

WORK GROUP 2014-15 WORK PLAN REPORT (UPDATE SEPT 2014)

1) Please identify the Work Group's overall goals for 2014-15:

1. Work with health and environmental agencies (government and non-government) and other stakeholders to strengthen legislation and policy to improve **air quality** in Ontario.
2. Advocate for action on greenhouse gas emissions reduction (**climate change mitigation**) and increase awareness of the links between climate change and the built environment
3. Advocate for action on **climate change adaptation** and increase awareness of the links between climate change and heat health
4. Advocate for action to protect **children from exposures to chemicals** and substances in their environment
5. Advocate for health protective standards and measures related to **drinking water and recreational waters**

2) For each goal identified above, please discuss how it align with one or more of OPHA's public health issue priorities: chronic disease prevention – with focus on childhood obesity, healthy ageing, health equity/social determinants of health, access, quality, and accountability. Please list the specific deliverable/activities and timelines the work group is committed to achieving. If possible, align each deliverable/activity with one of the goals identified above. Please note that each activity must fall under one of these categories: Advocacy, Knowledge Exchange/Transfer, Resource/Tools Development.

Work Group Goal	Applicable OPHA Priority(s)	Discuss how the Work Group goal aligns with the OPHA priority(s):	Key Deliverable(s) and/or Activities	Activity Type (advocacy, knowledge exchange/transfer, resource/tools development)	2014-15 status update
Work with health and environmental agencies (govt. & non-govt.) to strengthen policy & legislation to improve air quality in Ontario.	Chronic disease prevention – with focus on childhood obesity, healthy ageing Health Equity/Social Determinants of Health Accountability	Chronic Disease & Health Equity: The health impacts of exposure to air pollutants are mainly related to chronic diseases (respiratory and cardiovascular disease, cancer, etc.) These impacts disproportionately impact children, the elderly, and marginalized populations whose health is also influenced by the social determinants of health Accountability: Increasing awareness of the health risk factors associated with air quality and assisting community partners to develop healthy policy is a board of health requirement under the Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS) - Health Hazard Prevention and Management Program (HHPM).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Toxics Reduction Living List Framework developed - Participation of Environmental and Occupational Carcinogens Work Group & Living List MSG - Improved air standards - Participation of Reg. 419 Air Stnds. Multi-Stakeholder Group - Participate on AQHI outreach with Health Canada - Monitor Fed. AQ Mngt. system 	Advocacy Knowledge Exchange	<p>Living List Framework drafted</p> <p>Met with Office of the Premier and MOE on next steps – Right to Know: Monitoring & Surveillance; Green Chemistry & Innovation</p> <p>Increased awareness of Toxics Reduction initiative with support from</p>

					<p>partners e.g alPHa, CAREX, etc.</p> <p>Participated in MOE's Drive Clean Benefits Assessment session</p> <p>Participated on Carbon Monoxide Detectors Technical Advisory Committee</p>
<p>Advocate for action on greenhouse gas emissions reduction (climate change mitigation) and increase awareness of the links between climate change and the built environment</p>	<p>Chronic disease prevention – with focus on childhood obesity, healthy ageing</p> <p>Health Equity/Social Determinants of Health</p> <p>Accountability</p>	<p>Chronic Disease & Health Equity: The health impacts of climate change (extreme heat, air pollution, extreme weather events) disproportionately impact children, the elderly, and marginalized populations whose health is also influenced by the social determinants of health</p> <p>Accountability: Increasing awareness of the health risk factors associated with climate change and assisting community partners to develop healthy policy is a board of health requirement under the OPHS – HHPM Program.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comments provided on province of Ontario's GHG emission reduction plan - Comments provided to the Environmental Commissioner's office on the province's climate change plan - Increase awareness among government agencies, health units, and other stakeholders that actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions have multiple public health benefits e.g. active transportation reduces emissions and promotes physical activity 	<p>Advocacy Knowledge Exchange</p>	<p>Participated on Ecohealth Collaborative Team to research links between nature and human health – research question finalized – to address climate related health impacts.</p>

<p>Advocate for action on climate change adaptation and increase awareness of the links between climate change and heat health</p>	<p>Chronic disease prevention – childhood obesity, healthy ageing</p> <p>Health Equity/SDOH</p> <p>Accountability</p>	<p>Chronic Disease & Health Equity: The health impacts of climate change (extreme heat, air pollution, extreme weather events) disproportionately impact children, the elderly, and marginalized populations whose health is also influenced by the social determinants of health</p> <p>Accountability: Increasing awareness of the health risk factors associated with climate change and assisting community partners to develop healthy policy is a board of health requirement under OPHS – HHPM Program.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaboration with Environment Canada, Health Canada, Clean Air Partnership and health units on a harmonized heat alert and response system - Participation on web-based network to share information among stakeholders - Increase awareness of tools: (1) to identify populations and systems most impacted by climate change, (2) to implement climate change adaptation measures 	<p>Advocacy Knowledge Exchange</p>	<p>Participated on Ontario Heat Health Team to develop a harmonized Heat Alert and Response System.</p>
<p>Advocate for action to protect children from exposures to chemicals and substances in their environment</p>	<p>Chronic disease, health equity</p>	<p>Chronic Disease & Health Equity: The health impacts associated with exposure to chemicals and substances in the environment disproportionately impact children and marginalized populations whose health is also influenced by the social determinants of health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Disseminate CPCHE information and materials to health units (various teams incl. Environmental Health, Child/Youth Health, Reproductive Health) - Link to other OPHA Work groups involved in children’s health 	<p>Advocacy Knowledge Exchange</p>	<p>Supported CPCHE on RentSafe initiative to address indoor environmental health concerns affecting the health and well-being of low income residents.</p>
<p>Advocate for health protective standards and measures related to drinking water and recreational waters</p>	<p>Accountability</p>	<p>Accountability: Increasing awareness of the health risk factors associated with water quality (drinking water and recreational water) is a board of health requirement under the Ontario Public Health Standards - Safe Water</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participation in multi-agency committees to address water quality - Improvements, and access to water quality testing 	<p>Advocacy Knowledge Exchange</p>	<p>Submitted comments on Canada Gazette Posting on proposed</p>

		Program			Regulation - Potable Water on Board Trains, Vessels, Aircrafts and Buses
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