

Middlesex-London Board of Health Overview

The Board of Health is an autonomous body responsible for the governance and oversight of the Middlesex-London Health Unit in accordance with [Section 49 \(1\), \(2\), \(3\) of the Health Protection and Promotion Act \(HPPA\)](#) as amended, which outlines the composition of boards of health and [Regulation 559 re: Designation of Municipal Members of Boards of Health](#).

The Board of Health:

- Oversees the implementation, management and advocacy for the health programs and services described in the HPPA and associated regulations. Programs and services include:
 - Infectious disease case and outbreak management (including COVID-19)
 - Vaccination programs
 - School nurses
 - Home visiting supports for young families
 - Breastfeeding and other nutrition supports
 - Tobacco control
 - Dental screening and treatment for children
 - Inspection of restaurants, pools and spas, long-term care facilities, small drinking water systems, and personal service settings (e.g. salons, tattoo/piercing shops)
- Contributes to the development of healthy public policy by communicating with elected and unelected policy makers about health aspects of policy.
- Provides oversight to an industry-leading budget process that ensures excellent transparency, accountability, and resource allocation.

Middlesex-London Board of Health - Structure

The Board of Health for the Middlesex-London Health Unit includes both Municipal and Provincial Representatives:

- 5 Provincial Representatives
- 3 Middlesex County Representatives (appointed from County Council)
- 3 City of London Representatives (two from City Council, one citizen appointee)

Municipal Representatives are appointed for the duration of their term in public office (or until the respective Council decides to change its representation). Provincial Representatives are appointed by the Ontario Public Appointments Secretariat. Vacancies on the Board will be filled by appointment by the body represented (i.e. the municipality or province).

Each year at its January inaugural meeting, the Board of Health will:

- Elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer;
- Decide whether to establish standing committees.
 - Current Board of Health standing committees include: Finance & Facilities Committee and Governance Committee.

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Important to Know

- The Board of Health meets on the third Thursday evening of each month.
- The Finance & Facilities Committee meets on the first Thursday morning of each month.
- The Governance Committee meets every other month.
- At least one City representative is required to sit on each standing committee and ad-hoc Committee as per the Terms of Reference.

Recent Projects

- Covid Response and Vaccine Program (ongoing)
- Provisional Strategic Plan 2021-2022
- Diversity and Inclusion Organizational Review ([Employee Systems Review](#) and [Workforce Census](#))
- Organizational Structure Review (CEO and Medical Officer of Health Roles & Responsibilities)
- [Organizational Plan for Reconciliation](#)
- Relocation Project (Move from King Street to CitiPlaza)
- Start up of Supervised Consumption Facilities
- [Addressing Anti-Black Racism: A Plan for the Middlesex-London Health Unit](#)

Upcoming Projects and/or Initiatives

- Public Health Considerations for the 2022 Municipal Election
- Implementation of COVID-19 Recovery Recommendations: Organizational & Individual Wellness
- Implementation of Organizational Structure Review Recommendations (CEO and MOH)
- Implementation of new Organizational Budget Technique
- Implementation of Electronic Client Record
- Establish a Strathroy Dental Clinic
- Monitor implementation of the Provisional Strategic (ongoing)

Upcoming Challenges

- Uncertainty regarding Modernization discussions, Ontario Health Teams impact on Public Health
- Uncertainty regarding COVID-19 Funding in 2022
- Recovery from the pandemic with many programs having been paused for months

Upcoming Opportunities

- Implement the recommendations from the Diversity and Inclusion Organizational Review
- Implement the recommendations from the Anti-Black Racism Plan
- Implement the recommendations from the Recovery Report
- Continue implementation of the organizational plan for reconciliation with Indigenous Communities
- Continue monitoring the implementation of the Provisional Strategic Plan
- Engage in advocacy, in partnership with municipalities, to the Provincial Government with respect to funding for Public Health

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