



NOTICE OF MOTION

Amending the Composition of the Board of Health Due To Provincial Supervision of School Boards

Moved by: Councillor Moise

Seconded by: Councillor Bravo

SUMMARY:

In June 2025, the province put both the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto District Catholic School Board under supervision, stripping the school board trustees of their powers. Since then, the seat on the Board of Health occupied by the elected school board representative has been effectively vacant but is still counted towards quorum. As a result, the Board of Health has faced significant challenges meeting and maintaining quorum.

Like many of you, I believe that we need to continue to have elected school board trustees, however, the Provincial Government has not announced their long-term plan for school board trustees, and has indicated that they may abolish the elected trustee system altogether. In the meantime, the Board of Health cannot continue facing quorum as a barrier to addressing pressing public health issues.

As the province will have to decide the fate of school board trustees at some time before municipal elections take place across Ontario this fall, I am recommending that the Board of Health composition be amended to remove the requirement for an elected school board representative and instead introduce an additional citizen member until the end of the current term.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council amend the composition of the Board of Health for the balance of the term of Council by removing the education representative and increasing the number of public members by one, effective immediately, so that the composition of the Board of Health is as follows:
 - a. 6 Members of Council; and
 - b. 7 public members.
2. City Council rescind the appointment of Ida Li Preti, Trustee, Toronto Catholic District School, to the Board of Health, effective immediately.

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