



Council Report

Report Number: CAO2023-002

Meeting Date: August 29, 2023

Title: **Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Ontario Health Team (KLH-OHT) Agreements**

Description: Partnership agreements guiding the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Ontario Health Team (KLH-OHT) – new agreements and updated prior agreements

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Recommendation(s):

That Report CAO2023-002, **Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Ontario Health Team (KLH-OHT) Agreements**, be received; and

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the following KLH-OHT agreements, substantially in the form as outlined in Appendix B through E respectively, to Report CAO2023-002:

Amended and Restated Data Sharing Agreement;

Amended and Restated Fund Holder and Indemnity Agreement;

OHT Collaboration Agreement; and

OHT Operational Support Provider Agreement.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

At the Council Meeting of June 23, 2020, Report CAO2020-005 – Kawartha Lakes Ontario Health Team (KL-OHT) Interim Agreements, was presented. A copy of this report with agreements executed at that time is attached in Appendix A to this report.

The Kawartha Lakes Ontario Health Team was approved by the Ministry of Health and entered into an Interim OHT Agreement amongst its members in 2020. The City of Kawartha Lakes was a lead partner at that time.

Our OHT has since been renamed the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Ontario Health Team (KLH-OHT) recognizing the addition of four new Haliburton-based partners – Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team, Haliburton Highlands Family Health Organization and the Corporation of the County of Haliburton.

The KLH-OHT currently operates with documents established during early development. The current agreements do not meet all Ministry criteria for collaborative decision-making agreements, do not address operational support services provided to the KLH-OHT by Ross Memorial Hospital and do not confer agency authority on Ross Memorial Hospital to engage with OHT member data.

Rationale:

In November 2022, the Ministry of Health released new Ontario Health Team guidance entitled *Ontario Health Teams – The Path Forward*, to support OHTs on their path to maturity and to promote a standardized approach across OHTs.

In the MOH Guidance, the Ministry is also requiring OHTs to identify an Operational Support Provider to provide back-office functions to support the OHT on an ongoing basis. Engagement of the Operational Support Provider is to be formalized through an agreement with the OHT.

Implementation of the MOH Guidance will not be immediate and in the meantime OHTs will continue collaboration through agreements amongst OHT members, and must comply with Ministry requirements for collaborative decision-making agreements (CDMA) in order for continued receipt of OHT funding.

To support the future state vision for OHTs of integrated clinical and fiscal accountability, OHTs will be expected to create new not-for-profit corporations to manage and coordinate OHT activities. OHT member organizations will maintain their existing accountabilities.

The Ministry and Ontario Health will assess OHT readiness and timeline for OHT incorporation.

Other Alternatives Considered:

No other alternatives are recommended, as the City should continue as an active partner in the KLH-OHT at this time.

Alignment to Strategic Priorities

The execution of these agreements 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 execution of these agreements.

As a lead member, the City will "Partner and Collaborate" in a meaningful way to innovate and advance common goals and local health and wellness.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

There are no financial implications to the City resulting from the execution of these agreements. As an active partner, opportunities for enhanced municipal service delivery and funding is maintained.

Consultations:

Miller Thomson Lawyers (on behalf of the KLH-OHT)

Attachments:

Appendix A – Report CAO2020-005



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Appendix B – Amended and Restated KLH-OHT Data Sharing Agreement



KLH-OHT Data
Sharing Agreement

Appendix C – Amended and Restated Fund Holder and Indemnity Agreement



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Appendix D – KLH-OHT Collaboration Agreement



Collaboration
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Appendix E – Operational Support Provider Agreement



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