

## **COMMUNICATION UPDATE**

TO:	Mayor and Members Board of Health
DATE:	June 6, 2023
SUBJECT:	Restructuring the Board of Health Governance Structure – Public Consultation Update (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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In February 2023, and further in April 2023, Council directed Public Health Services staff to engage in a broad consultation process to inform any changes to the Board of Health and any bodies that report to the Board of Health.

On behalf of Public Health Services, MASS LBP, an external vendor, will be facilitating this consultation via a two-pronged approach. Key partners (e.g. Advisory Committee members, healthcare professionals, community leaders, Council members, and other interested stakeholders) will be interviewed to gather their thoughts and perspectives on the various options. A preliminary list of these key partners has been created, which will then be supplemented by recommendations from these key partners around other individuals to interview.

Simultaneously, members of the public and other interested stakeholders will be consulted through a public online survey that will be posted on the Engage Hamilton platform. This survey can be accessed by visiting <a href="https://www.engage.hamilton.ca/">https://www.engage.hamilton.ca/</a>. This short, anonymous survey will gather feedback from residents in the Hamilton community on the various proposed options. This survey is scheduled to go live on June 6, 2023 and will remain open until June 30, 2023. We are working with the City of Hamilton's Communications and Strategic Initiatives Team to promote the survey.

Staff will report back with options for the Board of Health's governance structure based on the consultation. These recommendations will be shared with the City of Hamilton's Governance Review Sub-Committee prior to the end of Q3 2023.

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Should you have any questions in the interim, please contact Ashley Vanderlaan, Program Manager, Planning & Competency Development, Public Health Services at (905) 546-2424 Ext. 4718 or <a href="mailto:ashley.vanderlaan@hamilton.ca">ashley.vanderlaan@hamilton.ca</a>.

## APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Not Applicable.