## **Attention Ontario Boards of Health**

## Sending on behalf of Anita Dubeau, Board Chair for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Hello,

I am pleased to provide you with a link to Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's <u>2020 & 2021</u> <u>Annual Report</u>. This report highlights the health unit's work and accomplishments in 2020 and 2021. Most of this work over these two years was concentrated on the agency's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This focus had a significant impact on the delivery of SMDHU's regular public health services and programs; however, priority programs were maintained with restricted capacity, which are also highlighted in this report.

As Chair of the SMDHU Board of Health, I am proud of what this agency has accomplished over the past two years to protect and promote the health and well-being of those who live, work and play in Simcoe Muskoka, particularly our staff's unwavering dedication to preventing the transmission of COVID-19 in our communities.

I would also like to take a moment to recognize all our community partners who played critically important roles in their respective ways in the response to the pandemic. Together as a community we accomplished much, and our collaborative efforts not only helped to safeguard the health of our residents through measures to help prevent the transmission of the virus, but also contributed to less severe illness and many lives saved through assessment, testing, case management, vaccination, treatment, and compliance and enforcement of public health measures and mandates. Although the pandemic is not over and we will be dealing with COVID-19 for some time to come, I would like to thank you, on behalf of the Board of Health, Dr. Charles Gardner and the entire staff of the health unit, for your invaluable partnership and your exemplary work in response to the pandemic.

I request that you share our 2020 & 2021 Annual Report with others inside and outside of your organization. If you have any questions, comments or concerns about public health issues in your community, please contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520, or 1-877-721-7520 or through the online contact form on our website.

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