

**January 30, 2025**

Warden Brian Ropp  
County of Middlesex  
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**RE: Monthly Board of Health Update – January 2025**

Dear Warden Ropp,

Please find the January 2025 Board of Health meeting update attached to this memo. The attached update includes links to reports reviewed at the January 23, 2025 Board of Health meeting, as well as links to the minutes from the meeting.

Sincerely,



Michael (Mike) Steele  
Board Chair, Middlesex-London Board of Health

CC: Bill Rayburn, Chief Administrative Officer, Middlesex County  
Marci Ivanic, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk, Middlesex County  
Middlesex County Municipal Clerks

## MIDDLESEX-LONDON BOARD OF HEALTH Meeting Update

### BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING – January 23, 2025 at 7 p.m. (2025 Inaugural Board of Health Meeting)

***Please note: This document contains draft versions of motions only from this meeting. Significant discussion on many items is not captured here but will be available in the approved minutes that will be published after the meeting of the following month.***

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Approved Minutes: [December 12, 2024 – Board of Health Meeting](#)

Reports	Resolution (Motion)
<b>Election of 2025 Board of Health Executive</b>  <b>(<a href="#">Report No. 01-25</a>)</b>	<p>It was moved by <b>M. Newton-Reid</b>, seconded by <b>M. Smibert</b>, that Michael Steele be appointed as Chair of the Board of Health for 2025.</p> <p>Carried</p>
	<p>It was moved by <b>M. Newton-Reid</b>, seconded by <b>H. Shears</b>, that Michelle Smibert be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Board of Health for 2025.</p> <p>Carried</p>
	<p>It was moved by <b>M. Newton-Reid</b>, seconded by <b>S. Franke</b>, that Emily Williams be appointed as Secretary of the Board of Health for 2025.</p> <p>Carried</p>
	<p>It was moved by <b>M. Newton-Reid</b>, seconded by <b>A. DeViet</b>, that Emily Williams be appointed as Treasurer of the Board of Health for 2025.</p> <p>Carried</p>
<b>Appointment of 2025 Board of Health Committees</b>  <b>(<a href="#">Report No. 02-25</a>)</b>	<p>It was moved by <b>M. Smibert</b>, seconded by <b>M. Newton-Reid</b>, that the Board of Health:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Approve disbanding of the Governance Committee; and</li> <li>2) Approve striking of the Quality and Governance Committee</li> </ol> <p>Carried</p>
	<p>It was moved by <b>H. Shears</b>, seconded by <b>M. Newton-Reid</b>, that Michael Steele, Michelle Smibert, Matthew Newton-Reid and Aina DeViet be appointed to the Quality and Governance Committee for 2025.</p> <p>Carried</p>
	<p>It was moved by <b>A. DeViet</b>, seconded by <b>M. Smibert</b>, that Michael Steele, Michelle Smibert, Matthew Newton-Reid, Howard Shears and Selomon Menghsha be appointed to the Finance &amp; Facilities Committee for 2025.</p> <p>Carried</p>

	<p>It was moved by <b>M. Newton-Reid, seconded by M. Smibert</b>, <i>that Michael Steele, Michelle Smibert, Matthew Newton-Reid and Selomon Menghsha be appointed to the Performance Appraisal Committee for 2025.</i></p> <p>Carried</p> <p>It was moved by <b>M. Newton-Reid, seconded by S. Franke</b>, <i>that the Board of Health approve the 2025 Board of Health and Committee Reporting Calendar.</i></p> <p>Carried</p>
<p><b>Amending the 2025 Board of Health and Committee Schedule</b></p> <p><b>(<a href="#">Report No. 03-25</a>)</b></p>	<p>It was moved by <b>S. Franke, seconded by M. Smibert</b>, <i>that the Board of Health:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <i>Receive Report No. 03-25 re: "Amending the 2025 Board Meeting Schedule for information;</i></li> <li>2) <i>Amend the 2025 Board Meeting Schedule to cancel the June 19, 2025 Board of Health meeting; and</i></li> <li>3) <i>Amend the cadence of the Finance and Facilities Committee meetings, Governance Committee meetings and Quality and Governance Committee meetings as outlined in Appendix A.</i></li> </ol> <p>Carried</p>
<p><b>Taking Action for Reconciliation Plan Implementation Progress Report</b></p> <p><b>(<a href="#">Report No. 04-25</a>)</b></p>	<p>It was moved by <b>S. Franke, seconded by A. DeViet</b>, <i>that the Board of Health receive Report No.04-25 re: "Taking Action for Reconciliation Plan Implementation Progress Report" for information.</i></p> <p>Carried</p>
<p><b>2025 Health Promotion Priorities</b></p> <p><b>(<a href="#">Report No. 05-25</a>)</b></p>	<p>It was moved by <b>M. Smibert, seconded by S. Franke</b>, <i>that the Board of Health receive Report No. 05-25 re: "2025 Health Promotion Priorities" for information.</i></p> <p>Carried</p>
<p><b>A Framework to Support Healthy Public Policy: The Built, Natural, and Social Environments</b></p> <p><b>(<a href="#">Report No. 06-25</a>)</b></p>	<p>It was moved by <b>A. DeViet, seconded by M. Smibert</b>, <i>that the Board of Health receive Report No. 06-25 re: "A Framework to Support Healthy Public Policy: The Built, Natural, and Social Environments" for information.</i></p> <p>Carried</p>
<p><b>Submission to Health Canada on the Proposed Tobacco Cost Recovery Framework</b></p> <p><b>(<a href="#">Report No. 07-25</a>)</b></p>	<p>It was moved by <b>S. Franke, seconded by M. Newton-Reid</b>, <i>that the Board of Health receive Report No. 07-25 re: "Submission to Health Canada on the Proposed Tobacco Cost Recovery Framework" for information.</i></p> <p>Carried</p>
<p><b>Current Public Health Issues</b></p> <p><b>(Verbal Report)</b></p>	<p>It was moved by <b>M. Smibert, seconded by M. Newton-Reid</b>, <i>that the Board of Health receive the verbal report re: Current Public Health Issues for information.</i></p> <p>Carried</p>

<b>Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for December</b> <a href="#">(Report No. 08-25)</a>	It was moved by <b>S. Franke, seconded by A. DeViet</b> , that the Board of Health receive Report No. 08-25 re: “Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for December” for information. Carried
<b>Chief Executive Officer Activity Report for December</b> <a href="#">(Report No. 09-25)</a>	It was moved by <b>M. Newton-Reid, seconded by M. Smibert</b> , that the Board of Health receive Report No. 09-25 re: “Chief Executive Officer Activity Report for December” for information. Carried
<b>Board Chair and Vice-Chair Activity Report for November and December</b> <a href="#">(Report No. 10-25)</a>	It was moved by <b>H. Shears, seconded by M. Smibert</b> , that the Board of Health receive Report No. 10-25, re: “Board Chair and Vice-Chair Activity Report for November and December” for information. Carried
<b>January Correspondence</b>	<p>It was moved by <b>S. Franke, seconded by M. Newton-Reid</b>, that the Board of Health endorse items a) and c):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <i>Public Health Sudbury and Districts re: Calling for the Selection of Indigenous Municipal and Provincial Appointees for Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury and Districts</i></li> <li>c) <i>Peterborough Public Health re: Federal Strategy to Address Severity and Prevalence of Household Food Insecurity</i></li> </ul> <p>Carried</p> <p>It was moved by <b>A. DeViet, seconded by M. Smibert</b>, that the Board of Health receive items b) and d) for information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) <i>Ontario Ministry of Health re: Strengthening Public Health Updates</i></li> <li>d) <i>Middlesex-London Board of Health External Landscape for January</i></li> </ul> <p>Carried</p>