

## NEWS RELEASE

### Entity Board of Directors continues its work

**[September 15, 2022]** The twelfth Annual General Meeting of the “Entité de planification des services de santé en français Érié St. Clair/Sud-Ouest” was held on September 13th, 2022 by videoconference before representatives of the community. This was an opportunity for Entity 1 to review the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

The Chair, Paul Lachance, presented a report on the activities in which the Board of Directors is engaged. The Board focused, among other things, on good governance. Collaboration between Entity 1 and Entity 2 has continued, allowing a focus on common priorities affecting the Ontario Health West Region. The Board also continued its work with the “Regroupement provincial de planification des services de santé en français de l'Ontario” in an effort to improve shared services and facilitate the delivery and management of common services.

Executive Director Paul Levac and Planning Officers Ayah Karra-Aly and Franck Tshunza presented selected achievements of the Entity 1 pertaining to its action plan and work plan. The team also reported on the progress made in terms of planning French language services, communication, and community engagement mechanisms. More information on these achievements can be found in the annual report.

**The Board of Directors elected Didier Marotte, Jean-Pierre Cantin, Joseph Bisnaire, Yves Mainville, Sylvie Barbeau Chmielewski, Nicole Plante and Gerardo Castro. They join Paul Lachance and Marie Dorval who are serving the 2nd year of a 5th and final term. One individual position remains vacant. The new Board of Directors will launch a process shortly to fill this position.**

**Following the AGM, the new Board met to elect its new executive. Paul Lachance was re-elected President, Joseph Bisnaire was re-elected as Vice-President, Marie Dorval was re-elected Secretary and Didier Marotte was re-elected Treasurer.**

"I thank my Board colleagues for their continued confidence..." indicated President-elect Paul Lachance. I wish to conclude that "The Entity is well positioned to continue its commitment to the community and its work to support the development of French language health services to meet the needs of Francophones in the Erie St. Clair and Southwest regions, which are now part of the Health Ontario West region, while contributing with the other Entities to the planning of French language health services at the provincial level".

**Entity 1 is a non-profit organization serving the Erie St. Clair/Southwest regions within Ontario Health West. Entité 1 is attentive to the needs of Francophone communities and provides recommendations, and offers advice and strategies to improve access to quality French language health services.**

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