

## NEWS RELEASE

### Entity Board of Directors continues its work

**[September 21, 2023]** The thirteenth Annual General Meeting of the “Entité de planification des services de santé en français Érié St. Clair/Sud-Ouest” was held on September 19th, 2023 by videoconference before representatives of the community. This was an opportunity for Entité 1 to review the 2022-2023 financial year.

The Chair, Paul Lachance, presented an overview of the activities to which the Board of Directors is committed. Among other things, the Board focused on good governance. Collaboration between Entité 1 and Entité 2 has continued, allowing a focus on common priorities affecting the Ontario Health West Region. In 2022-2023, the Board also reviewed its bylaws, policies, directives and practices in order to comply with the revisions to Ontario’s Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA).

Executive Director Paul Levac and Planning Officers Ayah Karra-Aly and Franck Tshunza presented selected achievements of Entité 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 Paul Lachance and Marie Dorval. They join Didier Marotte, Jean-Pierre Cantin, Joseph Bisnaire, Yves Mainville, Sylvie Barbeau Chmielewski, Nicole Plante and Gerardo Castro who are serving the 2nd year of their respective terms. 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 would like to thank my colleagues on the Board of Directors for their confidence in me and their continued support..." indicated President-elect Paul Lachance. I wish to conclude that "Entité 1 is well positioned to continue its mandate of planning and community engagement and its work in support of the development of French-language health services by health service providers to better meet the needs of Francophones in the Erie St. Clair and Southwest regions, which are now part of the Health Ontario West region, and continue to advise Health Ontario and Ontario Health West in its' planning as the Entité's mandate comes up for renewal," he concluded.

**Entité 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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