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MAYOR'S OFFICE

August 29, 2017

Mayor and Council Members c/o the Clerk
City of Barrie,
70 Collier Street
Barrie, ON L4M 4T5

Dear Clerk,

RE: Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit
Health @ Simcoe Muskoka—2016-2017

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 for 2016-2017. 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 collaborative response to the increasing number of opioid overdoses in Simcoe Muskoka; examples of how the health unit uses new and existing technology for service and program delivery; and the actions we are taking on the health impacts of climate change based on a health vulnerability assessment conducted this year. 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. We welcome any questions, comments or concerns you have about public health issues in your local community, by contacting the health unit at 705-721-7520, or 1-877-721-7520 or through the online contact form on our website.

Sincerely,



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