

**Correspondence  
October 17, 2024  
Board of Health Meeting**

Support for Bills S-233 and C-223 “An Act to develop a national framework for a guaranteed livable basic income”

Correspondence dated October 2, 2024 from Councillor Joy Lachica, Chair, Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health, addressed to the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Health, House Leaders, and National Finance Committee, requesting support for a guaranteed livable basic income as a policy option for addressing poverty, crime and food insecurity, and for boosting opportunities for people with lower incomes.

Bills S-233 and C-223 “An Act to develop a national framework for a guaranteed livable basic income” are currently being considered by the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance and in the process of a second reading in the House of Commons. These Bills are designed to ensure progress toward developing a basic income model that will be effective in moving individuals and their families out of poverty.

Correspondence dated September 19, 2024 from David Marshall, Board of Health Chair for Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit addressed to the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Health, House Leaders, and National Finance Committee, endorsing correspondence from Middlesex-London Health Unit urging support of Bills S-233 and C-223.

Inadequate income and household food insecurity result in poor health outcomes and higher healthcare costs. The Board of Health for HKPRDHU supports upstream income-based solutions such as guaranteed livable basic income as essential components to effectively reduce poverty and household food insecurity. Consideration of this important public health issue is appreciated.

Perspectives from Northern Ontario for the Public Health Funding Review

Correspondence dated September 27, 2024 from Doug Lawrance, Chair, Board of Health, Dr. Kit Ngan Young Hoon, Medical Officer of Health and Marilyn Herbacz, Chief Executive Officer for Northwestern Health Unit, addressed to Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health and Assistant Deputy Minister regarding perspectives from Northern Ontario regarding the Public Health Funding Review.

The Board of Health wishes to emphasize the challenges and inequities impacting the health of northern communities that require different metrics and solutions and ask that the context outlined in the letter *Perspectives from Northern Ontario for the Public Health Funding Review* issued by the seven Northern Medical Officers of Health be carefully considered as the funding review is completed.

Public Health Networking call

A municipal public health networking call took place on September 20, 2024 with Robin Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair and Dr. Linna Li, Medical Officer of Health/CEO in attendance. An update on the merger was given along with a presentation from Kim McCann, Community Health Protection Manager on the Health Unit’s role in landlord/tenant complaints. [The Health Unit’s Role in Landlord- Tenant Complaints](#)

### New Measures to Help Prevent Harms to Youth from Nicotine Replacement Therapies

Correspondence dated September 11, 2024 from Mark Signoretti, Vice Chair, Board of Health on behalf of René Lapierre, Chair, Board of Health and M. Mustafa Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer for Public Health Sudbury & Districts, addressed to the Honourable Mark Holland, Minister of Health of Canada regarding new measures to help prevent harms to youth from nicotine replacement therapies.

Public Health Sudbury & Districts commends the Honourable Mark Holland for the recent Ministerial order to introduce additional safeguarding measures regarding nicotine replacement therapies (NRT) and are deeply appreciative of the Minister's commitment to protect youth from targeted advertising, restrict access to nicotine pouches, and prevent further misuse of NRT which are intended to be used by adults trying to quit smoking. We are pleased to recognize that your Ministerial order has addressed these concerns and demonstrate your continued commitment to public health and the protection of youth.

### Physical Literacy for Communities: A Public Health Approach

Correspondence dated September 3, 2024 from Sue Carleton, Chair, Board of Health for Grey Bruce Public Health, addressed to Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health, regarding a motion passed by the Board of Health for Grey Bruce Public Health endorsing Sudbury and Districts Public Health resolution regarding Physical Literacy for Communities: A Public Health Approach.