January 2, 2020

The Honourable Christine Elliott
Minister of Health
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Sent via e-mail: christine.elliott@pc.ola.org

Dear Minister Elliott,

**Re: Request for Weekly Data Reports on Vaping Cases**

At its meeting on December 11, 2019, the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health received for information correspondence from the City of Hamilton (attached) requesting that cases of vaping-related severe pulmonary disease in Hamilton hospitals be shared with Hamilton’s Medical Officers of Health.

The Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health also requests that local cases of vaping-related severe pulmonary disease reported by Peterborough Regional Health Centre to the Chief Medical Officer of Health under section 77.7.1 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act be shared with Peterborough’s Medical Officer of Health.

Considering the importance of public health surveillance and the need to continue to raise awareness of health impacts related to vaping, information related to incidences of hospitalizations locally is critical in assessing the extent of the ill-effects of vaping on the health of residents of Curve Lake and Hiawatha First Nations, and the County and City of Peterborough.

Sincerely,

**Original signed by**

Councillor Kathryn Wilson
Chair, Board of Health

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cc: Dr. David Williams, Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health
Dr. Peter McLaughlin, President and Chief Executive Officer, Peterborough Regional Health Centre
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October 30, 2019

VIA: Email

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RE: Request for Weekly Data Reports on Vaping Cases

Dear Minister Elliott,

At its meeting on October 18, 2019 the City of Hamilton Board of Health discussed the potential health effects associated with the use of electronic cigarettes, in particular, the current outbreak of severe pulmonary disease, and your recent order for hospitals to report such cases to Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer of Health.

In order to enable Hamilton’s Board of Health to better assess the extent of the ill-effects of vaping on the health of those in Hamilton, I am writing on behalf of the Hamilton Board to request that any such reports to Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer of Health by Hamilton hospitals be shared with Hamilton’s Medical Officer of Health.

Sincerely,

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