

Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee
City of London
300 Dufferin Avenue
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November 14, 2022

Re: Consideration of Appointment to the Middlesex-London Board of Health

Dear members of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee,

At the upcoming November 16, 2022 meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee, the Middlesex-London Board of Health requests that you endorse Mr. Matthew Reid to be the Citizen Appointee to the Board of Health in order to provide continuity on the Board in the Chair position.

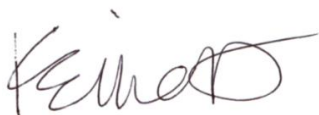
The Middlesex-London Health Unit is currently operating in an environment of considerable uncertainty. After nearly three years of COVID-19 pandemic response, the Health Unit is in the process of transitioning programs, services, structure, and staffing to resume non-pandemic public health programming. These crucial decisions are being made:

1. without fulsome financial information as funding amounts from the Province are not anticipated to be announced until early 2023; and,
2. with the expectation that the Province will be reviewing the Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS) in 2023, potentially changing the programs and services the Health Unit will be required to deliver.

Furthermore, as a result of the recent municipal election, one-third of the membership of the Board of Health will be departing, including the Vice-Chair, due to not being elected or not running in the election. Another third is at risk of departing if not re-appointed by their respective municipal councils, including the current Chair. The potential for two-thirds' turnover in the membership of the Board of Health is a risk to the Health Unit's ability to navigate its upcoming challenges.

Continuity in its governance is important for the Health Unit at this time and we encourage the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee to take this into its considerations, and to endorse Mr. Matthew Reid as the Citizen Appointee to the Middlesex-London Board of Health.

Sincerely,



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