

October 22, 2021

Mayor Fred Eisenberger
City of Hamilton
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West, 2nd Floor
Hamilton, Ontario
L8P 4Y5

Re: **Support for Local Boards of Health**

Dear Mayor Eisenberger,

At the October 21, 2021 meeting, under Correspondence item a), the Middlesex-London Board of Health moved to endorse the following item:

Date: September 15, 2021
Topic: Support for Local Boards of Health
From: Mayor of the City of Hamilton, Fred Eisenberger
To: Honourable Christine Elliott

On behalf of the Board of Health, we support the Mayor of Hamilton's letter to the Honourable Christine Elliott, regarding the support for local boards of health. The Middlesex-London Health Unit serves a large geographic and populous area and acknowledges the City of Hamilton's position on decision making being made locally – not regionally. If health units move to a regional model of governance, there will be less autonomy and flexibility with governance related decisions within communities. The pandemic has proven that local responsiveness has reinforced the position that a local public health unit is the preferred governance option of health units.

Sincerely,



Ms. Maureen Cassidy
Board Chair, Middlesex-London Health Unit



Dr. Christopher Mackie
Medical Officer of Health