “an additional one percent increment will be allocated based on local needs as detailed in the board of health Annual Service Plans submitted to the ministry in March.” Nous sommes heureux du financement consenti à nos programmes et nos services et je fournirai d'autres précisions quant aux répercussions sur le budget de SPO dès que nous en aurons.

In her letter to the medical officers of health, Minister Jaczek highlighted the new requirement for boards of health to engage with Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) in integrated health system planning – “to include upstream interventions that will improve health, reduce health inequities and assist in re-orienting the health system”.

On this topic, I am pleased to share that, last week, Chair Qadri and I signed the first Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to formalize engagement between our public health unit and the Champlain LHIN. The MOU outlines a common vision for healthy communities, is intended to strengthen our collaboration, and lays out key areas of joint work for 2018, such as:

- Creating a structure and processes for collaboration,
- Population health assessment and joint planning, and
- Health equity-related work.

The subject of strengthening the public health sector in a time of increased expectations to contribute to health care planning was discussed at the Association of Local Public Health Agencies meeting the Chair mentioned I attended.

And, the subject of collaboration between public health units and LHINs was a “hot topic” at The Ontario Public Health Convention in March.

Having led a research project that examined the elements required for successful collaboration between LHINs and public health agencies, I chaired a plenary panel discussion about the research results that led to an expression of the risks and opportunities of increased collaboration.

Many of my OPH colleagues also made presentations on their respective programs and service areas at The Ontario Public Health Convention. We were encouraged and inspired to continue innovative and evidence-based approaches to promoting and protecting the health of the population.

As we turn our attention to this evening’s agenda, you will see before you a report on cannabis. We are continuing to prepare for the local impacts with

our municipal partners. I want to stress that this is an evolving file with many moving parts that we will continue to monitor closely.

Looking ahead, OPH is pleased to be partnering with the City of Ottawa's Accessibility Office to co-host AccessAbility Day in Ottawa on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

SPO fournit des services et des programmes accessibles qui répondent aux besoins en matière d'accessibilité des personnes et reflètent les principes de dignité et d'indépendance. The AccessAbility Day event, here at City Hall, will feature public health services, with a focus on how they are delivered to the community in an inclusive way. We will make more details available as the event approaches.

Mr Chair, that concludes my verbal update.

Merci. Je peux prendre des questions.