

# **The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes**

## **Council Report**

**Report Number 2020-005**

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**Meeting Date:** June 23, 2020

**Title:** Kawartha Lakes Ontario Health Team (KL-OHT) Interim Agreements

**Description:** Interim partnership arrangements guiding the establishment of a Kawartha Lakes Ontario Health Team.

**Ward Number:** All

**Author and Title:** Ron Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer

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### **Recommendation(s):**

**That** Report CAO2020-005, **Kawartha Lakes Ontario Health Team (KL-OHT) Interim Agreements**, be received; and

**That** the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the Kawartha Lakes Interim OHT Agreement, Kawartha Lakes OHT Statement of Partnership Commitment and Kawartha Lakes OHT Data Sharing Agreement, substantially in the form as outlined in Appendix A through C respectively, to Report CAO2020-005.

**Department Head:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial/Legal/HR/Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chief Administrative Officer:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Background:**

In 2019, the provincial Ministry of Health (MOH) announced plans to better connect the health care system by implementing Ontario Health Teams (OHTs).

According to MOH, OHTs are:

- A new model of integrated care delivery that will enable patients, families, communities, providers and system leaders to work together, innovate, and build on what is best in Ontario's health care system.
- A model for groups of health care providers to work together as a team to deliver a full and coordinated continuum of care for patients, even if they're not in the same organization or physical location.
- Teams that will work to achieve common goals related to improved health outcomes, patient and provider experience, and value.

In May 2019, a core group of local healthcare providers, led by the Ross Memorial Hospital (RMH) and Community Care, Health and Care Network (CCCKL) submitted the OHT "self-assessment", the first step for consideration of a local OHT. In July 2019, the KL-OHT was assessed as being "In Development". The team has a strong degree of readiness to implement, but not yet ready to complete the full application.

In January, 2020, an "In Development OHT Progress Report" was submitted to the Ministry. This report provided updates of additional partners in the KL-OHT (inclusive of the City of Kawartha Lakes), an analysis of the attributed population data provided by the Ministry, and an in-depth review of in-scope services that the team could provide. The Ministry committed to announcing the next cohort of OHT applicants in March 2020; however, due to the pandemic this has been held in abeyance at this time.

In anticipation of being invited to complete an "OHT Full Application Form", the local partners are now formalizing partnerships, roles and responsibilities, and commitments to achieve a formal OHT designation locally.

This report is provided for information purposes, and to request council authorization to formalize the City's involvement and commitment to establishing and implementing our local OHT.

## **Rationale:**

The City of Kawartha Lakes provides direct services and supports and funds local healthcare functions. The City should continue as a lead partner in the development and implementation of our local OHT.

In order to best support the future “Full Application” stage of the local OHT formation, it is recommended that council authorize the execution of interim partner agreements.

Three draft agreements, being the Kawartha Lakes Interim OHT Agreement, Kawartha Lakes OHT Statement of Partnership Commitment and Kawartha Lakes OHT Data Sharing Agreement, are included in Appendix A through C respectively to this report. It is recommended that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign and execute these interim agreements.

Through the Interim OHT Agreement, the City would be agreeing to, among other things, the establishment of an Oversight Committee. The Chief Administrative Officer would be the City’s representative on that Committee.

Other coordinating committees are being formalized, with opportunity for additional City Staff to participate. Staff from the City’s Paramedic Service are and continue to be contributors and supporters of the OHT development.

### **Other Alternatives Considered:**

There are no alternatives being considered or recommended. The City should continue to be a lead member contributing to the formation of a local OHT.

### **Financial/Operation Impacts:**

There are no significant financial implications to the City in supporting a full application for an OHT to the Ministry.

There may be future opportunities for municipal service funding through the KL-OHT.

### **Relationship of Recommendation(s) to the 2020-2023 Strategic Plan:**

The establishment and implementation of a KL-OHT supports and contributes to Council’s strategic priority of maintaining an Exceptional Quality of Life. One stated goal is to “improve the health and well-being of residents”. This goal will be substantially accomplished through the establishment of a local OHT.

As a lead member, the City will “Partner and Collaborate” in a meaningful way to innovate and advance common goals.

## **Consultations:**

City Solicitor  
Paramedic Chief  
Deputy Chief, Professional Standards  
Veronica Nelson, VP & Chief Operating Officer, RMH, KL-OHT Co-lead  
Barbara Mildon, CEO, Community Care Health & Care Network, & Lead  
Executive, Community Care Foundation, KL-OHT Co-lead

## **Attachments:**

Appendix A – Kawartha Lakes Interim OHT Agreement (Draft)



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Appendix B – Kawartha Lakes OHT Statement of Partnership Commitment (Draft)



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Appendix C - Kawartha Lakes OHT Data Sharing Agreement (Draft)



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