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December 17, 2021

VIA: Mail and Email

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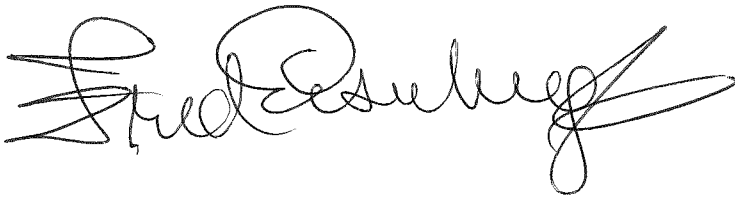
Dear Dr. de Villa

We are writing on behalf of the Board of Health for Hamilton Public Health Services (HPHS) to request information about the semi-autonomous structure of the Toronto Board of Health.

Over the past few months, the Board of Health for HPHS has endeavoured to learn more about board of health governance and structural options within the context of public health modernization. On September 20, 2021, board of health members participated in a governance education session facilitated by Karima Kanani, Lawyer and Partner, Miller Thompson Lawyers. This session provided an overview of the legal landscape of public health governance, principles of good governance, advancing diversity, equity and inclusion through governance, and alternate board of health structures.

Following that session, Board of Health members expressed interest in learning more about the semi-autonomous board of health structure. As such, we would like to request information about the Toronto Board of Health's transition to a semi-autonomous structure, including lessons learned and outcomes that have resulted from the change.

Sincerely,

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Fred Eisenberger
Mayor

Dr. Elizabeth Richardson,
Medical Officer of Health

CC: Councillor Joe Cressy, Chair, Toronto Board of Health



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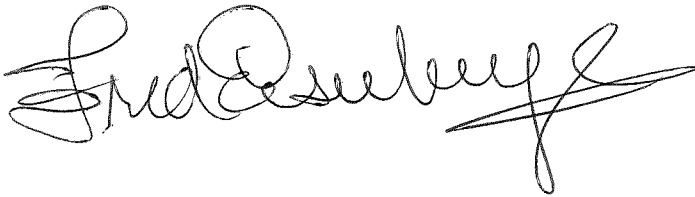
Dear Dr. Etches,

We are writing on behalf of the Board of Health for Hamilton Public Health Services (HPHS) to request information about the semi-autonomous structure of the Ottawa Board of Health.

Over the past few months, the Board of Health for HPHS has endeavoured to learn more about board of health governance and structural options within the context of public health modernization. On September 20, 2021, board of health members participated in a governance education session facilitated by Karima Kanani, Lawyer and Partner, Miller Thompson Lawyers. This session provided an overview of the legal landscape of public health governance, principles of good governance, advancing diversity, equity and inclusion through governance, and alternate board of health structures.

Following that session, Board of Health members expressed interest in learning more about the semi-autonomous board of health structure. As such, we are requesting information about the Ottawa Board of Health's transition to a semi-autonomous structure, including lessons learned and outcomes that have resulted from the change. We would also like to request that a member of the Ottawa Board of Health or staff designate attend a future HPHS Board of Health meeting to share this information.

Sincerely,

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Fred Eisenberger
Mayor

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Dr. Elizabeth Richardson,
Medical Officer of Health

CC: Councillor Keith Egli, Chair, Ottawa Board of Health