

February 20, 2026

Board of Health
City Hall, Committee Room 1
100 Queen Street West Toronto
ON M5H 2N2

Re: Formal Request for a Comprehensive Review of Toronto Public Health's Role & Responsibilities in Regulating Indoor Air Quality

Dear Board Members,

Over the past few years, Toronto has experienced a spike in extreme heat events and smoke from wildfires, causing our city's residents to become increasingly concerned about the impact of indoor air quality (IAQ) and on health outcomes. The COVID-19 pandemic also focused attention on IAQ with regard to preventing the spread of airborne diseases.

At the Board of Health, we have increasingly heard deputations from concerned residents seeking reassurance that Toronto Public Health is aware of IAQ best practices and is actively taking steps to ensure that this aspect of public health is being managed and regulated as best as possible.

As Chair of the Board of Health I am now adding my voice to theirs, and I invite you to join me in formally requesting a comprehensive review of existing IAQ guidance and responsibilities by our Medical Officer of Health in order to provide greater clarity around our Board's role, capabilities, and best practices for taking action on IAQ.

Recommendations:

The Board of Health request the Medical Officer of Health to:

- a. Review existing indoor air quality and ventilation guidance including information from Health Canada;
- b. Review roles and responsibilities for partners involved in indoor air quality, including Ministry of Education, School Boards and Health Canada;
- c. Engage with relevant stakeholders and community partners; and
- d. Report back to the Board of Health in Q3 2026 with the outcomes of this work.



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