



December 18, 2024

Cam Guthrie, Mayor
City of Guelph, City Hall
1 Carden Street
Guelph, ON. N1H 3A1

Dear Mayor Guthrie:

Re: 2025 Budget Confirmation Process

Operating under the authority of the Health Protection and Promotion Act, the Board of Health for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health approved the Agency's 2025 budget on November 6, 2024.

The approved 2025 budget levies a **2.9 %** increase (\$128,789) in total municipal funding for Public Health program services. According to current projections, the anticipated municipal levy increase for 2026 is also **2.9%**.

The Ministry of Health, as the Agency's primary funding source, has committed to **1%** funding growth once again in 2026, but has not been confirmed for 2027 and beyond.

Regrettably, funding continues to fall well below rising inflation, nor does it acknowledge the increased service demands faced by WDGPH in response to population growth. Population size remains one of the Agency's most significant service drivers.

Publicly available information regarding the 2025 Board of Health budget can be found in the November 6, 2024 minutes on our website, with a direct link to the approved report provided below:

- <https://wdgpublichealth.ca/sites/default/files/bh.04.oct0224.r09 - 2025 draft budget.pdf>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (519) 822-2715 extension 4348, or by email at Brian.Herman@wdgpublichealth.ca.

Sincerely,

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