

Monday, September 24, 2018

Mayor and Council Members c/o the Clerk  
City of Barrie  
70 Collier Street, P.O. Box 400  
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Dear Mayor and Council Members c/o the Clerk,

RE: Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit  
Health @ Simcoe Muskoka—2017-2018

As Chair of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Board of Health, I am pleased to present you with a copy of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit annual community report, *Health@SimcoeMuskoka 2017-2018*. As well as providing a summary of last year's accomplishments, this report profiles action taken on the agency's strategic priorities, emerging public health issues, and the advocacy role taken by the Board of Health.

Amongst other highlights, this year's report features the health unit's designation as a Baby-Friendly Initiative Health Organization; examples of how the health unit conducts surveillance and provides data to the community; and the actions we are taking to investigate infection prevention and control lapses. It also describes our commitment to quality and accountability, and provides numbers and descriptions of our programs and services. Throughout the report, the importance of the collaborative relationships we have with our partners and stakeholders to enhance the health and well-being of the residents and communities of Simcoe Muskoka is emphasized.

The report is available in two formats: in print (included with this letter) and online at [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org). We welcome any questions, comments or concerns you have about public health issues in your local community, by contacting Health Connection at 705-721-7520, or 1-877-721-7520 or through the online contact form on our website.

Sincerely,



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