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Medical Officer of Health Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Chatham-Kent (www.chatham-kent.ca) is a single tier municipality created in 1998 with the amalgamation of 23 municipal entities including the former City of Chatham and former County of Kent. Chatham-Kent is located in the heart of southwestern Ontario and enjoys one of Canada's most temperate climates. With a current population of 104,316 spread across an area that is 2,494 square kilometres, Chatham-Kent provides services to both rural and small urban centres, each with unique needs and located miles apart. Chatham-Kent is committed to reaping the benefits of economies of scale in providing municipal services but at the same time is committed to respecting the heritage and supporting the distinct communities within its borders.

Chatham-Kent Public Health (www.ckphu.com) provides programs and services to the citizens of Chatham-Kent in accordance with the Ontario Public Health Standards. These programs are provincially funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, Health Canada, and the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and are brought to you by a qualified team of professionals. The dedicated team at CK Public Health strives to achieve their mission: Working together to deliver evidence-informed, equity-focused programs and services. We protect and promote health and advocate for positive social change.

Reporting to the Board of Health, with a shared leadership relationship with the CEO Public Health/General Manager Community Human Services, the Medical Officer of Health is accountable for offering strategic direction and support for a wide range of public health programs and services in compliance with the Ontario Public Health Standards. The MOH provides leadership to a high performing team and advises on clinical policy development, medical issues, legislation, and risk management frameworks, as well as provides medical expertise in the creation and implementation of public health programs and services. By conveying and constantly demonstrating organizational ethics and values, the MOH plays an imperative role in shaping them.

The successful candidate will be well-versed in current and emerging public health and health care challenges and will carry out the specific statutory responsibilities under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* and other relevant legislation. A visionary and strategic leader with exemplary interpersonal skills, the new MOH will be dedicated to forging successful partnerships at the municipal, regional and provincial level, and will effectively collaborate with Indigenous leaders, organizations, and high priority populations.

The successful candidate must be registered and in good standing with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and possess one of the following: fellowship in community medicine from The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, or; a certificate, diploma or Master's degree from a university recognised in Canada that is granted after not less than one academic year of full-time post-graduate studies or its equivalent in public health, comprising, (i) epidemiology, (ii) quantitative methods, (iii) management and administration, and (iv) disease prevention and health promotion; or recognition from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario to practice as a MOH in Ontario. The preferred candidate should have at least five years in the practice of medicine, with at least three years spent in an administrative or managerial position within a public health department or agency. French language skills would be an asset.

For more information or to pursue this outstanding opportunity, please contact Pamela Colquhoun, Partner, via Kathy Luu <u>kluu@boyden.com</u>.

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent is an equal opportunity employer, committed to fair and accessible employment practices that attract and retain talented employees in a workplace that is inclusive, supportive, and reflective of the diverse community we serve. Should you require accommodations during the recruitment process, please contact us. Applicant information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Privacy legislation and will be used strictly for the purpose of candidate selection.