



Webinar: Introduction to the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA) New Health and the Built Environment Work Group

Date: May 18th, 2010

Time: 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. EST

The Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA) is proud to announce the launch of a new work group focusing on Health and the Built Environment. Please join us on Tuesday May 18th from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m for an introductory webinar to learn about the new workgroup and how you can partner and become involved in their exciting activities. The webinar will also feature two informative presentations on creating healthy built environment policies and partnerships.

Webinar Agenda:

Partnerships are being developed between land use planners, transportation planners, traffic engineers, developers and Public Health staff. **Kevin Eby, the Director of Community Planning at Region of Waterloo** will discuss the opportunities for working together to improve the design of our communities. Specific examples will be provided to outline where and how Public Health is having meaningful involvement in the development of policies and land use decisions in the Ontario context.

Megan Williams, Health Promotion Specialist at Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit will provide an overview of a new resource “*Healthy Community Design - Policy Statements for Official Plans*” created by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU). This innovative and practical resource provides suggestions for Official Plan policies and implementation activities that municipalities can adopt to enhance the health of their citizens.

Workgroup co-chairs, **Kiran Ghai from the Region of Peel Public Health and Pat Fisher from the Region of Waterloo Public Health** will give an overview and introduction to the OPHA Health and the Built Environment Workgroup. They will outline the structure, focus of the Health and the Built Environment workgroup and let you know how you can become involved and shape the agenda during the launch of this new and exciting workgroup.

At the end of the session, participants will be invited to take part in a short survey to inform the development of the initial workplan for the OPHA Health and the Built Environment Work group.

We look forward to your organization’s participation in the upcoming webinar. If you have any questions about the webinar and/or regarding the OPHA Health and the Built Environment Work Group, please contact one of the co-chairs:

To register for the May 18th webinar, please send your contact information to pafisher@regionofwaterloo.ca with the words “OPHA Health and the Built Environment Webinar” in the subject line by May 12.

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