

**MIDDLESEX-LONDON BOARD OF HEALTH**

**REPORT NO. 76-24**

**TO:** Chair and Members of the Board of Health

**FROM:** Emily Williams, Chief Executive Officer  
Dr. Alexander Summers, Medical Officer of Health

**DATE:** 2024 November 21

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**2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**Recommendation**

*It is recommended that the Board of Health:*

- 1) *Receive Report No. 76-24 re: "2024 Budget - Amendment" for information; and*
  - 2) *Approve an amendment to the 2024 Middlesex-London Board of Health Budget to include the additional \$304,120 in funding from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services for the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children program.*
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**Report Highlights**

- The Board of Health reviewed and approved the 2024 Budget on December 14, 2023.
- The Health Unit receives funding from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services for delivery of the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children program.
- On July 10, 2024, the MLHU was notified that increased funding was received from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) for delivery of the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children program.
- The increased funding received from MCCSS was \$304,120.
- The Board of Health will be required to approve a budget amendment.

**Background**

The Middlesex-London Board of Health reviewed and approved the 2024 Budget on December 14, 2023 (under [Report No. 81-23](#)).

The Health Unit receives funding from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) for delivery of the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children (HBHC) program within the region. This program is a 100% funded program. For 2024, this funding was approved for \$2,483,313, which has been stagnant for 12 years. The Medical Officer of Health and the Chief Executive Officer, along with the Board of Health Chair, engaged in multiple advocacy activities, including attending delegations with the MCCSS at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) annual conference, to highlight the need for increased funding for HBHC. Middlesex-

London is one of the fastest growing communities in the province, and demand for the program continues to increase.

### **Increased Funding from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services**

On July 10, 2024 the Chief Executive Officer was notified by a local Member of Provincial Parliament that increased funding was received through the Health Unit's Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) account. This increased funding was from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) for delivery of the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children program. The increased funding received from MCCSS was \$304,120 annually. The total funding for the program is now \$2,787,433, and as a result, a budget amendment is required.

### **Next Steps**

Upon the Board of Health's approval, the 2024 Budget will be amended in order to be reconciled accurately.

This report was written by the Chief Executive Officer.



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**This report refers to the following principle(s) set out in Policy G-490, Appendix A:**

- The fiduciary requirements as outlined in the [Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services and Accountability](#).