

Media Release



Modernization of Public Health Consultations January 13, 2020

Earlier in 2019 the Ontario government began the process of reviewing the public health system within the province. Under the umbrella of “*The Modernization of Public Health*”, numerous changes have now been proposed, with the notion that these moves would enhance the overall public health system, provide efficiencies, and ultimately lead to better programming and services to local residents. Any plan that would lead to an improved public health system is commended, however, ensuring it is informed by all stakeholders is a very important step in the process.

Through various channels, including municipalities and the Association for Local Public Health Units (ALPHA), the provincial government heard concerns regarding the need for input from all stakeholders and have now introduced a consultation period. THU will be giving feedback through the provided survey and the in-person consultation session being held in Timmins on February 24th and/or 25th.

We also encourage our partner agencies and individual community members to take this opportunity to make your voice heard as well. As stated by the Ministry of Health...

“These consultations will provide critical insights into the needs of the public health and emergency health services sectors, municipalities and service providers. They will also provide an opportunity for direct input into the best way to deliver these programs and services to meet the evolving needs and priorities of Ontario’s families”

To become more informed and complete the consultation survey go to www.health.gov.on.ca and search *Public Health Consultations*. Deadline for submission is February 10th.

You can also go to www.timiskaminghu.com for more information, including our new strategic plan <http://www.timiskaminghu.com/145/Strategic-Plan>, which was collectively informed by staff and community stakeholders.

Direct Links

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http://health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/phehs_consultations/

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