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March 16, 2022

Danny Whalen, President
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
Email: dwhalen@temiskamingshores.ca

RE: NOSM Expansion Announcement

Dear Danny,

I write with deep humility and appreciation for your efforts and advocacy for medical education expansion for NOSM. Your voices were heard loud and clear and yesterday the Ontario government added 30 more undergraduate and 41 additional postgraduate positions to our complement to roll out over the next 5 years. The [government press](#) release and the [NOSM media release](#) are attached.

I would be so grateful if you could send this message to the Mayors, Councillors and City Councils on my behalf to say: Thank you, Merci, Marsi, Miigwetch.

Collectively you helped us take a valued and important step in transforming the health-care system in Northern Ontario. With these increases we will eliminate the gaps in health human resources and create equitable access to care in northern Ontario. Now, NOSM will be Canada's first independent medical university and with your ongoing support we will continue to be one of the greatest education and physician workforce strategy success stories of Northern Ontario.

Please accept my sincere gratitude for everything you all did and have done for NOSM. I look forward to speaking at NOMA's annual meeting in April and at the FONOM meeting in May.

With warm regards,

Sarita Verma BA, LLB, MD, CCFP, FCFP
Dean, President, and CEO
Northern Ontario School of Medicine

cc: Mac Bain fonom.info@gmail.com

NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Training More Doctors as it Builds a More Resilient Health Care System

Province Launching Largest Expansion of Medical School Education in Over 10 Years

March 15, 2022

[Office of the Premier](#)

BRAMPTON — The Ontario government is expanding medical school education as it continues to build a stronger, more resilient health care system, especially in growing and underserved communities. Ontario is adding 160 undergraduate seats and 295 postgraduate positions over the next five years, the largest expansion of undergraduate and postgraduate education in over 10 years.

“As our province grows, our government has a plan to build a stronger, more resilient health care system,” said Premier Doug Ford. “We’ve already shored up domestic production of critical supplies like PPE and have added thousands more hospital beds. Now, building on our work to recruit and retain nurses and personal support workers, we’re launching the largest expansion of medical education in ten years.”

This expansion will support all six medical schools across Ontario, including the University of Toronto’s new Scarborough Academy of Medicine and Integrated Health, the Queen’s-Lakeridge Health Campus, the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, Western University, McMaster University and the University of Ottawa. Medical seats will also be allotted to the new Ryerson School of Medicine in Brampton when it becomes operational.

“Ontario’s health care professionals are some of the finest practitioners in the world and that is a testament to the education they receive through Ontario’s universities and colleges,” said Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges and Universities. “This expansion will increase access to family and specialty physicians and other health care professionals in every corner of the province to ensure that Ontarians can access the health care they need, when they need it, wherever they may live.”

Expanded undergraduate and postgraduate medical school positions will be allocated as follows:

- Ryerson University will receive 80 undergraduate seats and 95 postgraduate positions
- University of Toronto will receive 30 undergraduate seats and 45 postgraduate positions
- Northern Ontario School of Medicine will receive 30 undergraduate seats, and 41 postgraduate positions
- Queen’s University will receive 20 undergraduate seats and 30 postgraduate positions
- Western University, McMaster University and University of Ottawa will each receive 28 postgraduate positions.

“Ontario’s doctors are key partners of a strong and sustainable health care system,” said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “Supporting more students to become physicians is a key part of our plan to build up our health care workforce and ensure patients can access the care they need no matter where they live.”

Quick Facts

- The University of Toronto’s new Scarborough Academy of Medicine and Integrated Health will also receive funding for enrolment in life sciences and physical therapy programs.
 - To strengthen the health and long-term care workforce, [Ontario is investing \\$342 million](#), beginning in 2021-22, to add over 5,000 new and upskilled registered nurses and registered practical nurses as well as 8,000 personal support workers. In addition, Ontario is investing \$57.6 million, beginning in 2022-23, to hire 225 nurse practitioners in the long-term care sector.
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Quotes

"As a growing city with pressing healthcare needs, I'm proud of the fact that the first new medical school in Ontario in over 30 years is being built right here in Brampton. After years of chronic staffing shortages, budget cuts, and neglect from previous governments, our community is finally getting our fair share. Brampton's new medical school will give the eager students of today the opportunity to become the skilled doctors serving our community tomorrow — improving access and quality of care for all Bramptonians."

- Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria
MPP for Brampton South

"Ryerson University will offer a new approach to medical education in Ontario — one that draws on the university's commitment to community, diversity and inclusion, and innovation to address the changing needs for healthcare delivery and practice. We are encouraged and grateful for this announcement of long-term investment by the government of Ontario and we look forward to shaping the future of healthcare with our partners in Brampton and Peel region."

- Mohamed Lachemi
President & Vice-Chancellor, Ryerson University

Additional Resources

- [Ontario Training More Health Care Workers at Indigenous Institutes](#)
- [Ontario is investing \\$35 million to increase enrolment in nursing education programs in publicly-assisted colleges and universities across the province](#)
- [Ontario is investing over \\$115 million to train up to 8,200 new PSWs at publicly assisted colleges](#)
- [Ontario is providing \\$86 million to help train up to 8,000 PSWs through private career colleges and district school boards](#)
- [Ontario Enhancing Personal Support Worker Training](#)
- [Ontario Establishes New Independent Universities in Northern Ontario](#)

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NOSM University expansion to aid with Northern Ontario physician shortage

Posted on March 15, 2022



Additional spots for MD and residency will contribute to long-term sustainability of physician workforce

On March 15, 2022 the Government of Ontario announced medical school expansion across the province. With this announcement, NOSM University will see an added 30 medical degree and 41 residency spots over the next five years.

“Thank you to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health Christine Elliott and Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop for making changes that will impact the health of our Northern communities,” says Dr. Sarita Verma, Dean, President and CEO of NOSM. “They have supported the creation of Canada’s first independent medical university effective April 1 and now, with this expansion, are providing new physician spots for the North. It is an exciting time for NOSM University.”

According to NOSM’s estimates, more than 300 physicians are needed in the North and that number does not factor retirements that may take place over the next five years.

“As part of our promise to deliver high quality health care to all parts of Ontario, we are ensuring that the doctors of tomorrow have access to the world-class training that Ontario’s medical schools provide,” says Premier Doug Ford. “This is the largest expansion of medical education in 10 years and is a key element to building a stronger and more resilient province for generations to come.”

NOSM’s latest strategic plan, *The NOSM Challenge 2025*, will move forward with addressing the urgent physician workforce shortage, innovate health professions education and strengthen research capacity while embedding social accountability throughout.

“This is another important step in transforming the health-care system in Northern Ontario to eliminate the gaps in health human resources and create equitable access to care,” says Dr. Verma. “We cannot underestimate the impact that Northern Ontarians make when they pull together and advocate for change. I want to particularly acknowledge the Ontario Medical Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association and their members. Municipalities, big, small and all, have had loud voices heard at Queen’s Park.”

NOSM currently enrolls 64 MD students and 60 first-year residents per year.

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NOSM University is Canada’s first independent medical university and one of the greatest education and physician workforce strategy success stories of Northern Ontario. More than just a medical university, it was purpose built to address the health needs of the region. While advocating for equitable access to care, the University contributes to the economic development of Northern Ontario. NOSM University relies on the commitment and expertise of the peoples of Northern Ontario to educate health-care professionals to practise in Indigenous, Francophone, rural, remote and underserved communities. With a focus on diversity, inclusion and advocacy, NOSM University is an award-winning, socially accountable organization renowned for its innovative model of distributed, community-engaged education and research.

Through evidence-based strategies and health-care service models, NOSM University advocates for sustainable solutions for health human resources in Northern Ontario. By preparing, attracting and retaining health-care professionals, the University will improve access to equitable, high-quality health care in the North with an aim to eliminate the gaps.

For further information about NOSM, please contact:

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March 23, 2022

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Videoconference

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Meeting Book - March 23, 2022, Board of Health Meeting

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Board of Health Meeting
AGENDA
March 23, 2022 at 5:00 pm
Video/Teleconference

BOARD MEMBERS

Sally Hagman - Chair
Lee Mason - 1st Vice-Chair
Deborah Graystone - 2nd Vice-Chair
Micheline Hatfield
Musa Onyuna
Ed Pearce
Brent Rankin
Matthew Scott
Louise Caicco Tett

APH MEMBERS

Dr. John Tuinema - Acting Medical Officer of Health & Director of Health Protection
Antoniette Tomie - Director of Corporate Services
Laurie Zeppa - Director of Health Promotion & Prevention
Leo Vecchio - Manager of Communications
Leslie Dunseath - Manager of Accounting Services
Liliana Bressan - Research Policy Advisor
Tania Caputo - Board Secretary
Tanya Storozuk - Executive Assistant

Guests: Nick Menardi, Manager, Covid-19 Response

* *Recorded proceedings are available upon request*

- 1.0 Meeting Called to Order** *S. Hagman*
- a. **Land Acknowledgment**
- b. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**
-
- 2.0 Adoption of Agenda** *S. Hagman*
- RESOLUTION**
- THAT the Board of Health agenda dated March 23, 2022 be approved as presented.
-
- 3.0 Delegations / Presentations**
- a. **Health Protection - COVID Response update** *J. Tuinema,
N. Menardi*
-
- 4.0 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting**
- RESOLUTION**
- THAT the Board of Health minutes dated February 23, 2022 and Board of Health Special Meeting Minutes dated March 9, 2022, be approved as presented.
-
- 5.0 Business Arising from Minutes**
- a. **alPHa Winter Symposium report** *L. Caicco Tett,
D. Graystone*
-
- 6.0 Reports to the Board**
- a. **Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer Reports** *J. Tuinema*
- i. **MOH Report - March 2022**
- RESOLUTION**

THAT the report of the Medical Officer of Health and CEO for March 2022 be accepted as presented.

b. Finance and Audit

L. Dunseath

ii. Unaudited Financial Statements ending January 31, 2022

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health approves the Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ending January 31, 2022 as presented.

c. Governance

D. Graystone

i. Governance Committee Chair Report

RESOLUTION

THAT the Governance Committee Chair Report for March 2022 be accepted as presented.

ii. Policy #02-05-010 Board Minutes - Posting and Circulation

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed and approves **Policy #02-05-010 Board Minutes - Posting and Circulation**, as presented.

iii. Policy #02-05-088 Stakeholder Communication

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed and approves **Policy #02-05-088 Stakeholder Communication**, as presented.

7.0 New Business/General Business

S. Hagman

a. Algoma Vaccination Council Update

L. Caicco Tett

8.0 Correspondence

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a. ALPHA Information Break - March 2022

b. ALPHA 2022 AGM Notice and Package

10.0 Addendum

S. Hagman

11.0 In-Camera

S. Hagman

For discussion of labour relations and employee negotiations, matters about identifiable individuals, **adoption of in camera minutes, security of the property of the board**, litigation or potential litigation.

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health go in-camera.

12.0 Open Meeting

S. Hagman

Resolutions resulting from the in-camera meeting.

13.0 Announcements / Next Committee Meetings:

S. Hagman

Finance & Audit Committee Meeting

Wednesday April 13, 2022 @ 5:00 pm

Video Conference

Board of Health Meeting

Wednesday, April 27, 2022 @ 5:00 pm

Video Conference

14.0 Evaluation

S. Hagman

15.0 Adjournment

S. Hagman

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.

Update:
Algoma Public Health's Pandemic Response to COVID-19

Dr. John Tuinema, Acting Medical Officer of Health
Nicholas Minardi, Manager of COVID-19 Response
March 23, 2022

Overview

- Core functions and standards for public health
- COVID-19 timeline
- Pandemic goals and response structure
- Public health in action – COVID-19 response operations
- Communicating COVID-19
- Innovations supporting response
- Looking ahead at next steps

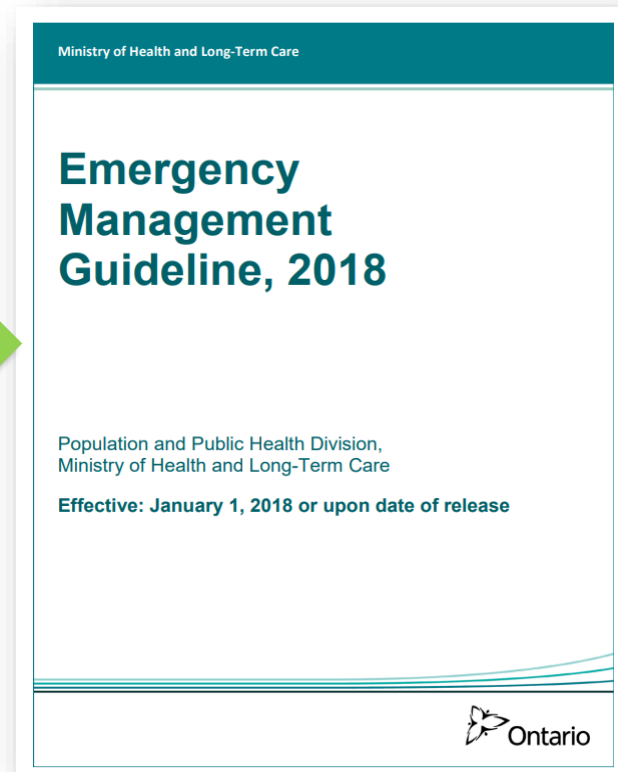
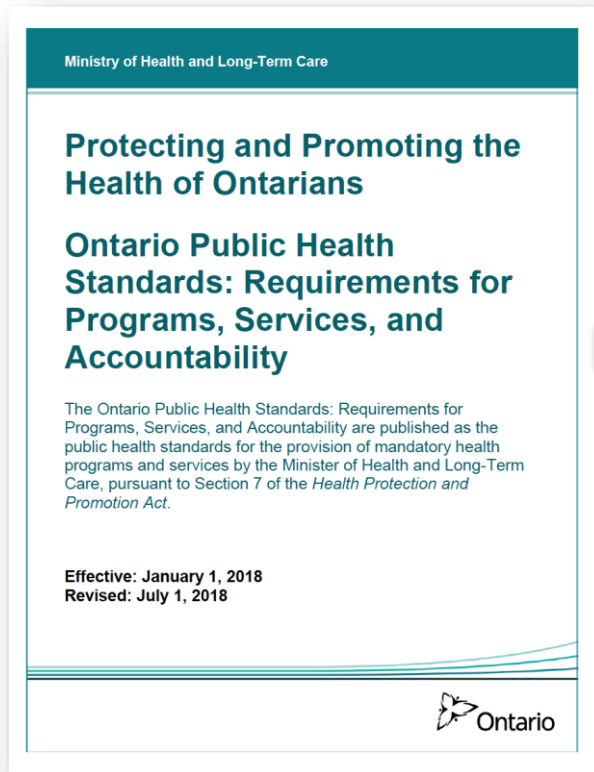


Core Functions of Public Health

- Population Health Assessment
- Health Surveillance
- Disease and Injury Prevention
- Health Promotion
- Health Protection
- Emergency Preparedness and Response



Ontario Public Health Standards



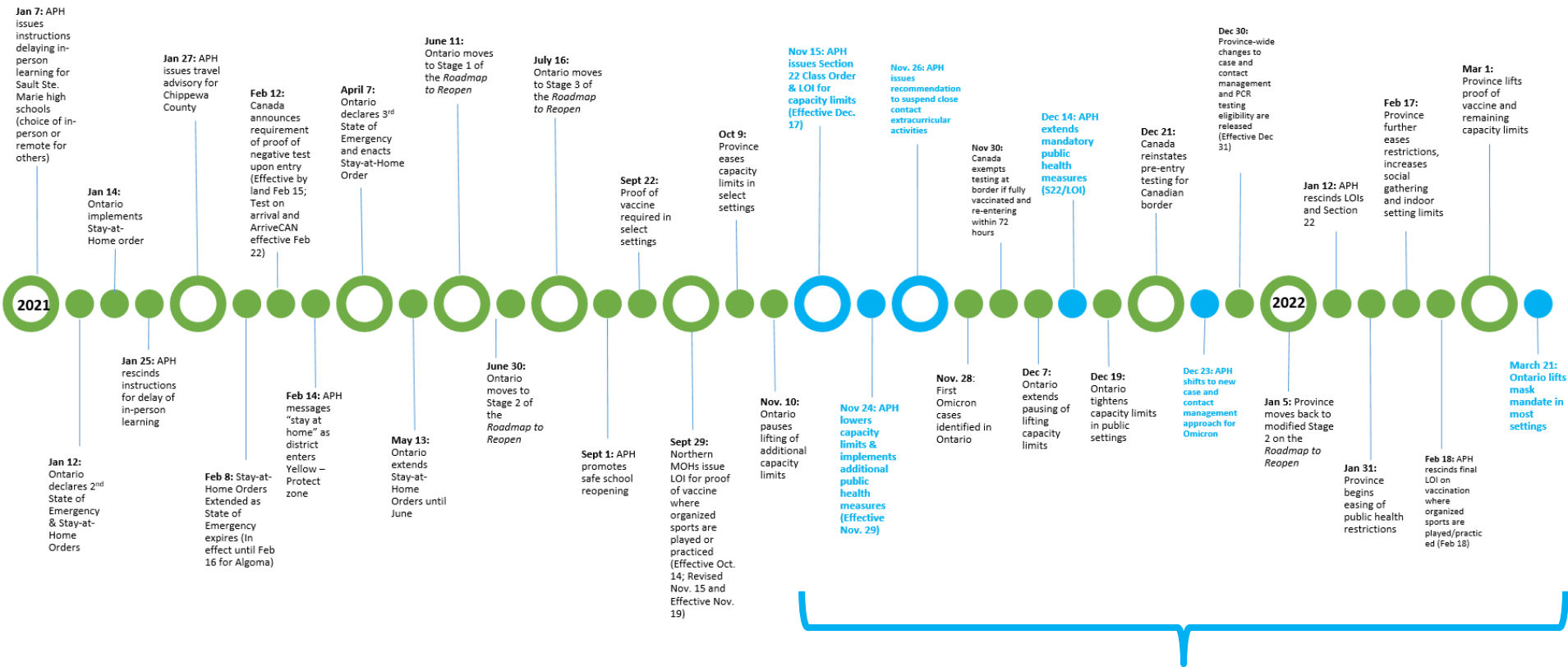
Pandemic Response Goals

1. Minimize serious illness and death related to COVID-19

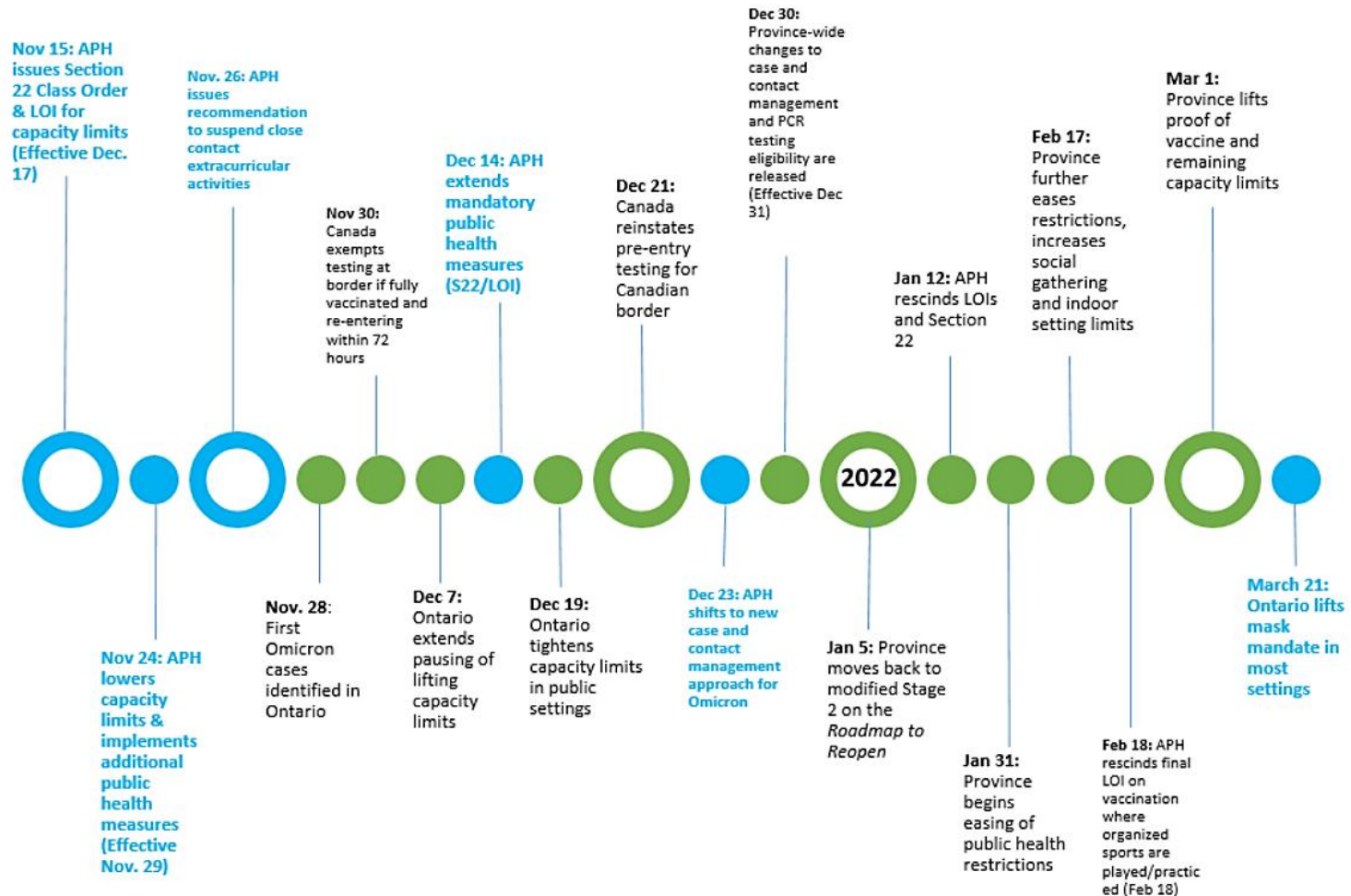
2. Minimize societal disruption (and preserve health care services)



COVID-19 Timeline: Health Protection Measures

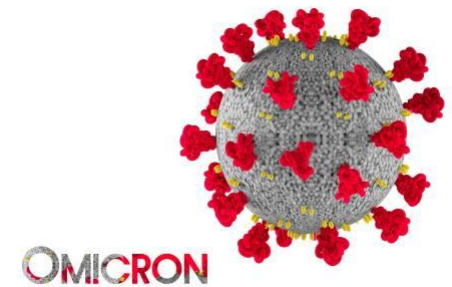


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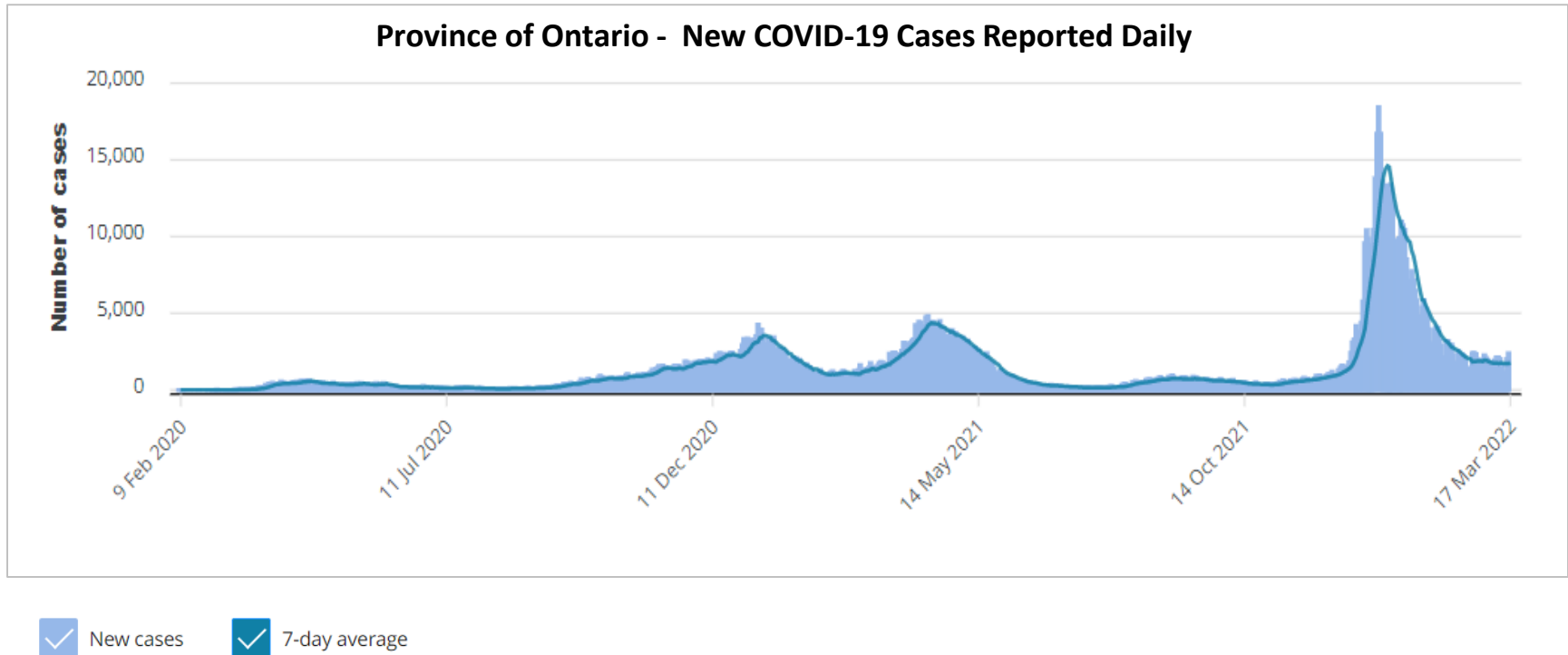


The Omicron Shift: An Overview

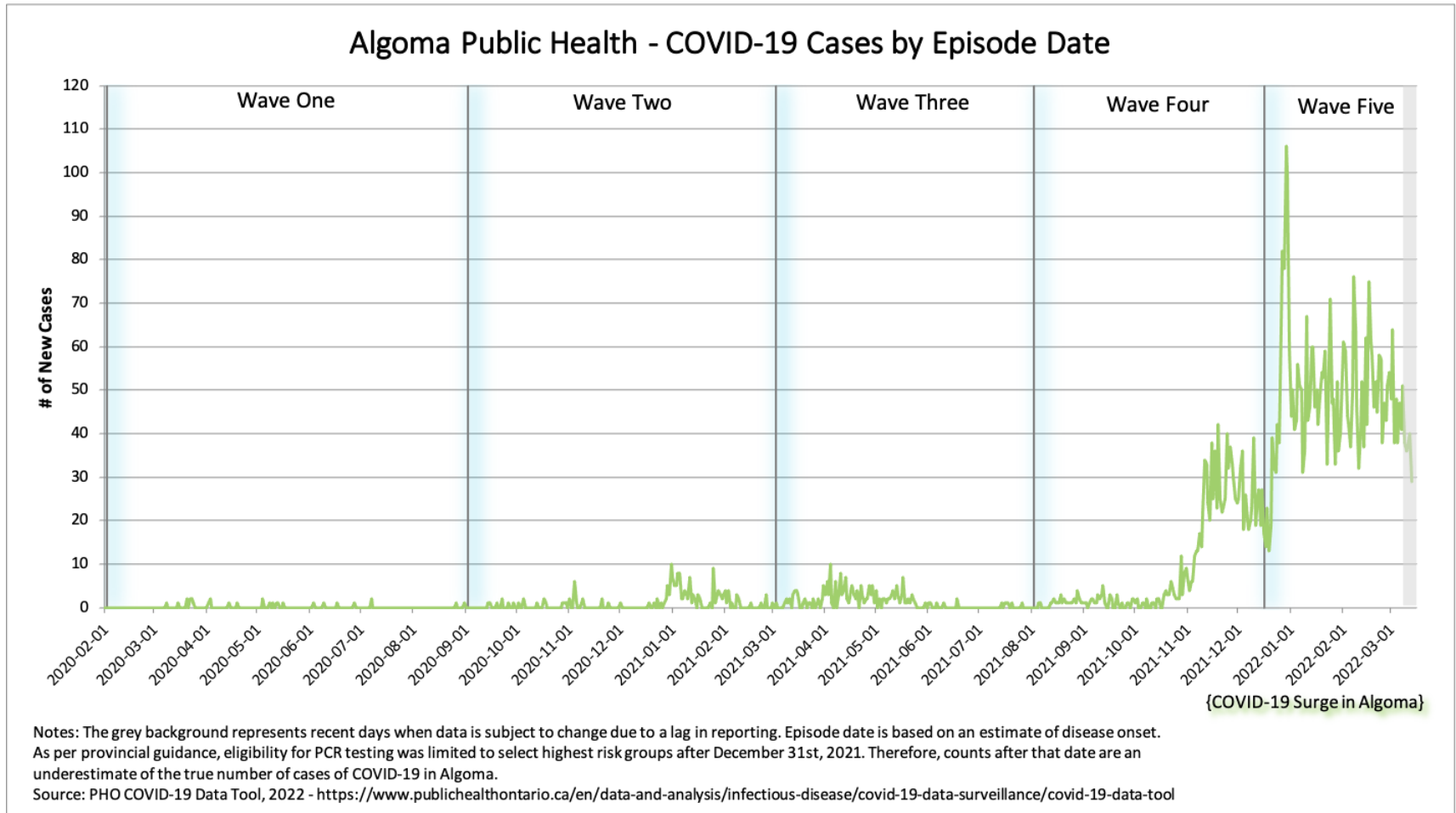
- Omicron Variant of Concern (VOC) is much more infectious, but also less severe
- Large increase in community transmission of COVID-19 and cases
- Shifted from a containment strategy to a **mitigation strategy**
- Changed our ability to monitor the pandemic



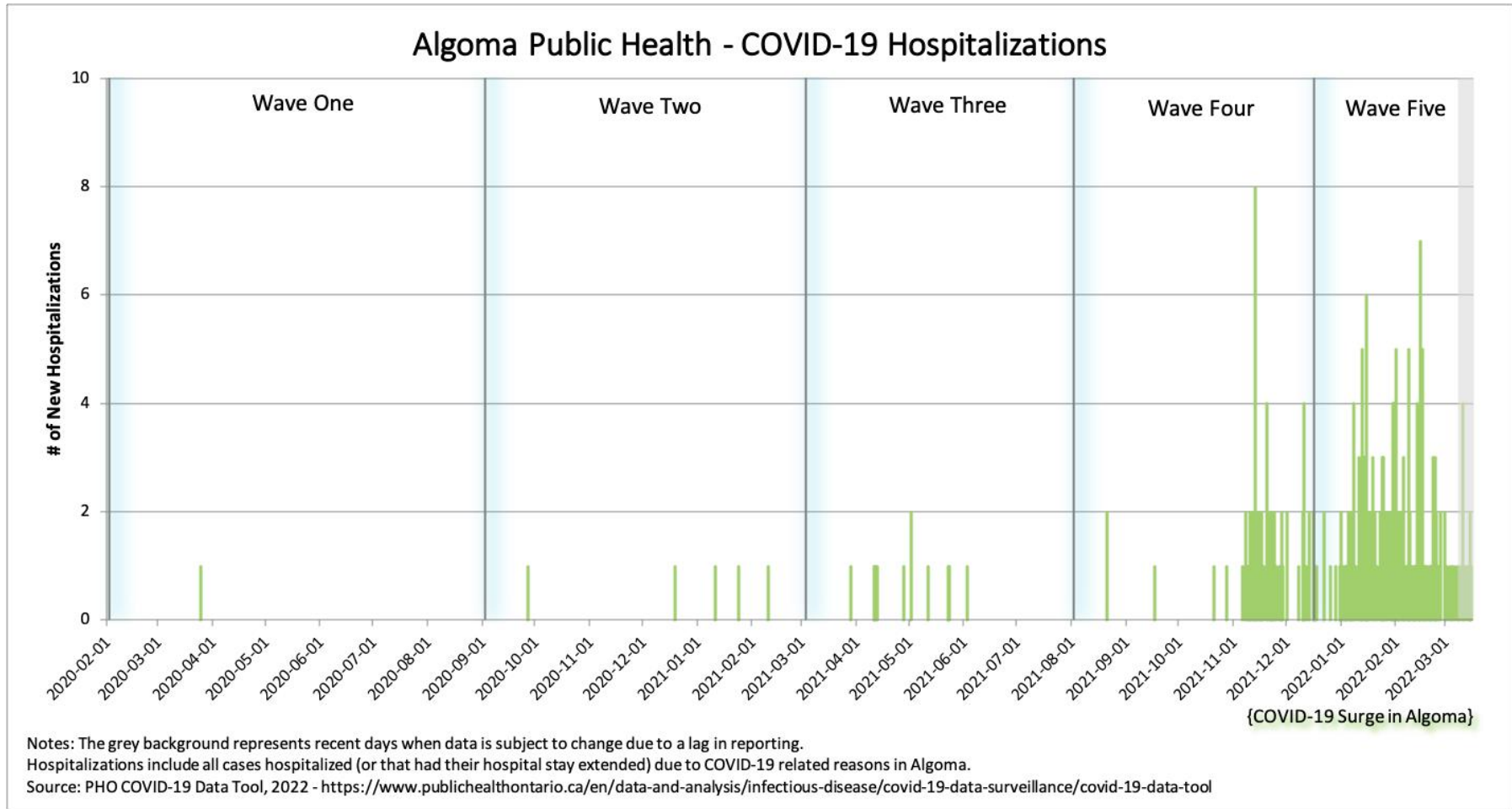
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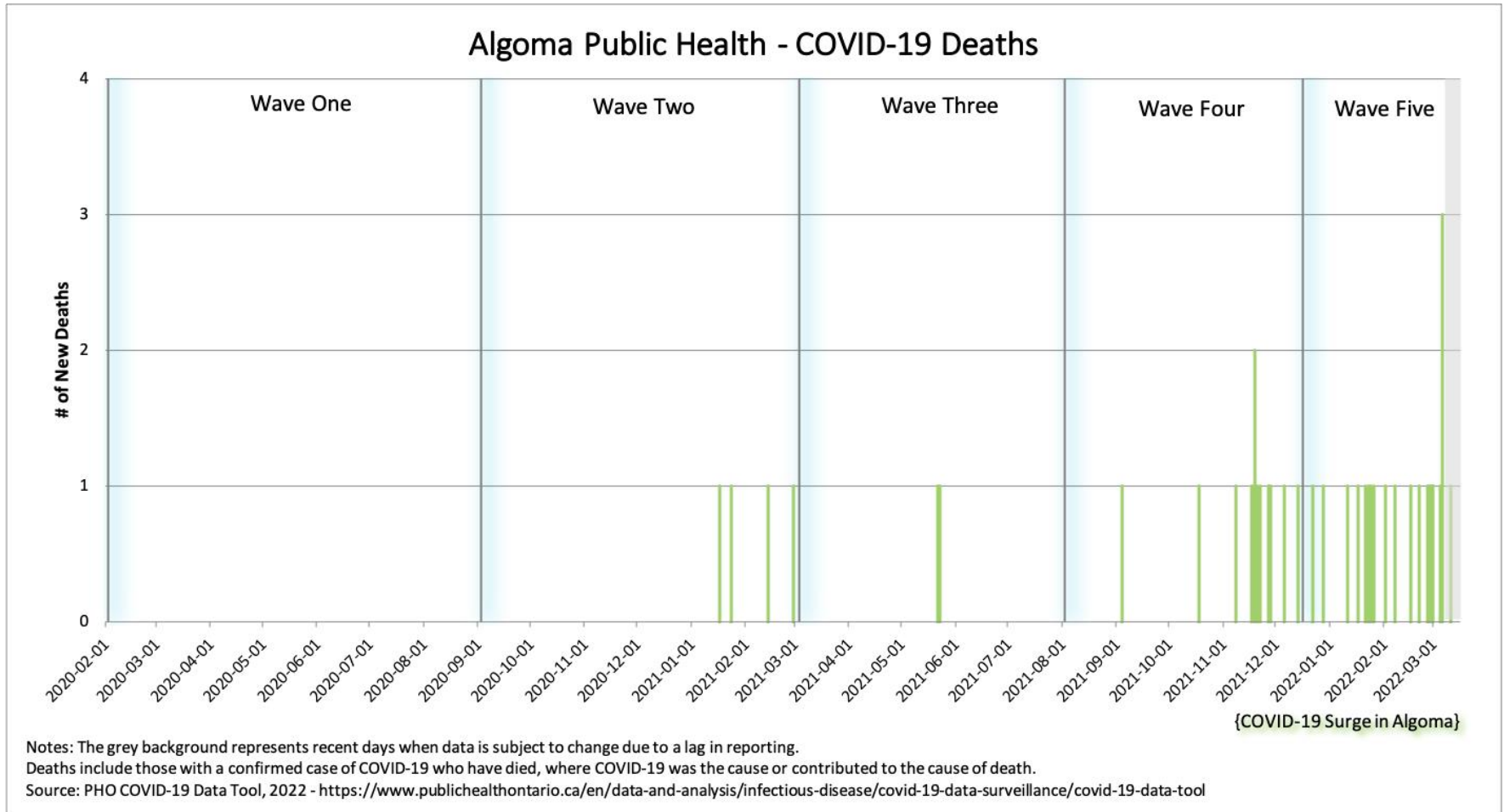
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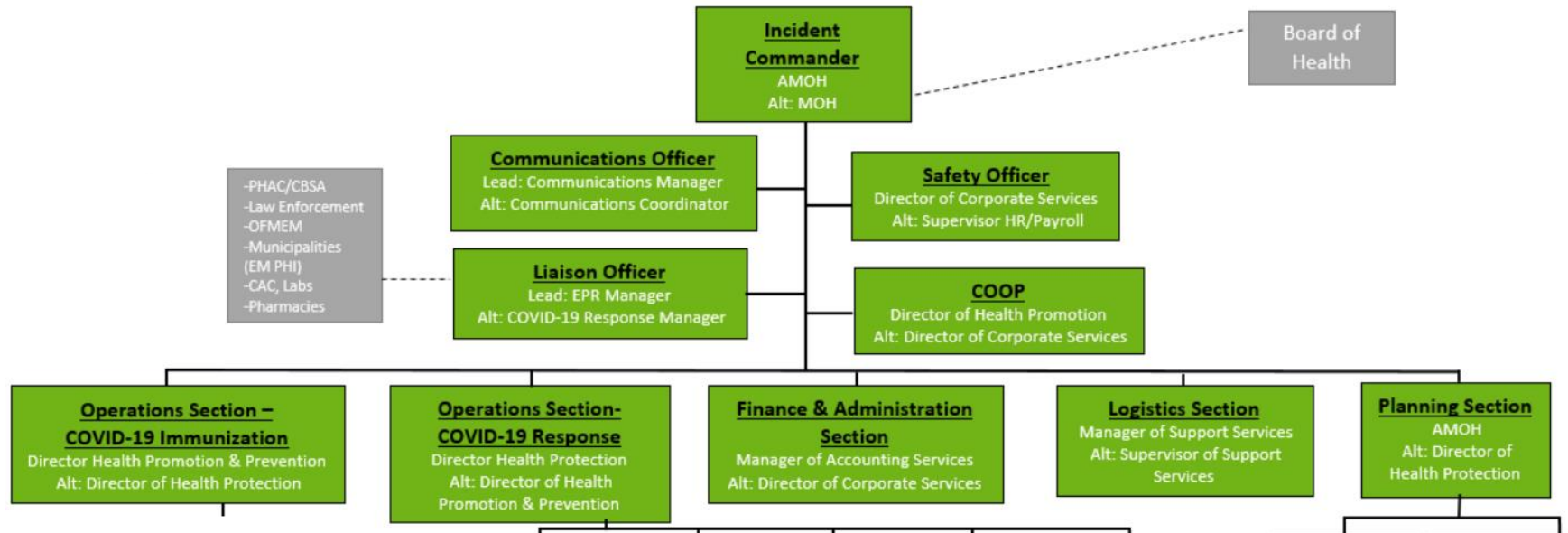
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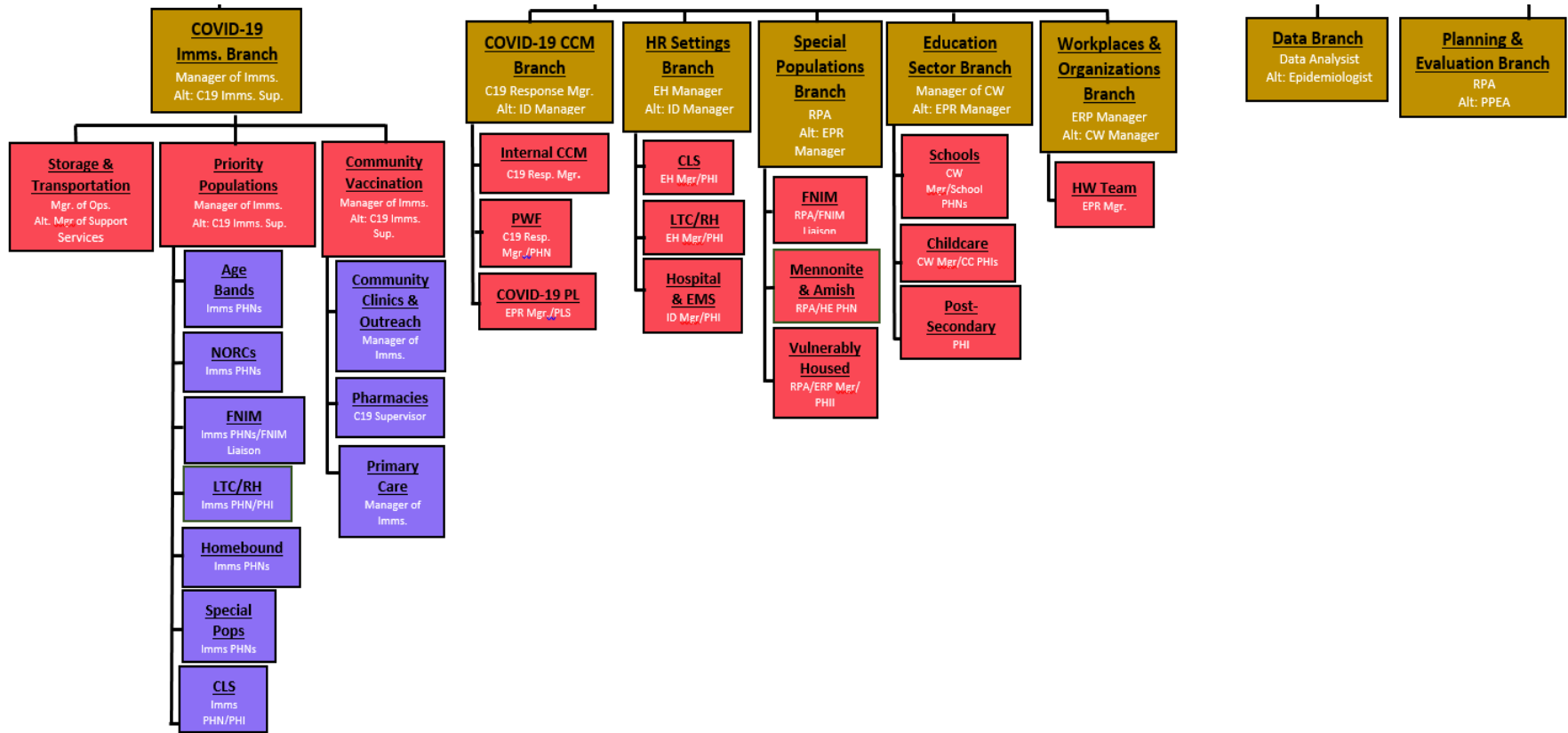
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Incident Management Structure for Response



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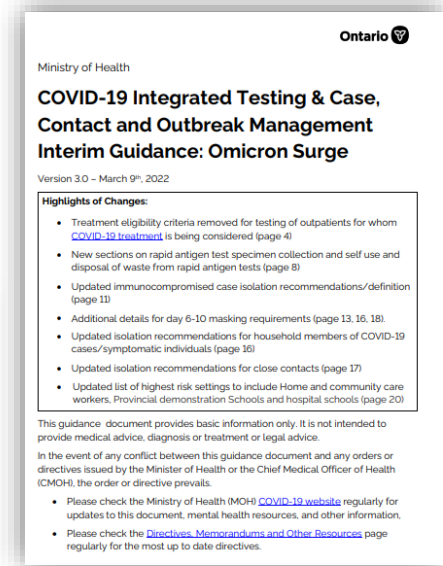
Public Health in Action: Testing

- Four COVID-19 Assessment Centers in Algoma
- PCR testing restricted to special populations at high risk and those who work, live, or volunteer in select high-risk settings
- As of March 15, 2022, over **243,000 tests** done on Algoma residents that Algoma Public Health is aware of through Ontario Laboratory Information Systems
- **Rapid Antigen Testing:**
 - Screening tool in various settings to mitigate transmission
 - At-home test for symptomatic individuals to assess likelihood of COVID-19 when unable to access PCR/ID Now



Public Health in Action: Case and Contact Management

- Omicron guidance shifted APH case management to **highest risk settings only** and resources were provided for self-led case management and contact notification
- Communications and APH website content became more critical in a 'self-serve' model for the public accessing guidance
- Public Health Inspectors led follow-up with facilities/organizations for contact tracing and intervention
- Provincial Work Force provided support for case notification



Public Health in Action: COVID-19 Phone Line

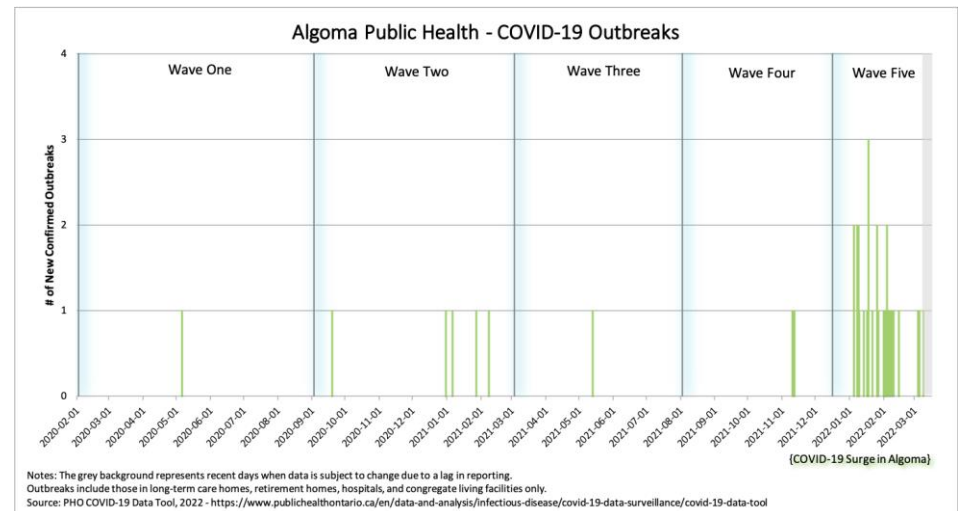
- COVID-19 phone line remains available **7 days a week**
- Provides access to 1:1 support from a local public health professional
- Responds to **all COVID-19-related inquiries** related to general COVID-19 information, guidelines, exposure notifications, travel, public health measures, screening, testing, vaccinations, and more
- Supports the **coordination of services** with partners, to ensure priority populations and those impacted by COVID-19 have wraparound support while in isolation
- Continues to answer **over 300 calls a week** in March 2022



COVID-19 Phone Line:
705-759-5404 or 1-866-892-0172 ext. 5404.
Available 7 days a week, 9:00 am – 4:00pm.

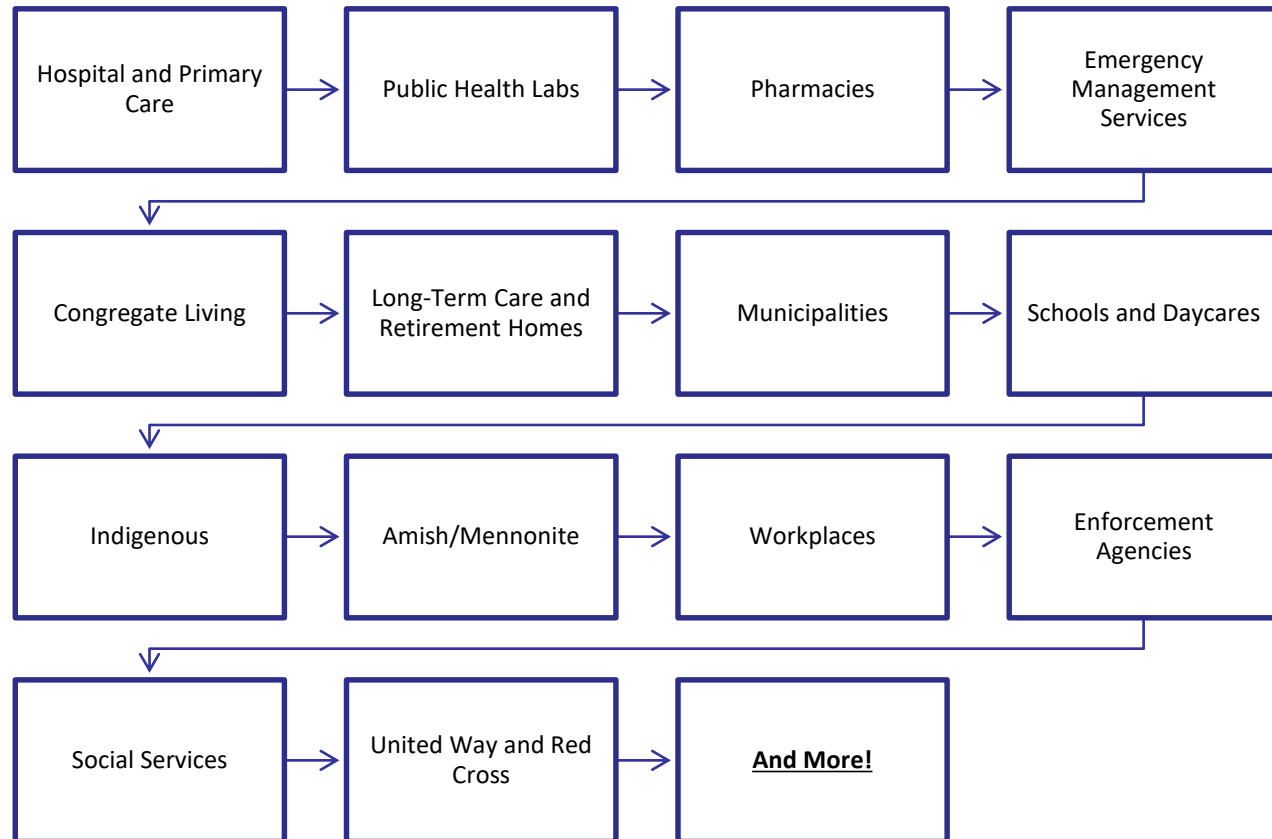
Public Health in Action: Facility and Outbreak Management

- Notifying high-risk settings of positive cases
- Determine if definition for outbreak is met, declare an outbreak, assign outbreak number, notify laboratories, and surveillance test affected locations to identify degree of spread
- Identify close contacts, assess for early intervention
- Identify opportunities/areas where transmission may have occurred
- Identify and reinforce Personal Protective Equipment and Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) measures
- Work to implement mechanisms for cohorting
- Host daily check-ins
- Declare an outbreak over



Working with Partners

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- Provincial
- Northern
- Local

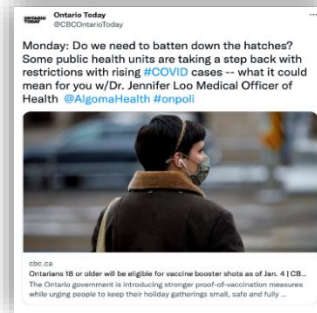


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Confirmed active COVID-19 cases climbs to 353 after 33 more reported today

By Content Team - November 29, 2021 @ 7:38 pm

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COVID case numbers soared "quickly and dramatically;" now highest in Ontario

Data shows that the region's positive cases in recent days are now over 170 cases per 100,000.

Elaine Della-Mattia
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Algoma Public Health to reassess COVID restrictions in two weeks



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Published Nov. 29, 2021 6:02 p.m. EST

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SAULT STE. MARIE - Despite surging COVID-19 cases in Algoma, it will take at least two weeks to reassess if current restrictions in the region are sufficient to slow the spread of the disease.

That's according to Algoma Public Health's medical officer of health, who spoke to media Monday to discuss the newest restrictions for the region, as COVID-19 cases continue climbing.

Dr. Jennifer Loo told reporters the current average number of local COVID-19 is 170 cases per 100,000 people, which was higher than the 130 cases per 100,000 provincial average when Ontario went into a state of emergency.

"With regards to the new restrictions, it does take at least one to two weeks from the implementation of measures, for us to see their benefit down the road," said Loo.

The mandatory measures that came into effect Monday restrict the number of attendees at social gatherings and organized public events to a

CORONAVIRUS COVERAGE

* Northern Ontario COVID-19 coverage

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Algoma Public Health has reported 40 new cases of COVID-19

Algoma Public Health has reported that there are forty (40) new cases of COVID-19 in the Algoma District, all from Sault Ste. Marie and area. Nineteen (19) are close contacts of confirmed cases, eight (8) have an unknown source of infection, and thirteen (13) are still being investigated to determine their source of infection. There are currently 330 active cases of which 15 are in hospital, in the Algoma District.

APH reports 33 new cases of COVID-19 in the Sault

That brings the total number of cases to 1,121 in the region since the beginning of the pandemic.

Village Media
Nov 29, 2021 6:31 PM



Algoma Public Health. Darren Taylor/SooToday



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Active COVID case count rises to 330 in Algoma following 40 new cases in Sault area

Of the new cases 19 were infected through close contact with a confirmed case and the source of infection for eight others is not known

Village Media
Nov 28, 2021 5:41 PM
Updated Nov 28, 2021 7:53 PM



Communications: #StopTheSurge



PUMP THE BRAKES!

Stop the Surge of COVID-19



We're on thin ice.

Stop the Surge of COVID-19



"I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST THE SNIFFLES"

Tested positive for COVID-19, spread to partner and children.


EVEN WITH MILD SYMPTOMS, STAY HOME AND GET TESTED.



"I JUST HAD A SORE THROAT"

Went to work. Tested positive for COVID-19. Spread virus to colleagues and the entire business had to close for 2 weeks.

EVEN WITH MILD SYMPTOMS, STAY HOME AND GET TESTED.



Communications: #StopTheSurge

"I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A COLD"

Tested positive for COVID-19.

...I should have stayed home

EVEN WITH MILD SYMPTOMS, STAY HOME AND GET TESTED.



When you see icy roads ahead, you slow down.

Let's slow the spread of COVID-19.

STOP THE SURGE



Stay Safe Over The Holidays




STOP **PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY**
#STOPTHESURGE

STEP 1: AVOID NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL
STAY HOME. SAVE LIVES.
Do not travel outside of Algoma.

STEP 2: GATHERING LIMITS
IT'S ILLEGAL TO GATHER INDOORS WITH PEOPLE NOT FROM YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

STEP 3: FEELING UNWELL?
STAY HOME. GET TESTED.
BOOK AN APPOINTMENT AT YOUR LOCAL ASSESSMENT CENTRE.
Hard to know if it's just a runny nose or migraine, so why take the chance.

STEP 4: DON'T GET TOO CLOSE!
PHYSICAL DISTANCING 101
A step back is a way to show someone you care.



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A message to the patients of the Thebanon Medical Clinic.

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"I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A SMOKERS COUGH"

...I should have stayed home

Went to work. Tested positive for COVID-19.
Spread to shift partner, who spent a week in hospital.

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EVEN WITH MILD SYMPTOMS, STAY HOME AND GET TESTED.



Innovations Supporting COVID-19 Response

1. COVID-19 Vaccines

- First dose administered in Algoma on January 27, 2021
- Shared effort by public health, Indigenous partners, primary care, hospital, long-term care, and pharmacy partners
- Mass immunization, in-office, community, pop-up, mobile, and school-based clinics
- Targeted approach to reach highest-risk groups and increase access

From January 27th, 2021 – March 17th, 2022:

- 258,339 doses of COVID-19 vaccine administered across Algoma
- 84.9 % of eligible population (5+) in Algoma received two doses
- 61.6% of eligible population (18+) in Algoma received three doses

During the “**booster dose blitz**” from December 13, 2021 – February 2, 2022, Algoma partners administered over **47,000 doses!**



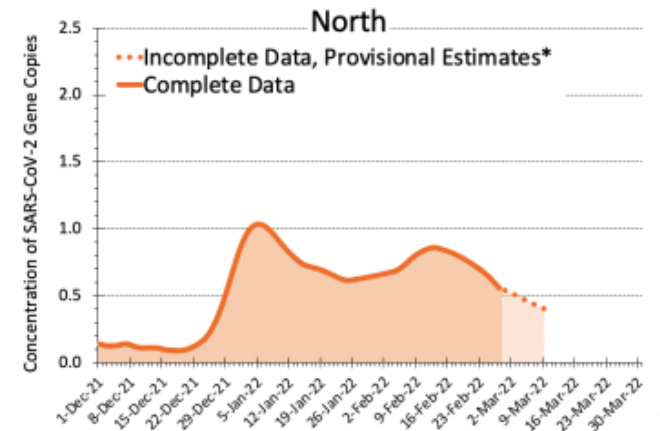
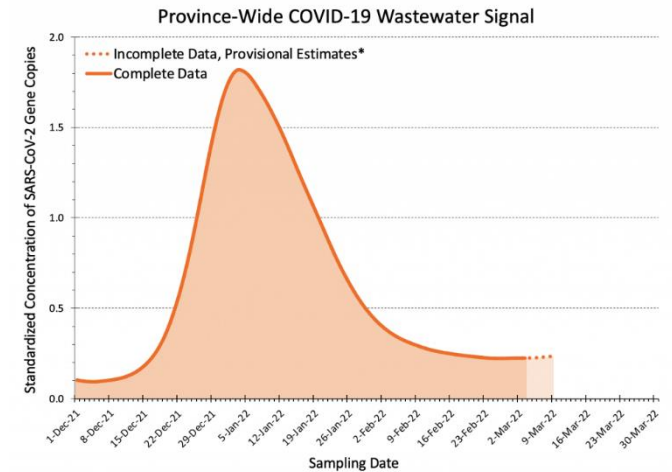
Innovations Supporting COVID-19 Response

2. Wastewater Surveillance (WWS) Program

- SARS-CoV-2 virus is shed through stools, whether a person is symptomatic or asymptomatic
- WWS measures the amount of SARS-CoV-2 virus in wastewater samples from wastewater treatment plants and pumping stations
- Findings provide a pooled estimate of COVID-19 infection trends in the community
- Algoma is currently sampling the Sault Ste. Marie East Wastewater Treatment Plant, with a watershed population of approximately 52, 000 people

How can WWS help us?

- Monitoring for the presence of infection within a community
- Tracking trends in infection within a community
- Screening for infections at a targeted site (e.g. LTC) to implement additional testing and mitigation measures



Science Table: COVID-19 Advisory for Ontario.

Resources:

Public Health Ontario. (2021). [Wastewater surveillance of COVID-19](#).
Science Table: COVID-19 Advisory for Ontario. (2022). [Ontario dashboard. Tracking Omicron](#). Accessed 13 March 2022.
Science Table: COVID-19 Advisory for Ontario. (2021). [The role of wastewater testing for SARS-CoV-2 surveillance](#).

Innovations Supporting COVID-19 Response

3. COVID-19 Treatments and Therapies

- Treatments continue to be developed
- Key innovations in treatment for mild disease:

Sotrovimab

- Authorized by Health Canada: July 30, 2021
- Monoclonal antibody treatment
- Intravenous (IV) therapy

**Nirmatrelvir/Ritonavir
(Paxlovid)**

- Authorized by Health Canada: January 17, 2022
- Oral antiviral treatment



Looking Ahead

- **The goals have not changed. The strategy has adapted.**
- **Ongoing COVID-19 Work**
 - Routinize COVID-19 response work
 - Maintain preparedness for response to potential surges in cases, new variants of concern, etc.
- **COVID-19 Recovery**
 - Assess opportunities to improve core infectious disease practices
 - Continue to build on community partnerships, knowledge, and skills developed
 - Return human resources to core public health work (over 50% of APH workforce has been deployed)
 - Strengthen high-risk programming sustained during the pandemic
 - Restore core programs and services, considering lessons learned, backlogs, and post-pandemic public health priorities in Algoma
 - Rebuild public health with a focus on strategic advocacy, policy, and evidence



Thank You!

Questions?



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PUBLIC HEALTH
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March 23, 2022

Report of the

Medical Officer of Health / CEO

Prepared by:
Dr. John Tuinema and the
Leadership Team

Presented to:
Algoma Public Health Board of Health

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APH AT-A-GLANCE

COVID-19 Pandemic Response in Algoma

The number of high-risk cases in Algoma has remained at a plateau. Restrictions have loosened province-wide, but this has not yet led to a significant increase in high-risk cases. Hospitalizations remain low following a peak occurring early on in the Omicron wave. This is in keeping with what we know about this new variant, as it is significantly more transmissible but generally less severe.

The provincial government and Ministry of Health have detailed their plans for the [final stages of re-opening](#). On March 14th, vaccination policy requirements were lifted for those sectors where they were mandatory. On March 21st, masking requirements are being lifted in almost all settings, except for those with the highest risk (e.g. long-term care homes, congregate living settings, public transit, clinics providing health services, etc.). Schools will no longer require masking, and other school requirements such as cohorting will also be lifted. Masking, in general, has been a requirement since the early months of the pandemic and, unlike other measures, has not yet been relaxed or removed. This means there is some uncertainty as to the impact this change will have. APH will continue to monitor important indicators and act accordingly if needed.

COVID-19 immunization efforts continue, and strategies have shifted from high-volume immunization to more targeted approaches. Of those eligible, 54.3% of the (5+) population have received 3 doses, and 84.9% have received 2 doses of COVID-19 vaccine. In the 50+ population, 75.5% have received three doses of vaccine.

COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery

Following interruptions by the November-December Delta variant wave and the current Omicron wave, APH has re-initiated recovery planning and implementation. The pandemic has strengthened APH as an organization in many ways but has also significantly reduced capacity for the routine work of public health. Early plans to repatriate employees back to core public health work are in development. In the coming weeks and months, we will need to address the many complexities of COVID recovery, such as returning to in-person work, integrating new approaches to routinizing and managing COVID in high-risk settings, completing a population health assessment to better understand the health of our communities post-pandemic, and restoring public health program and services while maintaining a health equity lens.

Although challenges in recovery exist, there are many opportunities to build on strengths and successes arising from the pandemic. As APH returns to routine work, the aim is to use this opportunity to examine past processes and identify areas for enhancing the work of public health and its impact on community health and wellbeing. It is critical that lessons learned from COVID-19 are translated to new, evidence-informed ways of support the needs of our partners and communities. COVID-19 is one of many health risks in our community, and the reduction in pandemic-related workload will help us devote more resources to areas such as health promotion and disease and injury prevention, such as further action in addressing the opioid crisis.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Topic: Helping Seniors Smile: Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP) Update

From: Hilary Cutler, Manager – Child & Family Services
Laurie Zeppa, Director of Health Promotion & Prevention

Health Equity Goal¹: Public health practice results in decreased health inequities such that everyone has equal opportunities for optimal health and can attain their full health potential without disadvantage due to social position or other socially determined circumstances.

Program Standard Requirements¹ addressed in this report:

- *Health Equity, Requirement #2:* The board of health shall modify and orient public health interventions to decrease health inequities in accordance with the *Health Equity Guideline, 2018* (or as current), and by designing strategies to decrease health inequities experienced by priority populations.
- *Chronic Disease Prevention and Well-being, Requirement 5:* The board of health shall provide the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program in accordance with the *Oral Health Protocol, 2021* (or current).

Key Messages

- The OSDCP works to improve health and reduce health inequities for low-income seniors in Algoma.
- OSDCP services offered in 2021 included hygiene, restorative care, and denture services.
- The costs associated with dentures and the introduction of oral surgery will result in financial pressures for the OSDCP in 2022, therefore, additional funding has been requested.
- The Oral Health program is developing a performance management system to evaluate the OSDCP's efficiency and effectiveness in meeting program objectives.

The OSDCP – A Purposeful Approach to Reducing Health Inequities

Launched by the provincial government in 2019, the purpose of the OSDCP² is to:

- Provide free, routine dental services for low-income seniors aged 65 and older.
- Reduce unnecessary trips to the hospital, prevent chronic disease, and increase quality of life for seniors in Ontario.

Aligned with the public health foundational goal of reducing health inequities, the OSDCP works to improve health by addressing one key social determinant of health; income. The provision of dental services for people experiencing low-income can yield many health benefits, from treatment of longstanding dental issues to increased confidence.³ In addition, the health system benefits when oral health is supported, and individuals are healthier, through reduced primary care visits and use of emergency services for preventable health outcomes. By (a) reducing the complications associated with untreated dental conditions (e.g. infections), (b) restoring functionality (e.g. dentures), and (c) maintaining proper oral hygiene (e.g. routine cleanings) for eligible clients, the program will effectively

¹ Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care. (2021). [Ontario public health standards: Requirements for programs, services, and accountability](#).

² Government of Ontario. (2021). [Dental care for low-income seniors](#).

³ Sheikh, H. & Doucet, B. (2021). [Canadians should be able to access dental care with a health card instead of a credit card](#).

meet its objectives to reduce unnecessary trips to the hospital, prevent chronic disease, and increase quality of life for low-income seniors in Ontario.

A Year in Review – 2021 Program Data

Algoma Public Health (APH) offers a blended OSDCP service delivery model across the district, with one clinic located at APH in Sault Ste. Marie, and service providers located in private practices in other areas of Sault Ste. Marie, Wawa, and Elliot Lake. The basket of services available to Algoma OSDCP clients includes: hygiene, restorative care, dentures, and referral to the oral surgeon, if required.

In Algoma, an estimated 3,792 people are eligible for the program.⁴ Among those eligible, roughly 1,500 people are expected to use the OSDCP annually.⁵ Throughout 2021, various aspects of the program were paused due to limitations in funding (e.g. pause in denture services from May-September) and human resources within APH (e.g. hygiene clinics were offered sporadically pending staff availability due to re-deployment to the COVID-19 response). Therefore, the data presented below underestimates a normal, full-year of operation.

Through the course of 2021⁶:

- 105 unique hygiene clients were supported at APH,
- 287 unique treatment clients were supported across the district, and
- 119 sets of dentures were provided across the district.

From September to December 2021, the average number of dentures approved was 15 per month. Based on this uptake and approval of services, it is estimated that **180 sets of dentures could be approved in 2022**, causing significant budget pressures. In addition to denture needs increasing financial demand on the program, the addition of oral surgeon consults and/or treatment for clients who require this service in 2022 is also very costly and will exceed budget without additional support.

To address budgetary pressures on the delivery of the OSDCP, in February of 2022, APH requested additional funding from the provincial government to sustain denture demands.

Next Steps – A Performance Management System to Measure Program Efficiencies and Effectiveness

The establishment of a performance management system for the OSDCP will include the development and evaluation of indicators that will help describe how well the program is or is not meeting its intended objectives. OSDCP delivery in 2021, while somewhat interrupted, provided some baseline data on clinic efficiencies (e.g. number of clients seen for hygiene, treatment, and dentures). Other metrics currently being developed for use in assessing program performance in 2022 include:

- Client satisfaction, including qualitative data collected from clients on ease of booking, accessibility, care received, and quality of care,
- Wait times monitoring, and
- Hospital emergency department monitoring for low-income seniors seeking emergency oral health care.

⁴ Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, IntelliHealth Ontario. Algoma Population 2021: Population Projections [2018-2031].

⁵ Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. (Spring, 2019). Overview of Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program - capital process [Confidential PowerPoint].

⁶ Oral Health Information Support System. Accessed March 10, 2022.

**Algoma Public Health
(Unaudited) Financial Statements January 31, 2022**

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Algoma Public Health
Statement of Operations
January 2022
(Unaudited)

	Actual YTD 2022	Budget YTD 2022	Variance Act. to Bgt. 2022	Annual Budget 2022	Variance % Act. to Bgt. 2022	YTD Actual/ YTD Budget 2022
Public Health Programs (Calendar)						
Revenue						
Municipal Levy - Public Health	\$ 1,047,304	\$ 1,047,304	\$ (0)	\$ 4,189,216	0%	100%
Provincial Grants - Cost Shared Funding	725,676	725,675	1	8,708,100	0%	100%
Provincial Grants - Public Health 100% Prov. Funded	135,584	159,417	(23,833)	5,313,000	-15%	85%
Provincial Grants - Mitigation Funding	0	0	-	1,037,800	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Fees, other grants and recovery of expenditures	13,722	16,552	(2,830)	379,075	-17%	83%
Total Public Health Revenue	\$ 1,922,286	\$ 1,948,948	\$ (26,662)	\$ 19,627,191	-1%	99%
Expenditures						
Public Health Cost Shared	\$ 1,355,467	\$ 1,465,357	\$ 109,891	\$ 17,772,296	-7%	93%
Public Health 100% Prov. Funded Programs	114,276	154,575	40,298	1,854,895	-26%	74%
Total Public Health Programs Expenditures	\$ 1,469,743	\$ 1,619,932	\$ 150,189	\$ 19,627,191	-9%	91%
Total Rev. over Exp. Public Health	\$ 452,543	\$ 329,016	\$ 123,527	\$ 1		

Healthy Babies Healthy Children (Fiscal)

Provincial Grants and Recoveries	\$ 901,576	890,011	(11,565)	1,068,011	1%	101%
Expenditures	736,333	890,376	(154,042)	1,068,011	-17%	83%
Excess of Rev. over Exp.	165,243	(365)	165,607	-		

Public Health Programs (Fiscal)

Provincial Grants and Recoveries	\$ 1,365,774	1,512,093	146,319	1,883,241	-10%	90%
Expenditures	906,186	1,237,437	(331,251)	1,883,241	-27%	73%
Excess of Rev. over Fiscal Funded	459,588	274,656	184,932	-		

Community Health Programs (Non Public Health)

Calendar Programs						
Revenue						
Provincial Grants - Community Health	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Municipal, Federal, and Other Funding	0	0	-	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Total Community Health Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Expenditures						
Child Benefits Ontario Works	0	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Algoma CADAP programs	0	0	-	-	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Total Calendar Community Health Programs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Total Rev. over Exp. Calendar Community Health	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		

Fiscal Programs

Revenue						
Provincial Grants - Community Health	\$ 1,708,130	\$ 1,708,121	\$ 9	\$ 2,059,744	0%	100%
Municipal, Federal, and Other Funding	114,447	95,373	19,075	120,769	20%	120%
Other Bill for Service Programs	0	0	-	-		
Total Community Health Revenue	\$ 1,822,577	\$ 1,803,493	\$ 19,084	\$ 2,180,513	1%	101%
Expenditures						
Brighter Futures for Children	95,241	95,372	131	120,769	0%	100%
Infant Development	513,686	537,281	23,595	644,317	-4%	96%
Preschool Speech and Languages	459,078	545,893	86,815	733,971	-16%	84%
Nurse Practitioner	137,237	135,461	(1,776)	162,153	1%	101%
Stay on Your Feet	24,254	83,333	59,079	100,000	-71%	29%
Rent Supplements CMH	296,243	349,419	53,176	419,303	-15%	85%
Bill for Service Programs	10,669	0	(10,669)	(0)	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Misc Fiscal	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Total Fiscal Community Health Programs	\$ 1,536,409	\$ 1,746,760	\$ 210,351	\$ 2,180,513	-12%	88%
Total Rev. over Exp. Fiscal Community Health	\$ 286,168	\$ 56,733	\$ 229,435	\$ (0)		

Explanations will be provided for variances of 15% and \$15,000 occurring in the first 6 months and variances of 10% and \$10,000 occurring in the final 6 months

Algoma Public Health

Revenue Statement

For One Month Ending January 31, 2022

(Unaudited)

	Actual YTD 2022	Budget YTD 2022	Variance Bgt. to Act. 2022	Annual Budget 2022	Variance % Act. to Bgt. 2022	YTD Actual/ Annual Budget 2022	Comparison Prior Year:		
							YTD Actual 2021	YTD BGT 2021	Variance 2021
Levies Sault Ste Marie	737,931	737,931	(0)	2,951,725	0%	25%	670,847	670,847	0
Levies District	309,373	309,373	0	1,237,491	0%	25%	281,248	281,248	0
Total Levies	1,047,304	1,047,304	(0)	4,189,216	0%	25%	952,095	952,095	0
MOH Public Health Funding	725,676	725,676	0	8,708,100	0%	8%	565,990	565,990	0
MOH Funding Needle Exchange	0	0	0	0	0%	0%	0	0	0
MOH Funding Haines Food Safety	0	0	0	0	0%	0%	2,050	2,050	0
MOH Funding Healthy Smiles	0	0	0	0	0%	0%	64,158	64,158	0
MOH Funding - Social Determinants of Health	0	0	0	0	0%	0%	32,676	32,676	0
MOH Funding Chief Nursing Officer	0	0	0	0	0%	0%	0	0	0
MOH Enhanced Funding Safe Water	0	0	0	0	0%	0%	1,292	1,292	0
MOH Funding Infection Control	0	0	0	0	0%	0%	12,968	12,968	0
MOH Funding Diabetes	0	0	0	0	0%	0%	8,750	8,750	0
Funding Ontario Tobacco Strategy	0	0	0	0	0%	0%	25,294	25,294	0
MOH Funding Harm Reduction	0	0	0	0	0%	0%	12,500	12,500	0
MOH Funding Vector Borne Disease	0	0	0	0	0%	0%	0	0	0
MOH Funding Small Drinking Water Systems	0	0	0	0	0%	0%	0	0	0
Total Public Health Cost Shared Funding	725,676	725,676	0	8,708,100	0%	8%	725,678	725,678	0
MOH Funding - MOH / AMOH Top Up	15,276	15,775	(499)	189,300	-3%	8%	13,092	13,092	0
MOH Funding Northern Ontario Fruits & Veg.	9,784	9,783	1	117,400	0%	8%	9,784	9,784	0
MOH Funding Unorganized	44,200	44,200	0	530,400	0%	8%	44,200	44,200	0
MOH Senior Dental	58,158	81,492	(23,334)	977,900	-29%	6%	58,158	58,158	0
MOH Funding Indigenous Communities	8,166	8,167	(1)	98,000	0%	8%	8,166	8,166	0
One Time Funding (Pandemic Pay)	0	0	0	0	0%	0%	0	0	0
OTF COVID-19 extraordinary costs mass imm	0	0	0	3,400,000	#DIV/0!	0%	(6,954)	(6,954)	0
Total Public Health 100% Prov. Funded	135,584	159,417	(23,833)	5,313,000	-15%	3%	126,446	126,446	0
Total Public Health Mitigation Funding	0	0	0	1,037,800	#DIV/0!	0%	86,484	86,484	0
Recoveries from Programs	880	833	47	11,625	6%	8%	880	1,000	(120)
Program Fees	7,269	4,884	2,385	50,000	49%	15%	14,849	15,000	(151)
Land Control Fees	3,000	5,000	(2,000)	183,000	-40%	2%	2,425	3,000	(575)
Program Fees Immunization	780	4,166	(3,386)	50,000	-81%	2%	1,595	2,000	(405)
HPV Vaccine Program	0	0	0	9,500	#DIV/0!	0%	0	0	0
Influenza Program	0	0	0	23,500	#DIV/0!	0%	0	0	0
Meningococcal C Program	0	0	0	7,000	#DIV/0!	0%	0	0	0
Interest Revenue	1,793	1,667	126	20,000	8%	9%	952	1,000	(48)
Other Revenues	0	0	0	24,450	#DIV/0!	0%	0	0	0
Total Fees and Recoveries	13,722	16,551	(2,829)	379,075	-17%	4%	20,701	22,000	(1,299)
Total Public Health Revenue Annual	1,922,286	1,948,947	(26,661)	19,627,191	-1%	10%	1,911,404	1,912,703	(1,299)
Public Health Fiscal April 2021 - March 2022									
Vaccine Refrigerators	6,176	6,166	10	7,400	0%	83%			
Infection Prevention and Control Hub	713,660	810,668	(97,008)	1,060,000	-12%	67%			
Practicum	16,663	16,668	(5)	20,000	0%	83%			
School Nurses Initiative	582,756	582,750	6	700,000	0%	83%			
Sr Dental Capital Upgrades	46,519	95,841	(49,322)	95,841	-51%	49%			
Total Provincial Grants Fiscal	1,365,774	1,512,093	(146,319)	1,883,241	-11%	73%	0	0	0

Notes to Financial Statements – January 2022

Reporting Period

The January 2022 financial reports include one month of financial results for Public Health. All other non-funded public health programs are reporting ten months of results from operations year ending March 31, 2022.

Statement of Operations (see page 1)

Summary – Public Health and Non Public Health Programs

As of January 31, 2022, Public Health calendar programs are reporting a \$124K positive variance driven by a \$150K positive variance in expenditures and a \$27K negative variance in revenues.

Our Healthy Babies Healthy Children and Stay on Your Feet fiscal programs continue to report surpluses based on staff vacancies and re-deployment of work to the COVID programs throughout the fiscal year. We expect these surpluses to continue throughout the remainder of the fiscal year to end of March 2022. Also of particular note, any surplus amounts associated with the Infant Development and Preschool Speech programs as at the end of the fiscal year will be used for wrap up costs associated with these programs - acknowledging that these programs will no longer be offered through APH as of March 31, 2022.

Public Health Revenue (see page 2)

Overall, our Public Health revenues are on budget for 2022. Of note, is a \$23K negative variance associated with the Ontario Senior Dental program. This is based on the fact that the 2022 Public Health budget approved by the Board assumed a \$280K increase in costs & revenues associated with this program – for which approval has not yet been provided by the Province. *If* approval is provided for these requested funds, a mid-year catch up payment would be expected.

Mitigation funding from the province will continue for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

The province has confirmed that one time extraordinary cost reimbursement for the COVID 19 programs will continue through 2022, with approval and on-going funding to be based off of our Annual Service Plan and quarterly submissions to the province.

The COVID-19: School-Focused Nurses Initiative has been extended to December 31, 2022.

Notes Continued...

Public Health Expenses (see page 3)

Salary & Wages

There is a \$54K positive variance associated with Salary & Wages driven by position vacancies at the beginning of the year, as also noted throughout the course of 2021. Recruitment efforts are ongoing.

Benefits

There is a \$18K positive variance associated with Benefits, also tied to position vacancies.

Travel

There is a \$11K positive variance associated with Travel expenses. This is a result of APH employees continuing to work virtually as opposed to travelling throughout the district or attending meetings outside of the district.

Programs

There is a \$47K positive variance associated with Programs. This is largely driven by the continued focus of our staff redeployment to COVID 19 immunization and response programs in January, preventing our regular mandatory programming to be operating a regular capacity.

Computer Services

Computer services for 2022 are over-budgeted based on the true cost of IT projects coming in significantly below expected/budgeted costs.

Professional Development

There is a \$7K positive variance for Professional Development. At this time there has been limited spending for professional development, as staff availability is extremely tight and limited opportunities for professional development due to COVID-19.

Facilities Expense

There is a \$24K negative variance associated with facilities expenses which is driven by continued increased janitorial and security requirements associated with COVID 19 response and needs.

COVID-19 Expenses

COVID-19 Response

This program includes case and contact management as well as supporting the information phone lines. January YTD expenses were \$566K. The majority of this consists of salaries and

Notes Continued...

benefits costs of APH staff that under normal circumstances would be working in their assigned public health programs.

COVID-19 Mass Immunization

This program includes the planning, support, documentation, and actual needles in arms of the various COVID-19 vaccines. January YTD expenses were \$349K.

Financial Position - Balance Sheet (see page 7)

APH's liquidity position continues to be stable and the bank has been reconciled as of January 31, 2022. Cash includes \$1.40M in short-term investments.

Long-term debt of \$4.47 million is held by TD Bank @ 1.80% for a 60-month term (amortization period of 120 months) and matures on September 1, 2026. \$265k of the loan relates to the financing of the Elliot

Lake office renovations, which occurred in 2015 with the balance, related to the financing of the 294 Willow Avenue facility located in Sault Ste. Marie. There are no material accounts receivable collection concerns.

Please note that similar to previous years, the Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2022 (page 7) is not included as APH is currently completing year-end audit requirements. Once the 2021 annual audited financial statements are completed, the comparative balance sheet will be updated and provided.

Algoma Public Health
Expense Statement- Public Health
For One Month Ending January 31, 2022
(Unaudited)

	Actual YTD 2022	Budget YTD 2022	Variance Act. to Bgt. 2022	Annual Budget 2022	Variance % Act. to Bgt. 2022	YTD Actual/ Budget 2022	Comparison Prior Year:		
							YTD Actual 2021	YTD BGT 2021	Variance 2021
Salaries & Wages	942,633	996,423	53,790	11,957,080	-5%	8%	\$ 749,495	\$ 800,380	\$ 50,885
Benefits	213,270	230,792	17,522	2,769,505	-8%	8%	183,471	197,377	13,906
Travel	6,131	17,066	10,936	204,798	-64%	3%	4,017	9,450	5,433
Program	59,259	106,476	47,217	1,277,709	-44%	5%	41,690	55,891	14,201
Office	3,952	5,617	1,665	67,400	-30%	6%	9,807	9,000	(807)
Computer Services	50,949	72,216	21,268	866,598	-29%	6%	91,226	89,156	(2,070)
Telecommunications	26,521	28,333	1,812	339,996	-6%	8%	20,753	21,273	520
Program Promotion	3,859	8,117	4,258	97,400	-52%	4%	3,948	2,731	(1,217)
Professional Development	407	7,178	6,771	86,141	-94%	0%	1,526	2,000	474
Facilities Expenses	123,755	99,820	(23,935)	1,197,843	24%	10%	83,357	81,364	(1,993)
Fees & Insurance	3,139	12,025	8,886	332,300	-74%	1%	5,693	5,000	(693)
Debt Management	38,118	38,118	0	457,421	0%	8%	38,408	38,408	0
Recoveries	(2,250)	(2,250)	0	(27,000)	0%	8%	(6,330)	(6,330)	0
	\$ 1,469,743	\$ 1,619,932	\$ 150,190	\$ 19,627,191	-9%	7%	\$ 1,227,061	\$ 1,305,700	\$ 78,639

Governance Committee Meeting

March 7, 2022

Attendees Virtually:

Deborah Graystone - Chair

Brent Rankin

Musa Onyuna

APHU Members Attended Virtually:

Dr. Jennifer Loo – MOH

Dr. John Tuinema – AMOH & Director of Health Promotion

Antoinette Tomie – Director of Corporate Services

Tania Caputo - Board Secretary

Tanya Storozuk – Executive Assistant

A revised and updated Policy and By-Law tracking table was presented.

There was a discussion about By-Law #95-1, which was reviewed. It was determined that the corporate seal is no longer a requirement. Amendments to include more generic titles of staff to avoid title changes and subsequent policy changes and this policy will return to Governance Committee for review in May this year.

Policy 02-05-001 Composition and Accountability of the Board of Directors was reviewed.

There is a small difference in one aspect of the HPPA and our policy. It was decided to seek legal consult from the ministry to clarify. The committee decided to leave the language as noted in the policy until clarification is received.

Policy #02-05-010 Board Minutes - Posting and Circulation – No amendments were made. It was reviewed and approved.

Policy #02-05-088 Stakeholder Communication – No amendments were made. It was reviewed and approved.

Governance Terms of Reference were reviewed and accepted without amendments.

A document providing all board members terms of office was presented for information purposes. Continued encouragement for provincial appointees was recommended.

A resolution was made to accept the document The Algoma Public Health - Risk Management Document as presented.

Algoma Public Health – Policy and Procedure Manual – Board Policies and Bylaws

APPROVED BY:	Board of Health	REFERENCE #:	02-05-088
DATE:	Original: May 27, 2020 Reviewed: Mar 23, 2022	SECTION:	Policies
		SUBJECT:	Stakeholder Communication

PURPOSE:

Effective communication with all stakeholders is a key foundational activity of Algoma Public Health.

The Board of Health supports the staff of APH to share information with its stakeholders that complies with the Personal Health Information Protection Act, Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Health Protection and Promotion Act, Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, French Language Services Act, and Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act. APH will also follow directives from the Ministry of Health and best practices identified by organizations such as Public Health Ontario, Public Health Agency of Canada and the World Health Organization.

The Board recognizes APH's duty to communicate accurate, honest, meaningful, and understandable information (or expert advice in the absence of sufficient evidence) in a timely manner to stakeholders, through various means, with the aim to protect the individuals and the public supported by APH while protecting the privacy of individuals.

The Board also recognizes that effective and ongoing communication by APH during public health emergencies is critical in order to be transparent and accountable and to foster trust in the health unit by stakeholders to optimize the success of public health interventions.

POLICY:

- 1) The Board of Health is accountable to ensure that a communication plan is developed and regularly reviewed for various scenarios related to interactions with municipalities and stakeholders or that can impact public health (e.g., environmental and human disasters, infectious disease outbreaks, etc.). Communication will be designed to meet the needs of stakeholders and will be made available in French when required. Communication will align with these principles:
 - a) Communication will occur with all appropriate stakeholder(s) should a public health related threat or event occur;
 - b) Information communicated will comply with freedom of information and privacy legislation and established best practices as determined by APH based on relevant sources to protect the health of residents served by APH;
 - c) Individuals with the authority to share information with stakeholders and the media are identified;

- d) Information is shared with the appropriate stakeholders and the public in a timely manner with the appropriate sequence of the release of information (i.e., individual stakeholders are informed prior to public posting and sharing with the media);
- e) APH will, to the best of their ability, communicate information or expert advice that is accurate, honest, meaningful, and understandable and will communicate as frequently as required and reasonable;
- f) Communication with municipal councils will occur after every municipal election cycle to ensure the orientation of newly elected council members on APH's role; and
- g) Communication with municipal councils will occur after the yearly budget has been established for APH; a meeting may be scheduled with the council if requested.



February 23, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dr. Paul Roumeliotis
President
Association of Local Public Health Agencies
480 University Avenue, Suite 300
Toronto, ON M5G 1V2

Dear Dr. Roumeliotis:

Re: Health and Racial Equity: Denouncing Acts and Symbols of Hate

At its meeting on February 17, 2022, the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts carried the following resolution #08-22:

WHEREAS the reduction of health inequities is a goal of Ontario’s public health programs and services as set out in the Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS), health equity is a Foundational Standard of the OPHS, and programs and services must be implemented in accordance with the Health Equity Guideline which includes the requirement to apply anti racist, anti-oppressive, and culturally safe approaches to public health practice; and

WHEREAS the Vision of the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts, Healthier communities for all, is further guided by its Mission and Strategic Plan, both of which prioritize action in support of health equity; and

WHEREAS the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts is a leader among Ontario local public health agencies in their longstanding commitment to health and racial equity, including notably, the September 2019 endorsement of the Racial Equity Action Framework for Improved Health Equity; and

WHEREAS recent events in Ontario have included public displays of racism, anti Semitism and discrimination, all detrimental to optimal health for all and prompting the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA) on January 31, 2022, to issue the following statement:

While the right to protest is a fundamental element of our democracy, OPHA is disturbed by the hate filled racist and white supremacist symbols and messages flowing from the demonstrations in Ottawa. We denounce all forms of hate, bigotry, racism, antisemitism, and discrimination. Acts and

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symbols of hate are unwelcome and should not be tolerated. Silence is not acceptable. We urge political leaders from all levels & parties to speak out against such hate and racism, and to promote the importance of vaccines and other public health measures that are protecting all of us, especially the most vulnerable, against illness, hospitalization, & death. Change can only happen when we stand up and speak out. Let's work together to build a society that values diversity, inclusion, and optimal health for all.

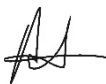
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts endorse the January 31, 2022, statement of the OPHA; and

FURTHER THAT the Board of Health encourage other Ontario boards of health and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies to do the same; and

FURTHER THAT that this resolution be shared with all boards of health, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, area Honorable Members of Parliament and Provincial Parliament, the Ontario Public Health Association, the Association Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), among other stakeholders.

A reduction of health inequities is a goal of Ontario's public health programs and services as set out in the OPHS. Both ALPHA and local Boards of Health have a long-standing history of supporting various health equity measures (e.g., food security, Truth and Reconciliation Commission calls to action, living wage, low-income dental, use of a health equity lens, national pharmacare, extending the Ontario Pregnancy and Breastfeeding Nutritional Allowance). Thanks to efforts like these, public health addresses the social determinants of health and promotes health equity. There is still work to be done. Recent events in Ontario have included public displays of racism, anti-Semitism and discrimination, all detrimental to optimal health for all. In supporting health for all, it is important that public health not remain silent and instead state that acts and symbols of hate are unwelcome and should not be tolerated. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,



Penny Sutcliffe, MD, MHSc, FRCPC
Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer

cc: All Ontario Boards of Health
Loretta Ryan, Executive Director, Association of Local Public Health Agencies
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March 16, 2022

The Honourable Christine Elliott
Minister of Health
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Elliott:

Re: Response to the Opioid Crisis in Simcoe Muskoka and Ontario-wide

On March 16, 2022, the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) Board of Health endorsed a set of provincial recommendations to help address the ongoing and escalating opioid crisis experienced within Simcoe Muskoka and province-wide. Despite regional activities in response to the opioid crisis, there remains an urgent need for heightened provincial attention and action to promptly and adequately address the extensive burden of opioid-related deaths being experienced by those who use substances.

In the 19 months of available data since the start of the pandemic (March 2020 to September 2021) there have been 245 opioid-related deaths in Simcoe Muskoka. This is nearly 70% higher than the 145 opioid-related deaths in the 19 months prior to the start of the pandemic (August 2018 to February 2020), when our communities were already struggling in the face of this crisis. The first nine months of 2021 saw an opioid-related death rate more than 33% higher than the first nine months of 2020, suggesting the situation has not yet stabilized.

As such, the SMDHU Board of Health urges your government to take the following actions:

1. Create a multisectoral task force to guide the development of a robust provincial opioid response plan that will ensure necessary resourcing, policy change, and health and social system coordination.
2. Expand access to evidence informed harm reduction programs and practices including lifting the provincial cap of 21 Consumption and Treatment Service (CTS) Sites, funding Urgent Public Health Needs Sites (UPHNS) and scaling up safer opioid supply options.
3. Explore revisions to the current CTS model to address the growing trends of opioid poisoning amongst those who are using inhalation methods.
4. Expand access to opioid agonist therapy for opioid use disorder through a range of settings (e.g. mobile outreach, primary care, emergency departments), and a variety of medication options.
5. Provide a long-term financial commitment to create more affordable and supportive housing for people in need, including people with substance use disorders.
6. Address the structural stigma and harms that discriminate against people who use drugs, through provincial support and advocacy to the Federal government to decriminalize personal use and possession of substances and ensure increased investments in health and social services at all levels.

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7. Increase investments in evidence-informed substance use prevention and mental health promotion initiatives, that provide foundational support for the health, safety and well-being of individuals, families, and neighbourhoods, beginning from early childhood.
8. Fund a fulltime position of a Drug Strategy Coordinator/Lead for the Simcoe Muskoka Opioid Strategy.

The SMDHU Board of Health has endorsed these recommendations based on the well-demonstrated need for a coordinated, multi-sectoral approach that addresses the social determinants of health and recognizes the value of harm reduction strategies alongside substance use disorder treatment strategies, as part of the larger opioid crisis response. Evidence has shown that harm reduction strategies can prevent overdoses, save lives, and connect people with treatment and social services. Further, there is an urgent need to change the current Canadian drug policy to allow a public health response to substance use, through decriminalization of personal use and possession paired with avenues towards health and social services, as our Board called for in 2018. These recommendations collectively promote effective public health and safety measures to address the social and health harms associated with substance use.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL Signed By:

Anita Dubeau
Board of Health Chair
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

cc: Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
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Chief Medical Officer of Health
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PLEASE ROUTE TO:

All Board of Health Members

All Members of Regional Health & Social Service Committees

All Senior Public Health Managers



March 11th, 2022

This update is a tool to keep alPHA's members apprised of the latest news in public health including provincial announcements, legislation, alPHA activities, correspondence, and events. Visit us at [alphaweb.org](#).

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**Notice of alPHA Conference and Annual General Meeting
June 14, 2022**

alPHA's 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Conference will be held online on June 14th! We are excited to announce that Eastern Ontario Public Health Unit will be co-hosting and the University of Toronto's Dalla Lana School of Public Health will be providing support for the event.

Please click here for the [June 2022 alPHA AGM Notice and Package](#) or click on the links below for the individual documents:

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- [Notice for the 2022 alPHA Annual General Meeting](#)
- [Call for 2022 alPHA Resolutions](#)
- [Call for 2022 alPHA Distinguished Service Awards](#)
- [Call for Board of Health Nominations](#)

In addition, the [Conference poster](#), [Conference Sponsorship package](#), and [alPHA Fitness Challenge](#) are also available.

Further details regarding registration and the conference program will be available in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please don't forget to hold the date: June 14th!

**Winter Symposium and Section Meetings
Public Health Resilience - Friday, February 25, 2022**

The alPHA Winter Symposium, *Public Health Resilience*, and Section Meetings took place on February 25th. We had a wonderful turnout and insightful presentations from all of our speakers. We would like to thank all attendees who came to the symposium. The event would not have been possible without your support!

alPHA is pleased to announce that [Symposium Proceedings](#) are now available on the alPHA website. You will need your login ID and password to access this document.

An acknowledgment goes out to all of our speakers including the Hon. Christine Elliott (Deputy Premier and Minister of Health), Jamie McGarvey (President, AMO), Dr. Theresa Tam, (Chief Public Health Officer of Canada), Dr. Kieran Moore (Chief Medical Officer of Health), Colleen Geiger (President and CEO (acting), Public Health Ontario), Dr. Brian Schwartz (Vice President, Public Health Ontario), Dr. Samir Patel (Chief, Microbiology and Laboratory Science (acting), Public Health Ontario), Dr. Jessica Hopkins (Chief Health Protection and Emergency Preparedness Officer, Public Health Ontario), Dr. Christopher Simpson (Executive Vice-President, Medical, Ontario Health), Dr. Sara Allin (Associate Professor, DLSPH), Dr. Charles Gardner (Chair, Ontario Medical Officers of Health), and Tim Arnold (Leaders for Leaders).

We would be remiss if we didn't thank Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, alPHA President and Chair of the symposium,

Dr. Charles Gardner, COMOH Section Chair, and Wess Garrod, BOH Section Chair for their leadership roles at the event. Many thanks to our alPHA Board members who also took on the role of moderator: Trudy Sachowski, Vice President, Carmen McGregor, Past President, Dr. Robert Kyle, Treasurer, Steven Rebellato, Affiliate Executive Representative, Cynthia St. John, Affiliate Representative, and René Lapierre, BOH Representative. A special shoutout goes to alPHA staff Loretta Ryan, Gordon Fleming, and Melanie Dziengo

Our thanks to the University of Toronto's Dalla Lana School of Public Health and the Eastern Ontario Health Unit for their generous support, especially Andrew Morrisson from EOHU and Obadiah George from DLSPH. Thank you too to Akanksha Ganguly for notetaking and other conference support.

Thank you to everyone who filled out the event survey. Your feedback helps us with planning future events. The winner of the survey draw from the Winter Symposium is Syd Gardiner!

Request for Photos

Do you have a photo showing alPHA members in action we can share with attendees at the Annual Conference? We want to continue to profile the key role public health is playing in the pandemic response. Please send your images to: info@alphaweb.org

alPHA Fitness Challenge

The alPHA fitness challenge is back! And this time...no paperwork!

All members are encouraged to engage in fitness activities that are at least 30 minutes in length during the month of May. Participate and share pictures on Twitter tagging [@PHAgencies](https://twitter.com/PHAgencies) #PublicHealthLeaders. Photos will be profiled during the June 14th Conference.

The Fitness Challenge flyer can be found [here](#).

The EQ Edge - Leadership Success Through Emotional Intelligence

This virtual half-day workshop specifically for Public Health professionals will take place on Wednesday, May 25th, 2022 - 1:00pm - 4:30pm EST. Whether you're a manager, a team member, on a board, or working in the community, emotional intelligence (EQ) is increasingly becoming one of the most important skills any professional can have. Join this half-day online workshop to understand what emotional intelligence is, assess your EQ effectiveness, and learn simple strategies that increase your EQ. **NOTE – space is limited to 25 participants, so register today!** [Click here for more information.](#)

Peel Medical of Health awarded with a key to the city

Earlier this month, Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie [awarded alPHA member, Dr. Lawrence Loh, with a key to the city](#). Dr. Loh has been instrumental in keeping Peel Region and Mississauga residents safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. Congratulations, Dr. Loh!

COVID-19 Update

As part of the response to COVID-19, alPHA continues to represent the public health system and work with key stakeholders. To keep members up-to-date, alPHA shares Ministry of Health Situation Reports and COVID-19-related news. If you are not receiving these, please get in touch with the contact person at your health unit who distributes information on behalf of alPHA.

[Visit the Ministry of Health's page on guidance for the health sector](#)
[View the Ministry's website on the status of COVID-19 cases](#)
[Go to Public Health Ontario's COVID-19 website](#)
[Visit the Public Health Agency of Canada's COVID-19 website](#)
[alPHA's recent COVID-19 related submissions can be found here](#)

alPHA Correspondence

Through policy analysis, collaboration, and advocacy, alPHA's members and staff act to promote public health policies that form a strong foundation for the improvement of health promotion and protection, disease prevention, and surveillance services in all of Ontario's communities. Correspondence since the last Newsletter:

[alPHA Letter - 2022 Pre-Budget Submission, January 19, 2022](#)

[alPHA Speaking Notes - Pre Budget, Jan 19, 2022](#)

[AOPHBA Letter - Bill 116 Redeployment](#)

In case you missed it, here are alPHA's most recent position paper and the executive summary:

[alPHA Report: PH Resilience 2022](#)

A complete online library is available [here](#).

Boards of Health: Shared Resources

A resource [page](#) is available on alPHA's website for Board of Health members to facilitate the sharing of and access to orientation materials, best practices, by-laws, resolutions, and other resources. If you have a best practice, by-law or any other resource that you would like to make available, please send a file or a link with a brief description to gordon@alphaweb.org and for posting in the appropriate library. Resources available on the alPHA website include:

- [Orientation Manual for Boards of Health](#)
- [Review of Board of Health Liability, 2018](#)
- [Legal Matters: Updates for Boards of Health](#)
- [Ontario Boards of Health by Region](#)
- [Governance Toolkit](#)
- [Risk Management for Health Units](#)
- [Healthy Rural Communities Toolkit](#)
- [The Ontario Public Health Standards](#)
- [Public Appointee Role and Governance Overview](#)
- [List of Health Units sorted by Municipality](#)
- [List of Municipalities sorted by Health Unit](#)
- [Map: Boards of Health Types](#)
- [NCCHPP Report: Profile of Ontario's Public Health System \(2021\)](#)

PHO Resources

Variants of Concern

- [COVID-19 Omicron Variant Sub-lineage BA.2: Available Evidence and Risk Assessment](#)
- [Omicron in Ontario: Risk Analysis for Approaching Public Health Measures in Winter 2022](#)
- [Cycle Threshold Values of S-Gene Target Failure COVID-19 Cases in Ontario: December 6 to December 30, 2021](#)

Check out PHO's [Variants of Concern](#) web page for the most up-to-date resources.

Health Care Resources

- [Cohorting Strategies to Facilitate Bed Flow in Acute Care Settings](#)
- [COVID-19 Transmission through Short and Long-Range Respiratory Particles](#)
- [Universal Mask Use in Health Care](#)

Check out PHO's [Health Care Resources](#) page for a comprehensive list of all health care resources.

Upcoming PHO Events

- April 12 | [PHO Rounds: Public Health Nurse-Delivered Group Cognitive Behavioural Therapy for Postpartum Depression](#)

Interested in our upcoming events? Check out our [Events](#) page to stay up-to-date with all PHO events.

Missed an event? Check out PHO's [Presentations](#) page for full recordings our events.

Upcoming DLSPH Events, Courses and Webinars

The Dalla Lana School of Public Health hosts many public health-related events, from regular seminar series, featured guest speakers, and professional development opportunities. View all events by day, month, or type of event [here](#). You can explore all past webinars [here](#).

Upcoming events include:

- March 19-20, 2022 [10th World Breast Pathology and Breast Cancer Conference](#)
- March 22, 2022 [Understanding and Address Anti-Semitism](#)
- March 23, 2022 [CanPath COVID-19 Antibody Study Results Webinar](#)
- March 30, 2022 [Health Policy for the Anthropocene](#)

News Releases

The most up to date news releases from the Government of Ontario can be accessed [here](#).

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Take Care,

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE - June 14, 2022

This package contains the following information:

Notice of the 2022 alPHa Annual General Meeting

Call for 2022 alPHa Resolutions

Call for 2022 alPHa Distinguished Service Awards

Call for Board of Health Nominations to the alPHa Board of Directors



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N O T I C E

2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the **ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES (alPHa)** will be held online on **Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 10:15 AM Eastern Daylight Time** at the *2022 Annual Conference*, for the following purposes:

1. To consider and approve the minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting;
2. To receive and adopt the annual reports from the President, Executive Director, Section Chairs and others, as appropriate;
3. To consider and approve the Audited Financial Statement for 2021-2022;
4. To appoint an auditor for 2022-2023; and
5. To transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

DATED at Toronto, Ontario March 11, 2022.

BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.



Loretta Ryan
Executive Director



Call for Resolutions

ALPHA members are invited to submit resolutions for consideration at the 2022 ALPHA Annual General Meeting & Resolutions Session during the *Annual Conference* in June.

It is important that resolutions are drafted using the "**Procedural Guidelines for ALPHA Resolutions**" found by [clicking here](#). Members are also encouraged to visit ALPHA's [extensive library](#) of past resolutions to ensure consistency with or to build upon existing positions where appropriate.

Please note that resolutions should be limited to **one** operative clause **per issue** (other than specific directions on whom to advise) to allow for focused advocacy and monitoring.

Who may submit?

- A member board of health.
- the ALPHA Board of Directors, the ALPHA Executive Committee, an ALPHA Section (i.e. COMOH or Boards of Health) or a Section Executive Committee.
- An Affiliate member organization.

When is the deadline to submit?

- **Friday, April 8, 2022, 4:30 PM** for resolutions that request amendments to the ALPHA Constitution.
- **Friday, April 22, 2022, 4:30 PM** for all resolutions that do not request amendments to ALPHA's Constitution.
- **Late Resolutions:** Resolutions received after the deadline may still be considered under the criteria for Late Resolutions. We ask that the sponsor submit them along with supporting materials to the ALPHA office as soon as possible after the deadline for review and advance distribution to the membership. Late resolutions will only be debated at the AGM if time allows and if delegates agree to consider these by a two-thirds majority vote.

When will resolutions be debated by the ALPHA membership?

- There will be a special session to consider resolutions on June 14th, 2022, immediately following the Annual General Meeting portion of the *Annual Conference*.

How may I submit the resolutions?

- Only electronic submissions in **MS Word** will be accepted. Please [click here](#) to download a template.

Please email Submissions to: Loretta Ryan, Executive Director, ALPHA loretta@alphaweb.org.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

alPHa Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award (DSA) is awarded annually by the Association of Local Public Health Agencies to individuals in recognition of their outstanding contributions made to public health in Ontario.

How many awards are given yearly?

- A maximum of one award per Section and Affiliate organization may be presented in any given year.
- On occasion, an award may be given to individuals outside alPHa for their contributions to public health. No more than one such nomination will be considered in any given year.

Who is eligible to receive the DSA?

- Eligibility is open to individuals who fall under the following categories and have served a member board of health in alPHa for at least three years:
 - A member of alPHa's Boards of Health Section.
 - A member of the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health.
 - A member of one of alPHa's seven affiliated organizations (i.e., AOPHBA, APHEO, ASPHIO, HPO, OAPHD, ODPH, OPHNL).
- Consideration may also be given to individuals outside the alPHa membership who have made outstanding contributions to public health in Ontario.

Who deserves the DSA?

- Eligible recipients have:
 - Demonstrated exceptional qualities of leadership in their own milieu.
 - Achieved tangible results through lengthy service and/or distinctive acts.
 - Displayed exemplary devotion to public health at the provincial level.

Who can nominate?

- Any member of alPHa including Board of Health members, Medical and Associate Medical Officers of Health, and Affiliate representatives may nominate. Please note that three (3) Section or Affiliate members of alPHa must sign the nomination form.
- In the case of nominations of *non-members of alPHa*, nominations must come from any three (3) active members of alPHa; only alPHa members may nominate potential candidates.
- The Award is presented on behalf of each of alPHa's various membership groups, i.e., the Boards of Health Section, Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health (COMOH), and the seven Affiliate organizations of alPHa. **Therefore, nominations must be issued by the nominee's Section or Affiliate organization** (i.e., nominations of Board of Health members must come from the Board of Health Section; nominations of Medical/Associate Medical Officer of Health must come from the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health; and nominations of senior public health staff must come from the nominee's respective Affiliate organization). If you want to recommend an individual for nomination by their Section or Affiliate

organization, please contact the Chair or President of the respective Section or Affiliate organization.

What materials must accompany the nomination form?

1. Signatures of the nominator and two (2) other supporting voting members of alPHA.
2. A **cover letter explaining why the nominee is deserving of this award**. Since the members of the Selection Committee more than likely will not know the nominee, they will base their assessment on what is conveyed to them in the cover letter. The letter should tell the Selection Committee what the nominee has achieved and why it is outstanding.
3. A service record or curriculum vitae that includes the following:
 - Personal achievements at the local level.
 - Special or distinctive services on behalf of public health provincially.
 - Leadership and contributions on behalf of alPHA and/or one of its Sections; an Affiliated organization; or a provincial public health organization.

Where should I send the nominations to?

- Nomination forms along with all relevant accompaniments should be emailed to Loretta Ryan, Executive Director, alPHA, at loretta@alphaweb.org.

When is the deadline to submit nominations?

- **Friday, April 15, 2022, 4:30 PM.**

Who selects the DSA recipients?

- All nominations are reviewed by the Executive Committee of alPHA.
- In the event of a tie, the alPHA Board of Directors will determine the Award recipient.

How are Award recipients notified?

- Award recipients are notified in writing by alPHA approximately one month prior to the conference date.
- Award recipients will be recognized during the *Annual Conference*.

Who can I contact if I have further questions on the Awards?

- Loretta Ryan, Executive Director, alPHA, 416-595-0006 ex. 222, email: loretta@alphaweb.org.



2022 NOMINATION FORM
Distinguished Service Award

I HEREBY NOMINATE THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL TO RECEIVE THE alPHA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:

Nominee: _____

Title: _____

Health Unit/Agency/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Membership Group within alPHA (choose one):

- BOH COMOH AOPHBA APHEO ASPHIO
HPO OAPHD ODPH OPHNL OTHER

NOMINATOR'S SIGNATURE:

Name (please print): _____

Title: _____

Health Unit/Agency/Organization: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SUPPORTING SIGNATURES (must be different from nominator):

1. _____ Name (please print): _____

2. _____ Name (please print): _____

This completed form must be accompanied by a cover letter and service record, or curriculum vitae, to at least include a list of personal achievements at the local level, special or distinctive services on behalf of public health provincially and contributions on behalf of alPHA and/or one of its Sections, Affiliated organizations or a provincial health organization.

Please forward by Friday, April 15, 2022, 4:30 PM

to: Loretta Ryan, Executive Director, Association of Local Public Health Agencies, loretta@alphaweb.org

**CALL FOR BOARD OF HEALTH NOMINATIONS
 2022-2024
 alPHa BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



alPHa is accepting nominations for **three** Board of Health representatives to fill positions on its Board of Directors from the following regions and for the following terms:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. East 2. Central West 3. South West 	} 2-year term each (June 2022 to June 2024)
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See the attached appendix for boards of health in each of these regions.

Each position will fill a seat on the Boards of Health Section Executive Committee and a seat on the alPHa Board of Directors. If you are an active member of a Board of Health/Regional Health Committee who is interested in running for a seat, please consider standing for nomination.

Qualifications:

- Active member of an Ontario Board of Health (or regional public health committee) that is a member organization of alPHa.
- Knowledge and skills in the areas of not-for-profit governance: policy, finance, programs and human resources.
- Previous volunteer leadership experience in a not-for-profit is an asset but not a requirement.
- Strong commitment to public health and the work of the organization.

An election to determine the representatives will be held at the Boards of Health Section Meeting on June 14, 2022, at the alPHa Annual Conference. All nominees must be present.

Nominations close 4:30 PM, Friday, May 27, 2022.

Serving on the alPHa Board is an important opportunity for you to:

- Play a part in making alPHa a stronger leadership organization for public health agencies in Ontario.
- Represent your colleagues at the provincial level.
- Participate in discussion reflecting common concerns of public health agency management across the province.
- Expand your contacts and strengthen relationships with Medical Officers of Health, Public Health Unit senior staff and board of health members and lend your expertise to the development of alPHa position papers and official response to issues affecting all public health agencies.
- Participate on provincial ad hoc or advisory committees.

Continued

Duties of a Director:

- Make decisions in the best interest of the Association's long and short-term goals, objectives, priorities, and initiatives using a thorough understanding of alPHa's Constitution, Strategic Plan, policies, and procedures, including the Code of Conduct.
- Prepare for, attend and actively participate in Board meetings and the Annual General Meeting.
- Approve Strategic Plan, Annual Budget, and Annual Report.
- Review and approve major contracts and grants.
- Complete tasks as assigned by the President and the Executive Committee.
- Provide written and verbal reports, as appropriate.
- Participate on ad hoc committees and sub-committees, as appropriate.
- Provide input and consultation to the alPHa President and Executive Director, as needed.
- Hire and evaluate the Association's Executive Director.
- Serve as a public figure and spokesperson for the Association, as appropriate.

How is the alPHa Board structured?

- There are 22 directors on the alPHa Board.
 - 7 from the Boards of Health Section.
 - 7 from the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health (COMOH).
 - 1 from each of the 7 Affiliate Organizations of alPHa.
 - 1 from the Ontario Public Health Association Board of Directors.
- There are three (3) committees of the alPHa Board: Executive Committee, Boards of Health Section Executive, and COMOH Executive.

What is the Boards of Health Section Executive Committee of alPHa?

- This is a committee of the alPHa Board of Directors comprising seven (7) *Board of Health representatives*.
- It includes a Chair and Vice-Chair who are chosen by the Section Executive members; and
- Members of the Section Executive attend all alPHa Board meetings and participate in teleconferences throughout the year.

How long is the term on the Boards of Health Section Executive/alPHa Board of Directors?

- A full term is two (2) years with no limit to the number of consecutive terms.
- Mid-term appointments will be for less than two years.

What is the time commitment for a Section Executive member/Director of alPHa?

- alPHa Board meetings are held four (4) times a year; a fifth and final meeting is held at the June *Annual Conference*.
- Boards of Health Section Executive Committee teleconferences are held five (5) times throughout the year.
- The Chair of the Boards of Health Section Executive participates on alPHa Executive Committee teleconferences that are held five (5) to ten (10) times a year. Other ad hoc meetings may be held.

Are my expenses as a Director of the alPHa Board covered?

- Any travel expenses incurred by an alPHa Director during Association meetings are *not* covered by the Association but are the responsibility of the Director's sponsoring health unit.

How do I stand for consideration for appointment to the alPHA Board of Directors?

- Submit a completed Form of Nomination and Consent along with a biography of your suitability for candidacy (maximum 200 words) and a copy of the motion from your Board of Health supporting your nomination to alPHA by **May 27, 2022**.
- All nominees are required to attend and participate in the alPHA Boards of Health Section Executive Elections on June 14, 2022.

Who should I contact if I have questions on any of the above?

- Loretta Ryan, alPHA, 416-595-0006 ex. 222, email: loretta@alphaweb.org

Appendix to Nomination and Consent Form – alPHA Board of Directors 2022-2024

Central West Region

Boards of health in this region include:

Brant
Haldimand-Norfolk
Halton
Hamilton
Niagara
Waterloo
Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph

East Region

Boards of health in this region include:

Eastern Ontario
Hastings Prince Edward
Kingston Frontenac Lennox & Addington
Leeds Grenville & Lanark
Ottawa
Renfrew

South West Region

Boards of health in this region include:

Chatham-Kent
Grey Bruce
Huron Perth
Lambton
Middlesex-London
Southwestern
Windsor-Essex



FORM OF NOMINATION AND CONSENT
alPHA Board of Directors 2022-2024

_____, a Member of the Board of Health of
(Please print nominee’s name)

_____, is HEREBY NOMINATED
(Please print health unit name)

as a candidate for election to the alPHA Board of Directors for the following Boards of Health Section Executive seat from (*choose one using the list of Board of Health Vacancies on previous pages*):

- East (2-year term)
- Central West (2-year term)
- South West Region (2-year term)

SPONSORED BY: 1) _____
(Signature of a Member of the Board of Health)

2) _____
(Signature of a Member of the Board of Health)

Date: _____

I, _____, HEREBY CONSENT to my nomination
(Signature of nominee)

and agree to serve as a **Director of the alPHA Board** if appointed.

Date: _____

IMPORTANT:

1. Nominations close **4:30 PM, May 27, 2022**, and must be submitted to alPHA by this deadline.
2. A **biography** of the nominee outlining their suitability for candidacy, as well as a **motion passed by the sponsoring Board of Health** (i.e. record of a motion from the Clerk/Secretary of the Board of Health) must also be submitted along with this nomination form on separate pages by the deadline.

There is a 200-word limit for the biography. Links may be included in the biography but not attachments. Candidates are encouraged to include a photo.

3. Email the completed form, biography and copy of Board motion, to Loretta Ryan at loretta@alphaweb.org.



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SAULT STE. MARIE REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

2022 Annual General Meeting Agenda Tuesday, March 29, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m. Hybrid Meeting (In Person / Electronic)

1. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Finance and Administration**
 - a) Election of Officers
 - b) Appointments for 2022
 - i. Banking Agents & Borrowing Arrangements
 - ii. Appointment of Auditor
 - iii. Appointment of Legal Council
 - iv. CA Representatives on Conservation Ontario Council
 - c) Adoption of previous meeting minutes
 - c) Accounts Payable
 - d) March Health and Safety Meeting Minutes
 - e) 2022 Meeting Schedule
 - f) Revised Fee Schedule
 - g) Code of Conduct
4. **Adjourn to continue the meeting after the SPA**
5. **Board Member Orientation Presentation**
6. **Water and Related Land Management**

Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses

 - a) Application Approvals
7. **New Business / Other**
 - a) General Manager's Update Report
 - b) Approval of Programs and Services Inventory
 - c) Vayle proposal to SSMRCA: Privacy Compliance and Information Security
8. **Closed Session**
 - a) To discuss a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of CA land
9. **Adjournment**

For members of the public interested in attending this meeting, please contact the General Manager, Corrina Barrett, at cbarrett@ssmrca.ca to make arrangements. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



**SAULT STE. MARIE SOURCE PROTECTION AUTHORITY
2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 29, 2022
Hybrid Meeting
Agenda**

- 1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Administration**
 - Appointment of Officers
- 4. Program Update**
 - Introduction of new SPC Chair
 - Introduction of new SWP Liaison Officer
- 4. Adjournment**

For members of the public interested in attending this meeting, please contact the General Manager, Corrina Barrett, at cbarrett@ssmrca.ca to make arrangements. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



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January 17, 2022

Resolution 2022-01: Support for the Expansion of NOSM to address the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario.

Background:

There is a desperate shortage of physicians and health care professionals in Northwestern Ontario. The global pandemic has put a microscope on the inadequacies and vulnerabilities present in the health care system in northern communities with limited access to physicians and specialists. Northwestern Ontario is a vast geographic region, and many smaller communities are not equipped with their own hospitals or trained professionals. Therefore, residents from many municipalities must travel long distances to access health care services. Procuring and retaining skilled physicians that can respond to the unique and multifaceted health care needs of Northern communities is of vital importance and will translate to lives saved.

The Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM), along with Lakehead and Laurentian universities, developed a unique and successful curriculum that resulted in highly trained physicians and specialists. A large portion of students complete their training in rural communities in Northwestern Ontario and many choose to stay and develop their practice. NOSM has proven highly successful at providing doctors for Northern Ontario.

Recommendation:

WHEREAS that the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association recognizes the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario as it is experiencing a shortage of trained physicians and specialist physicians;

AND WHEREAS one in eight Northern residents do not have access to a family doctor and many must travel long distances to access health care services representing the failure of health care in Northern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS communities in Northern Ontario require access to equitable health care, especially underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities;

AND WHEREAS the expansion of physician training at NOSM is a way to encourage more physicians to come and work in Northern communities and care must be taken to encourage newly trained physicians to stay and contribute to the health care crisis in the North;

AND WHEREAS although highly successful at providing doctors for Northern Ontario, NOSM has fewer health care professionals' spots than the rest of Ontario medical schools and it would take at minimum, five NOSM graduating classes at sixty-four physicians per year to address the current shortage.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT with the announcement of NOSM becoming a free-standing University, the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association requests that the Provincial Government and

the Ontario Medical Association immediately expand NOSM's capacity to meet the needs of Northern Ontario, with added MD positions, Residency positions (PGY 1, 3, and 4) and clinical teaching funding to the Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, Minister of Health Christine Elliot, MPP Victor Fedeli, The Leaders of the Opposition Parties, Ontario Medical Association, Northern School of Medicine, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), all Clerks and CAOs of NOMA.

Moved By: Wendy Brunetta

Seconded By: Rick Dumas

CARRIED



President

Cc: Hon. Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges and Universities
Hon. Christine Elliot, Minister of Health
Hon. Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade
Hon. Steven Del Duca, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party
Hon. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Ontario NDP Party
Ontario Medical Association
Northern School of Medicine
Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
All Clerks and CAOs of NOMA



Township of Chapple

MEETING DATE: 8 March 2022

RESOLUTION NUMBER: RES-7-2022

Philip Schum *Ken W. Jones*

THAT the Township of Chapple supports the resolution from the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) with regards to supporting the expansion of Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) to address the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario; and

BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, Minister of Health Christine Elliot, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade Victor Fedeli, local MP's and MPP's, Ontario Medical Association, Northern School of Medicine, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).

Rules Race
Signature

DISPOSITION:

CARRIED. ✓



The Corporation of the
Municipality of Mississippi Mills

Council Meeting

Resolution Number 080-22

Title: Information List #05-22 Town of Bracebridge Resolution re: Joint and Several Liability Reform

Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Moved by Councillor Holmes

Seconded by Councillor Dalgity

WHEREAS municipal governments provide essential services to the residents and businesses in their communities; and

WHEREAS the ability to provide those services is negatively impacted by exponentially rising insurance costs; and

WHEREAS one driver of rising insurance costs is the legal principle of “joint and several liability”, which assigns disproportionate liability to municipalities for an incident relative to their responsibility for it; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has the authority and responsibility for the legal framework of “joint and several liability”; and

WHEREAS the Premier of Ontario committed to review the issue in 2018 with a view to helping municipal governments manage their risks and costs; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Review was conducted in 2019 with AMO and municipalities fully participating; and

WHEREAS the results of the Provincial Review have not been released and municipalities are still awaiting news of how the Attorney General will address this important matter; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) on behalf of municipal governments has provided recommendations in their document “Towards a Reasonable Balance – Addressing Growing Municipal Liability and Insurance Costs” to align municipal liability with the proportionate responsibility for incidents and capping awards; and

WHEREAS The Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has written to the Attorney General in support of the abovementioned recommendations provided by AMO;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Municipality of Mississippi Mills calls on the Attorney General of Ontario to work with municipal governments to put forward a plan of action to address “joint and several liability” before the end of the government’s current term.
2. That the Municipality of Mississippi Mills supports the seven (7) recommendations contained in the AMO submission “Towards a Reasonable Balance – Addressing Growing Municipal Liability and Insurance Costs” to re-establish the priority for provincial action on this issue.
3. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Attorney General, the Honourable Doug Downey; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Steve Clark; AMO President, Jamie McGarvey, AMCTO President, Sandra MacDonald; and all Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

I, Casey Munro, Deputy Clerk for the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution enacted by Council.



Casey Munro, Deputy Clerk



PORT COLBORNE

March 22, 2022

Moved by Councillor E. Beauregard
Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

WHEREAS the **Year of the Garden 2022** celebrates the Centennial of Canada's horticulture sector; and

WHEREAS gardens and gardening contribute to the quality of life of our municipality and create safe and healthy places where people can come together; and

WHEREAS the **Year of the Garden 2022** will highlight and celebrate the important contribution of gardeners, our local gardening organizations, horticultural professionals and local horticultural businesses which contribute to garden culture and the experience garden of our municipality; and

WHEREAS gardens and gardening have helped us face the challenges of the COVID pandemic; and

WHEREAS Communities in Bloom in collaboration with the Canadian Garden Council, invites all municipalities to celebrate the Year of the Garden; and

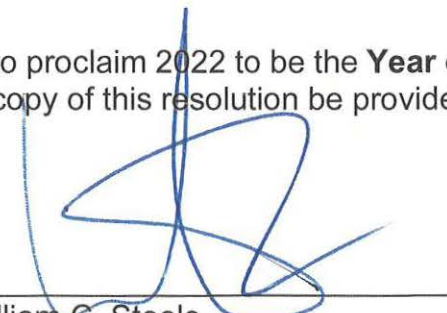
NOW THEREFORE I, Mayor William C. Steele, do hereby proclaim 2022 as the **Year of the Garden**, in the City of Port Colborne. In celebration of the contribution of gardens and gardening to the development of our country, our municipality and the lives of our citizens in terms of health, quality of life and environmental challenges; and

THAT the Saturday before Father's Day, June 18 in 2022, be recognized as Garden Day in the City of Port Colborne as a legacy of Canada's Year of the Garden 2022; and

THAT the City of Port Colborne is committed to be a Garden Friendly City supporting the development of its garden culture; and

THAT all municipalities across Canada be invited to proclaim 2022 to be the **Year of the Garden** in their respective municipalities, and that a copy of this resolution be provided to all municipalities of Ontario, for that purpose.





William C. Steele
Mayor

March 23, 2022

Hon. Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
College Park, 17th Floor
777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

**RE: Resolution from the City of Waterloo passed March 21st, 2022 re: Ontario
Must Build it Right the First Time**

Dear Minister Clark,

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Waterloo at its Council meeting held on Monday, March 21st, 2022 resolved as follows:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario adopted greenhouse gas reduction targets of 30% by 2030, and emissions from buildings represented 22% of the province's 2017 emissions,

WHEREAS all Waterloo Region municipalities, including the City of Waterloo, adopted greenhouse gas reduction targets of 80% below 2012 levels by 2050 and endorsed in principle a 50% reduction by 2030 interim target that requires the support of bold and immediate provincial and federal actions,

WHEREAS greenhouse gas emissions from buildings represent 45% of all emissions in Waterloo Region, and an important strategy in the TransformWR community climate action strategy, adopted by all Councils in Waterloo Region, targets new buildings to be net-zero carbon or able to transition to net-zero carbon using region-wide building standards and building capacity and expertise of building operators, property managers, and in the design and construction sector,

WHEREAS the City of Waterloo recently adopted a net-zero carbon policy for new local government buildings and endorsed a corporate greenhouse gas and energy roadmap to achieve a 50% emissions reduction by 2030 for existing local government buildings and net-zero emissions by 2050 (provided the provincial electricity grid is also net-zero emissions),

WHEREAS the draft National Model Building Code proposes energy performance tiers for new buildings and a pathway to requiring net zero ready construction in new buildings, allowing the building industry, skilled trades, and suppliers to adapt on a predictable and reasonable timeline while encouraging innovation;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is consulting on changes for the next edition of the Ontario Building Code (ERO #: 019-4974) that generally aligns with the draft National Model Building Code except it does not propose adopting energy performance tiers, it does not propose timelines for increasing minimum energy performance standards step-by-step to the highest energy performance tier, and, according to Efficiency Canada and The Atmospheric Fund, it proposes adopting minimum energy performance standards that do not materially improve on the requirements in the current Ontario Building code;

WHEREAS buildings with better energy performance provide owners and occupants with lower energy bills, improved building comfort, and resilience from power disruptions that are expected to be more common in a changing climate, tackling both inequality and energy poverty;

WHEREAS municipalities are already leading the way in adopting or developing energy performance tiers as part of Green Development Standards, including Toronto and Whitby with adopted standards and Ottawa, Pickering, and others with standards in development;

WHEREAS the City of Waterloo is finalizing Green Development Standards for its west side employment lands and actively pursuing Green Development Standards in partnership with the Region of Waterloo, the Cities of Kitchener and Cambridge, and all local electricity and gas utilities through WR Community Energy;

WHEREAS while expensive retrofits of the current building stock to achieve future net zero requirements could be aligned with end-of-life replacement cycles to be more cost-efficient, new buildings that are not constructed to be net zero ready will require substantial retrofits before end-of-life replacement cycles at significantly more cost, making it more cost-efficient to build it right the first time.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request the Province of Ontario to include energy performance tiers and timelines for increasing minimum energy performance standards step-by-step to the highest energy performance tier in the next edition of the Ontario Building Code, consistent with the intent of the draft National Model Building Code and the necessity of bold and immediate provincial action on climate change;

THAT Council request the Province of Ontario to adopt a more ambitious energy performance tier of the draft National Model Building Code as the minimum requirement for the next edition of the Ontario Building Code than those currently proposed;

THAT Council request the Province of Ontario provide authority to municipalities to adopt a specific higher energy performance tier than the Ontario Building Code, which would provide more consistency for developers and homebuilders than the emerging patchwork of municipal Green Development Standards;

THAT Council request the Province of Ontario to facilitate capacity, education and training in the implementation of the National Model Building Code for municipal planning and building inspection staff, developers, and homebuilders to help build capacity; and

THAT this resolution be provided to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to area MPPs, and to all Ontario Municipalities.

Please accept this letter for information purposes only.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Julie Scott
City Clerk, City of Waterloo

CC (by email):

Catherine Fife, M.P.P (Waterloo)
Laura Mae Lindo, M.P.P (Kitchener Centre)
Belinda C. Karahalios, M.P.P (Cambridge)
Amy Fee, M.P.P (Kitchener-South Hespeler)
Mike Harris, M.P.P (Kitchener-Conestoga)

CITY OF QUINTE WEST

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March 22, 2022

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Legislative Building
Queen's Park, Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

RE: Resolutions – “Dissolve Ontario Land Tribunal” Support Request

Dear Premier Ford:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on March 21, 2022 Council passed the following resolution:

Motion No. 22-079 – Notice of Motion - Councillor Cassidy - Support Resolutions regarding "Renovictions" and "Dissolve The Ontario Land Tribunal"

Moved by Kuntze
Seconded by O'Neil

That the City of Quinte West request the Ontario Government will both take immediate additional steps to address the ever-increasing problem of “Renovictions” and other bad faith evictions and extend rent control to all tenancies including those first occupied after November 2018 which are currently exempt from rent control restrictions; and

Further that the City of Quinte West request the Ontario Government to dissolve the Ontario Land Tribunal thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and

Further that a copy of these separate Motions be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Official Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Parties, and to all members of AMO. **Carried**

Please find attached a copy of the said resolution from the Town of Kingsville.

We trust that you will give favourable consideration to this request.

Sincerely,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Harrison".

Jim Harrison
Mayor

cc: Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader, Official Opposition
Mr. Steven Del Duca, Leader, Ontario Liberal Party
Mr. Mike Schreiner, Leader, Ontario Green Party
Mr. Jamie McGarvey, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Municipalities in Ontario



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VIA EMAIL (premier@ontario.ca)

February 22, 2022

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: RESOLUTION OF THE ONTARIO LAND TRIBUNAL

At its Regular Meeting held Monday, February 14, 2022 the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville passed the following motion in support of the Town of Aurora, Request for Support for Government of Ontario to dissolve the Ontario Land Tribunal. (copy enclosed).

"138-02142022

Moved By Deputy Mayor Gord Queen

Seconded By Councillor Kim DeYong

Whereas Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy; and

Whereas an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of our community; and

Whereas our Official Plan includes provisions that encourage development of the "missing middle" or "gentle density" to meet the need for attainable housing in our community; and

Whereas our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the province; and

Whereas it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or

fit within the vision of The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville's Official Plan;
and

Whereas it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville's Official Plan; and

Whereas municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or "OMB"), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville; and

Whereas the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a "best planning outcome" and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with municipal Official Plans; and

Whereas all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Council are only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law and or process; and

Whereas Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans; and

Whereas towns and cities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings; and

Whereas lengthy, costly OLT hearings add years to the development approval process and act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing.

Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

CARRIED”

Please contact the undersigned if you should require any further information.

Yours very truly,



Paula Parker
Town Clerk
Legislative Services Department
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cc:

Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing steve.clark@pc.ola.org
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March 22, 2022

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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RE: Resolutions – “Renovictions” Support Request

Dear Premier Ford:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on March 21, 2022 Council passed the following resolution:

Motion No. 22-079 – Notice of Motion - Councillor Cassidy - Support Resolutions regarding "Renovictions" and "Dissolve The Ontario Land Tribunal"

Moved by Kuntze
Seconded by O'Neil

That the City of Quinte West request the Ontario Government will both take immediate additional steps to address the ever-increasing problem of “Renovictions” and other bad faith evictions and extend rent control to all tenancies including those first occupied after November 2018 which are currently exempt from rent control restrictions; and

Further that the City of Quinte West request the Ontario Government to dissolve the Ontario Land Tribunal thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and

Further that a copy of these separate Motions be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Official Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Parties, and to all members of AMO. **Carried**

Please find attached a copy of the said resolution from the County of Prince Edward.

We trust that you will give favourable consideration to this request.

Sincerely,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Harrison".

Jim Harrison
Mayor

cc: Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader, Official Opposition
Mr. Steven Del Duca, Leader, Ontario Liberal Party
Mr. Mike Schreiner, Leader, Ontario Green Party
Mr. Jamie McGarvey, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Municipalities in Ontario

February 23, 2023

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of February 22, 2022 the following motion regarding request for action related to "Renovictions" and other bad faith evictions was carried:

RESOLUTION NO. **CW-41-2022**

DATE: **February 10, 2022**

MOVED BY: **Councillor MacNaughton**

SECONDED BY: **Councillor Hirsch**

WHEREAS tenants in Prince Edward County and throughout Ontario need stable homes and predicable rents;

WHEREAS the Covid-19 pandemic has had a profound destabilizing effect on both the job market and the rental housing market;

AND WHEREAS Citizens and communities are hurt by unscrupulous practices such as bad faith "Renovictions" and false "personal use" evictions which can, and do directly impact the affordable housing crisis, as well as inflict damage (both financial and mental) particularly on our most vulnerable citizens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward requests that the Government of Ontario:

1. take additional and meaningful steps to address the ever-increasing problem of "Renovictions" and other bad-faith evictions;
2. extend rent control to all tenancies including those first occupied after November 2018 which are currently exempt from rent control restrictions; and

THAT this resolution be circulated to Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, MPP Todd Smith, and the Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, all Ontario Municipalities, and AMO.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Yours truly,

Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**