



**City of Hamilton
BOARD OF HEALTH
AGENDA**

Meeting #: 21-004

Date: April 4, 2022

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Due to the COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall (CC)

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1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Added Items, if applicable, will be noted with *)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1. March 21, 2022

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.1. Correspondence from Anita Dubeau, Board of Health Chair, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, respecting a Response to the Opioid Crisis in Simcoe Muskoka and Ontario-wide

Recommendation: Be received.

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

7. CONSENT ITEMS

8. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

8.1. Overview of COVID-19 Activity in the City of Hamilton 11 Mar 2020 to Present (to be distributed)

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1. Annual Service Plan and Budget 2022 - Amendment to Recovery Related Costs (BOH22003(a)) (City Wide)

11. MOTIONS

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

13. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

15. ADJOURNMENT



BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES 22-003

9:30 a.m.

Monday, March 21, 2022

Due to COVID-19 and the closure of City Hall, this meeting was held virtually

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger
Councillors M. Wilson (Vice-Chair), J. Farr, N. Nann, S. Merulla, R. Powers, T. Jackson, E. Pauls, J.P. Danko, B. Clark, M. Pearson, B. Johnson, L. Ferguson, and A. VanderBeek

Absent with Regrets: Councillors T. Whitehead and J. Partridge – Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. **Correspondence from Board of Health, Public Health Sudbury & Districts respecting a motion entitled "Health and Racial Equity: Denouncing Acts and Symbols of Hate" (Item 5.1)**

(Nann/Pearson)

That the Correspondence from Board of Health, Public Health Sudbury & Districts respecting a motion entitled "Health and Racial Equity: Denouncing Acts and Symbols of Hate", be endorsed.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

YES	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
YES	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
YES	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
YES	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
YES	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
ABSENT	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek

ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
ABSENT - Ward 15 Councillor Judy Partridge

2. Public Beach Signage (BOH22004) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Pearson/Ferguson)

That Report BOH22004, respecting Public Beach Signage, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
ABSENT - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
ABSENT - Ward 15 Councillor Judy Partridge

3. Letter of Instructions for Infection Prevention and Control Measures for High-Rise Apartment Buildings and High-Rise Condominiums with 12 or More Storeys (BOH21007(a)) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

(Nann/Powers)

That the Report BOH21007(a), respecting a Letter of Instructions for Infection Prevention and Control Measures for High-Rise Apartment Buildings and High-Rise Condominiums with 12 or More Storeys, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

YES	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
YES	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
YES	-	Ward 10	Councillor Maria Pearson
YES	-	Ward 11	Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
ABSENT	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
ABSENT	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
ABSENT	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judy Partridge

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item 1)

There were no ceremonial activities.

(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

The Committee Clerk advised the Board of the following changes to the agenda:

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.2 Correspondence from the Lakewood Beach Community Council respecting Public Beach Signage Recommendation: Be received and referred to Item 7.1, Public Beach Signage (BOH22004) (City Wide)

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

6.2 Lisa Chalapenko, respecting the Provincial Vaccine Mandate (for a future meeting)

CHANGE IN ORDER OF ITEMS:

Item 9.1, Kayla Hagerty and Dr. Aaron Doyle, Carleton University, respecting the COVID-19 Pandemic and its Impact on the Opioid Epidemic in Canada, be moved up the agenda to follow the consideration of the minutes of the Previous Meeting (Item 4.1).

(Powers/Pearson)

That the agenda for the March 21, 2022 Board of Health be approved, as amended.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger

YES	-	Ward 1	Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES	-	Ward 2	Councillor Jason Farr
YES	-	Ward 3	Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES	-	Ward 4	Councillor Sam Merulla
YES	-	Ward 5	Councillor Russ Powers
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ABSENT	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judy Partridge

(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

None

(d) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

(i) February 14, 2022 (Item 4.1)

(Nann/Pauls)

That the Minutes of February 14, 2022 be approved, as presented.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:

YES	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger	
YES	-	Ward 1	Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES	-	Ward 2	Councillor Jason Farr
YES	-	Ward 3	Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES	-	Ward 4	Councillor Sam Merulla
YES	-	Ward 5	Councillor Russ Powers
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ABSENT	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judy Partridge

(e) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) Correspondence from the Lakewood Beach Community Council respecting Public Beach Signage (Added Item 5.2)

(Nann/Ferguson)

That Correspondence from the Lakewood Beach Community Council respecting Public Beach Signage, be received and referred to Item 7.1, Public Beach Signage (BOH22004) (City Wide), for consideration.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

YES	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
YES	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
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(f) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

(Pauls/Partridge)

That the following Delegation Requests be approved, for a future meeting:

- (i) Dr. Julie A. Tiessen, respecting the Provincial Vaccine Mandate (Item 6.1)
- (ii) Lisa Chalapenko, respecting the Provincial Vaccine Mandate (Added Item 6.2)

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

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YES	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
YES	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
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(g) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7)

(i) Public Beach Signage (BOH22004) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Pearson/Powers)

That Public Health Services and Public Works staff be directed to prepare and evaluation of the beach area located at the end of Green and Millen Roads, to determine if it can be classified as a public beach, with a report back to a future Board of Health meeting.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

YES	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
YES	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
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(Nann/Clark)

That staff be directed to provide a report respecting enhanced public information regarding the conditions of public beach waterways, including information respecting the International Blue Flag criteria, inclusive of non-digital communication methods.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 0, as follows:

YES	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
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(h) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Overview of COVID-19 Activity in the City of Hamilton 11 Mar 2020 to Present (Item 8.2)

Dr. E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health; Michelle Baird, Director, Healthy and Safe Communities and Melissa Biksa, Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities, addressed the Board with an Overview of COVID-19 Activity in the City of Hamilton 11 Mar 2020 to present, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

(Pearson/VanderBeek)

That the Presentation respecting an Overview of COVID-19 Activity in the City of Hamilton 11 Mar 2020 to present, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

YES	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
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(f) DELEGATION (Item 9)

(i) Kayla Hagerty and Dr. Aaron Doyle, Carleton University, respecting the COVID-19 Pandemic and its Impact on the Opioid Epidemic in Canada (Item 9.1)

Kayla Hagerty and Dr. Aaron Doyle, Carleton University, addressed the Board respecting the COVID-19 Pandemic and its Impact on the Opioid Epidemic in Canada.

(Pearson/Johnson)

That the Delegation from Kayla Hagerty and Dr. Aaron Doyle, Carleton University, addressed the Board respecting the COVID-19 Pandemic and its Impact on the Opioid Epidemic in Canada, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

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(Eisenberger/Nann)

That the Medical Officer of Health be directed to review and prepare a report for the Board of Health on the Canadian Drug Coalition Policy respecting the Decriminalization of Simple Possession of Drugs and consider local treatment centre use and success metrics.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

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(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Pearson/Jackson)

That, there being no further business, the Board of Health be adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:

YES	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
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ABSENT	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judy Partridge

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger,

Chair, Board of Health

Loren Kolar
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk

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
Attorney General of Ontario
Chief Medical Officer of Health
Association of Local Public Health Agencies
Ontario Health
Ontario Boards of Health
Members of Parliament in Simcoe Muskoka
Members of Provincial Parliament in Simcoe Muskoka
Mayors and Municipal Councils in Simcoe Muskoka



CITY OF HAMILTON
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES
Office of the Medical Officer of Health

TO:	Mayor and Members Board of Health
COMMITTEE DATE:	April 4, 2022
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Annual Service Plan & Budget 2022: Amendment to Recovery Related Costs (BOH22003(a)) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
PREPARED BY:	Carolyn Hureau (905) 546-2424 Ext. 6004
SUBMITTED BY:	Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, MD, MHSc, FRCPC Medical Officer of Health Public Health Services
SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Health authorize and direct the Medical Officer of Health to submit an amendment to the one-time funding request for recovery and catch-up (included in the 2022 Annual Service Plan and Budget) to the Ministry of Health in keeping with what is outlined in Report BOH22003(a).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On February 14, 2022, the Board of Health authorized and directed the Medical Officer of Health to submit the 2022 Annual Service Plan and Budget (ASPB) to the Ministry of Health (Ministry) in keeping with the content outlined in Report BOH22003. Staff submitted the 2022 ASPB on March 1, 2022. The 2022 ASPB submission totalled \$91,974,897 including \$45,346,380 in base funding and \$46,628,517 in one-time funding requests. A description of these one-time funding requests is provided in Report BOH22003. On March 14, 2022, staff submitted an additional one-time funding request to replace outdated vaccine refrigerators (\$225,350).

This report outlines an amendment to the one-time funding request related to recovery and catch-up. This funding was requested to address the deficits of care in the community and the backlog of services that have resulted from many important public health programs being partially or fully on-hold over the past two years in order to

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deploy substantive resources to the COVID-19 emergency response. The original ASPB submission included a one-time request of \$20,882,772 to support recovery work. Since that time, planning has continued to evolve and details regarding recovery and catch-up have been further refined to align with the ongoing assessment of needs within the community. Staff have also reassessed the feasibility of recovery and catch-up activities based on current organizational capacity and ongoing recruitment challenges. Based on this further analysis, it is estimated that recovery costs will total \$9,000,924 for 2022.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: Approval of the 2022 ASPB and submission to the Ministry is required to receive provincial funding to support the delivery of public health programs and services under the Standards. The original 2022 ASPB submission totalled \$91,974,897, including \$45,346,380 in base funding and \$46,628,517 in one-time funding requests. A breakdown of the one-time funding requests is provided below:

- COVID-19 General Program (non-vaccine) \$12,112,449;
- COVID-19 Vaccine Program \$10,862,727;
- COVID-19 Recovery & Catch-Up \$20,882,772;
- Public Health Inspector Practicum Program \$30,000;
- ASPB Base Funding Shortfall Request \$2,387,989;
- Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program Request \$325,300; and,
- Ontario Seniors Dental Care – IT Equipment for Bus \$27,279.

Further details regarding the one-time funding requests above are provided in Report BOH22003. It should be noted that an additional one-time request for purpose-built vaccine refrigerators (\$225,350) was submitted to the Ministry on March 14, 2022 (not included in the original submission). This funding is to replace current vaccine refrigerators that are outdated resulting in several maintenance issues. Replacement of these refrigerators will ensure Hamilton Public Health Services continues to meet government and industry priorities of delivering vaccine service to the general public, preventing wastage and remaining in compliance with the Storage and Handling protocol.

This report outlines an amendment to the one-time funding request related to recovery and catch-up. Through ongoing recovery planning efforts, staff have further detailed and refined recovery related costs. Based on this further analysis, it is estimated that \$9,000,924 will be required in 2022 to support Public Health Services in addressing the backlog of services and deficits of care in the community.

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If any further adjustments to recovery related programming covered by this ASPB one-time funding are required, these can be submitted through the regular quarterly reports to the Ministry.

Staffing: The amended recovery costs include a total of 81.50 FTE to support the work.

Legal: Boards of health are accountable for meeting all requirements included in the Standards pursuant to the Health Protection and Promotion Act. It is a requirement within the Standards that boards of health submit an ASPB each year. Approval and submission of the 2022 ASPB to the Ministry fulfils this requirement.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Each year Public Health Services develops an ASPB that outlines the planned service delivery for the coming year. Approval and submission of the ASPB to the Ministry is required to receive provincial funding to support the delivery of public health programs and services under the Standards. In keeping with this requirement, staff submitted the 2022 ASPB on March 1, 2022. Details regarding the submission were outlined in Report BOH22003 that was shared with BOH on February 14, 2022. This included a one-time funding request of \$20,882,772 to support PHS in addressing the deficits of care in the community and the backlog of services that have resulted from many important public health programs being partially or fully on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

The Standards outline requirements that direct the delivery of mandatory public health programs and services by public health units pursuant to the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*. It is a requirement within the Standards that boards of health submit an ASPB each year to the Ministry.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Not Applicable.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Since the 2022 ASPB was submitted on March 1, 2022, recovery planning has continued to evolve, and staff have further detailed and refined recovery related activities for 2022 to align with the ongoing assessment of needs within the community. As part of this planning, staff also considered the feasibility of recovery and catch-up initiatives for 2022 based on current organizational capacity, both within Public Health

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Services as well as supportive services such as Human Resources and Finance & Administration. In addition, PHS continues to experience challenges with recruitment as detailed in Report BOH22002 that was brought forward to BOH on January 10, 2022 further impacting capacity. Based on this analysis, it is estimated that recovery costs will total \$9,000,924 for 2022 as opposed to \$20,882,772 included in the original submission. The priority areas for recovery and catch-up in 2022 include:

- Catch-up on routine immunizations for students (i.e., Hepatitis B, HPV, Meningococcal) – close to 50,000 in need of routine immunizations (on-hold since March 2020);
- Catch-up on Immunization of *School Pupils Act* (ISPA) screenings (on-hold since March 2020);
- Catch-up on dental screenings in schools – approximately, 40,000 in need of screening (on-hold since March 2020);
- Ramp-up mental health and wellbeing supports in schools and school communities experiencing the most significant health impacts and inequities;
- Ramp-up infant and early years mental health initiatives to help address the disproportionate impact the pandemic has had on toddlers and young children resulting from extremely limited opportunities for social interaction and social/emotional development;
- Ramp-up supports for parents and caregivers (particularly for those with children aged 3.8 years to 6 years) including opportunities for screening, interventions and developmental support referrals;
- Catch-up on Healthy Smiles Ontario preventive services – approximately 278 children on the waitlist (on-hold since March 2020);
- Increase capacity related to the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP) in order to clear the backlog and reduce wait times that have resulted from reduced service levels during the pandemic**;
- Develop and implement a health equity strategy that incorporates and builds on lessons learned through the pandemic;
- Ramp-up support for population health assessment related to health equity and other public health priorities; and,
- Support for Public Health Services' recovery including strategic and program planning to incorporate lessons learned through the pandemic, policy development and maintenance, and staff mental health and wellbeing.

**Note: OSDCP costs were also included in Ontario seniors dental base funding increase request (\$624,304). If this is not approved as part of the base funding increases, staff have requested that it be included in the recovery and catch-up funding.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

Not Applicable.

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

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APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Not Applicable.