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Department of Health and Wellness

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Message from the Minister

The Honourable Antoinette Perry
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May it Please Your Honour:

I have the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report of the Department of Health and Wellness for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020. The Minister of Health and Wellness for this reporting period was the Honourable James Aylward.

Respectfully submitted,

The Honorable Mark McLane
Minister of Health and Wellness

Message from the Deputy Minister

The Honourable Mark McLane
Minister of Health and Wellness
Province of Prince Edward Island



Honourable Minister:

I am pleased to submit the Annual Report of the Department of Health and Wellness for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020.

The report outlines the department's activities from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020. The Deputy Minister of Health and Wellness for this reporting period was Mark Spidel.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Thibeau

Deputy Minister of Health and Wellness

Department of Health and Wellness Overview

The Prince Edward Island Department of Health and Wellness serves and supports all Islanders. In accordance with the *Health Services Act*, the Department supports the Minister of Health and Wellness in providing oversight of health services in the province and establishing accountability mechanisms, standards for health services, performance targets, and policies and guidelines for the management and delivery of services. It also provides leadership in matters related to public health and health promotion and establishes policy direction to improve the health and well-being of citizens of PEI. It works to ensure alignment of priorities between the Department of Health and Wellness and Health PEI, which is critical for ensuring that both organizations work together effectively to create measurable progress on enhancing the health and well-being of Islanders.



Mandate

The mandate of the Department of Health and Wellness is to provide leadership, policy direction and programs that contribute to:

- health protection and promotion for islanders; and
- quality and sustainable health services that are accessible to Islanders.

The Department fulfills this mandate in partnership with Islanders and communities, Health PEI, health professions and allied health professionals, non-government and community organizations, the private sector, and other government departments.



Highlights and Accomplishments

Expenditures

- In 2019-2020, the Department of Health and Wellness **operating budget was \$35.8 million**, up from \$33.2 million in 2018-2019.

Planning and Policy Development

- The Government of PEI added **prescription medications to the provincial drug formulary** to improve access to critical medication for patients with arthritis, diabetes, COPD, lung cancer, heart failure, and those receiving radiation therapy.
- The Government of PEI cancelled a planned increase to the self-pay accommodation rate and announced that it was **establishing one consistent accommodation rate for all people living in public long-term care or community-care facilities**. Cancelling this increase reduces the cost for Island residents living in public facilities and creates a fair and equitable price for all residence in public facilities. A more transparent and fair accommodation rate will help ensure that all Island residents has access to high quality long-term care.
- The Province of PEI and the Medical Society of PEI signed an agreement to move forward on a **physicians' recruiting physicians model for PEI**. The Medical Society of PEI will work closely with the Department of Health and Wellness and Health PEI to develop the new recruitment model and will assess the best recruitment practices across Canada and internationally, while also seeking input from PEI physicians and hosting a facilitated workshop with stakeholders.
- The Government of PEI made **changes to the long-term care subsidy assessment process** that allows a spouse whose partner is living in long-term care to keep either half of their family income or a new minimum amount of \$22,133. These changes will help spouses of long-term care residents retain more of their family income and stay in their own homes and communities.

Population Health

- The Government of PEI launched an initiative during the month of November, in conjunction with Diabetes Awareness Month, that gives Islanders **access to free diabetes risk assessment clinics** in Souris, Montague, Charlottetown, Cornwall, North Rustico, Summerside, Miscouche, Lennox Island, and O'Leary. The clinics focus on early diagnosis and treatment of diabetes and helps

Islanders with diabetes a chance to allow for earlier management which will help reduce the risk of complications from diabetes.

- The Department of Health and Wellness announced that **spouses of long-term care residents will be able to stay in their own homes and communities longer** with updates to long-term care regulations that will allow them to retain more of their family income.
- The Government of PEI added an additional funding stream to the Wellness Grant Program that made accessing the funds more accessible for community groups. The two funding streams are the **Community Catalyst Grant, and the Health Promotion Impact Grant**. The program provided funding to 23 community groups for initiatives in the priority areas of: living tobacco free; being physically active and reducing sedentary time; healthy eating; consuming alcohol responsibly; and mental health promotion.

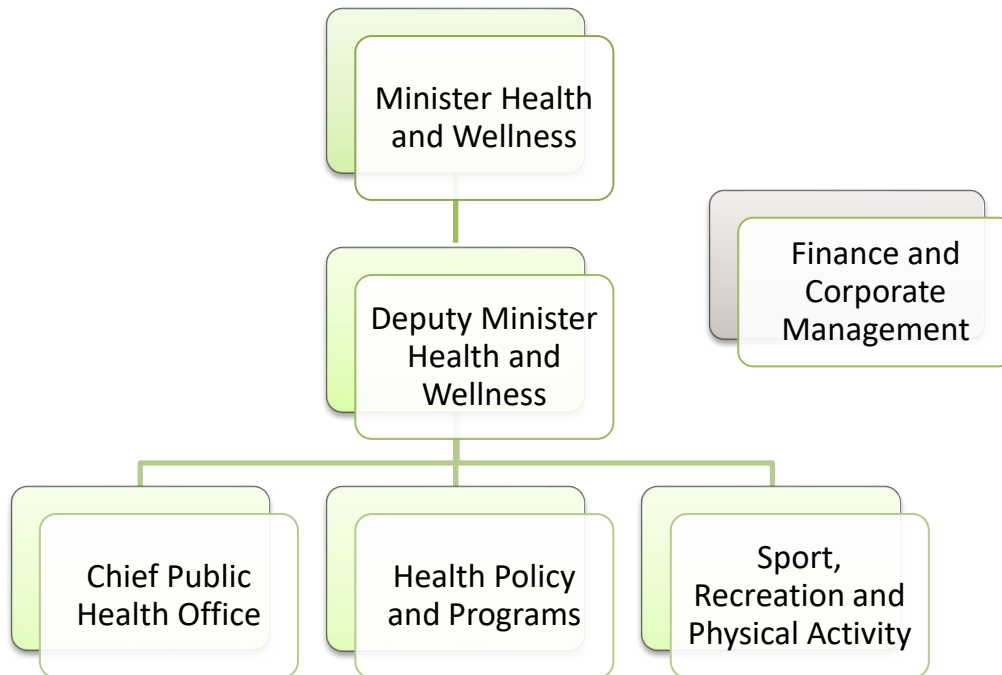
Encouraging Healthy and Active Lives

- The Department of Health and Wellness **contributed \$125,000 to the Canadian Red Cross to support water safety program day camps across the province**. These programs began on PEI in 1946 and teach kids life-saving swimming and boating safety skills while promoting an active and healthy lifestyle.

COVID-19

- With the emergence of the global COVID-19 pandemic, and the first reported case of COVID-19 in PEI on March 14, 2020, the **Government of PEI took steps to protect the health and safety of Islanders during a rapidly evolving situation**. The Chief Public Health Office put in place measures to limit the spread of COVID-19 on PEI and led the:
 - activation of provincial pandemic response plan, including regular briefings and integration with government, CPHO, and Health PEI operations;
 - participation in national response according to the Federal, Provincial, and Territorial Public Health Response Plan for Biological Events;
 - issuance of guidance on public health measures;
 - issuance of guidance on the emerging COVID-19 pathogen;
 - developing policies for COVID-19 testing; and
 - response to concerns from organizations, community groups, business and industry, and members of the public.

Organizational Structure



Finance and Corporate Management

This Division supports and assists the Department of Health and Wellness in the areas of human resource management and financial management.

Chief Public Health Office

Public health is defined as the organized efforts of society to keep people healthy and prevent injury, illness, and premature death. It is the combination of programs, services, and policies that protect and promote health.

The mandate of the Chief Public Health Office (CPHO) is to protect and promote the health of Islanders through leadership, partnership, and excellence in public health. The division is responsible for delivery of health protection programs including food safety as legislated under the *Public Health Act*. This is accomplished through regulation, inspection, and enforcement. The CPHO is responsible for preventive measures to reduce the spread of diseases including immunization and communicable disease infection control. The CPHO also monitors provincial health trends to help inform program development and public health policy.

Sport, Recreation and Physical Activity Division

This division is responsible for encouraging Islanders to be active through sport, recreation, and other physical activity. This mandate is achieved through a wide variety of partnerships with sport, recreation, and active living organizations throughout the province. The division provides grants and consultation services to a number of provincial, regional, and community groups and works with a variety of provincial and federal government departments and organizations, as well as national and interprovincial non-governmental organizations.

Programs supported by this division include the Amateur Sport Program, Community Recreation Support Program, and go!PEI.

Health Policy and Programs

This division provides policy and planning direction in various aspects of health care delivery. In turn, these supports assist the Minister in providing leadership, strategic direction, and oversight of the health care system. The division is also responsible for health workforce planning through the actions of the Recruitment and Retention Secretariat

Financial Statements

EXPENDITURES AND REVENUE

	2019-2020	2019-2020
	Budget Forecast	Budget Estimate
	\$	\$
EXPENDITURE		
MINISTER'S/DEPUTY MINISTER'S OFFICE.....	397,700	339,600
HEALTH POLICY AND PROGRAMS.....	26,032,000	26,288,800
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE.....	5,520,100	5,606,600
SPORT, RECREATION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY.....	3,866,300	3,746,700
COVID-19 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY CONTINGENCY	--	--
TOTAL EXPENDITURE.....	35,816,100	35,981,700
REVENUE		
HEALTH AND WELLNESS.....	3,082,900	2,789,100
TOTAL REVENUE.....	3,082,900	2,789,100

EXPENDITURES

	2019-2020	2019-2020
	Budget	Budget
	Forecast	Estimate
	\$	\$
MINISTER'S/DEPUTY MINISTER'S OFFICE		
Minister's/Deputy Minister's Office		
Appropriations provided for the administration of the Minister's and the Deputy Minister's offices.		
Administration.....	15,600	22,700
Equipment.....	3,300	1,500
Materials, Supplies and Services.....	8,000	8,000
Professional Services.....	1,700	--
Salaries.....	343,900	282,200
Travel and Training.....	25,200	25,200
Total Minister's/Deputy Minister's Office.....	397,700	339,600
TOTAL MINISTER'S/DEPUTY MINISTER'S OFFICE.....	397,700	339,600

HEALTH POLICY AND PROGRAMS

Health Policy and Programs

Appropriations provided to support the Department in carrying out its corporate management responsibilities in the areas of planning and evaluation, health policy development and analysis, and legislation.

Administration.....	35,400	41,200
Equipment.....	9,900	5,000
Materials, Supplies and Services.....	27,600	40,400
Professional Services.....	145,100	1,046,600
Salaries.....	1,104,500	1,447,800
Travel and Training.....	52,700	56,800
Grants.....	2,708,200	2,193,000
Total Health Policy and Programs.....	4,083,400	4,830,800

Community Care Facility and Private Nursing Home Inspection

Appropriations provided for the inspection and licensing of Community Care Facilities and Private Nursing Homes in Prince Edward Island pursuant to the *Community Care Facilities and Nursing Homes Act*.

Administration.....	9,200	8,200
Equipment.....	7,100	1,200
Materials, Supplies and Services.....	2,900	2,900
Professional Services.....	10,000	10,000
Salaries.....	499,200	526,700
Travel and Training.....	16,000	19,300
Total Community Care and Private Nursing Home Inspection.....	544,400	568,300

EXPENDITURES

	2019-2020	2019-2020
	Budget	Budget
	Forecast	Estimate
	\$	\$
Health Recruitment and Retention		
Appropriations provided for the Health Recruitment and Retention Secretariat to provide workforce planning and support the development and implementation of recruitment and retention strategies for physicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals experiencing shortages.		
Administration.....	14,900	22,200
Equipment.....	5,500	-
Materials, Supplies and Services.....	66,500	53,600
Professional Services.....	98,400	25,000
Salaries.....	499,700	434,100
Travel and Training.....	29,300	18,700
Grants.....	1,183,700	1,466,500
Total Health Recruitment and Retention.....	1,898,000	2,020,100
Emergency Health Services		
Appropriations provided to support Provincial emergency health related policy and programs including ambulance services, air ambulance, Tele-Health (8-1-1), blood services, and organ and tissue donation and transplantation.		
Administration.....	11 400	15,300
Equipment.....	5,600	--
Materials, Supplies and Services.....	27,200	1,300
Professionals Services.....	13,314,600	13,215,500
Salaries.....	287,700	412,400
Travel and Training.....	18,700	18,700
Grants.....	5,441,000	4,806,400
Total Health Recruitment and Retention.....	19,106,200	18,469,600
National Blood Portfolio Secretariat		
Appropriations provided to support the National Blood Portfolio Secretariat. Prince Edward Island will assume responsibility as lead jurisdiction for a two-year period. Appropriations are fully-offset by the Collaborative Initiatives Fund.		
Administration.....	9,600	6,800
Equipment.....	5,300	--
Materials, Supplies and Services.....	65,600	25,000
Professional Services.....	9,600	7,000
Salaries.....	286,100	303,500
Travel and Training.....	23,800	57,700
Total National Blood Portfolio Secretariat.....	400,000	400,000
TOTAL HEALTH POLICY AND PROGRAMS.....	26,032,000	26,288,800

EXPENDITURES

	2019-2020	2019-2020
	Budget	Budget
	Forecast	Estimate
	\$	\$
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE		
Chief Public Health Office		
Appropriations provided for administration of the <i>Public Health Act</i> , supervision of provincial public health programs, immunization programs, disease surveillance and communicable disease control.		
Administration.....	32,600	27,200
Equipment.....	2,300	--
Materials, Supplies and Services.....	2,051,400	1,888,400
Professional Services.....	7,300	5,300
Salaries.....	1,057,900	1,143,400
Travel and Training.....	33,400	25,000
Grants.....	3,000	1,600
Total Chief Public Health Office.....	3,187,900	3,090,900
Population Health Assessment and Surveillance		
Appropriations provided to monitor and report to the public on health status and trends in the Province. This unit support evidence-based decision making and promotes continuous improvement by generating, analyzing and interpreting information.		
Administration.....	4,300	4,300
Equipment.....	2,400	2,400
Materials, Supplies and Services.....	600	600
Professional Services.....	16,300	16,300
Salaries.....	358,800	358,800
Travel and Training.....	2,100	2,100
Total Population Health Assessment and Surveillance.....	384,500	384,500

EXPENDITURES

	2019-2020	2019-2020
	Budget	Budget
	Forecast	Estimate
	\$	\$
Health Promotion		
Appropriations provided to support the health and wellness of Islanders and to promote a proactive process to enable Islanders to increase control over and to improve their health. The unit is responsible for implementing the provincial Wellness Strategy within the Department, across Government and in partnership with non-Government organizations and communities.		
Administration.....	5,700	5,700
Equipment.....	600	--
Materials, Supplies and Services.....	126,100	106,600
Professional Services.....	50,600	101,100
Salaries.....	389,200	335,300
Travel and Training.....	5,800	5,800
Grants.....	187,500	191,500
Total Health Promotion.....	765,500	746,000
Tobacco Prevention & Cessation		
Appropriations provided to support the design and implementation of tobacco prevention and harm reduction initiatives and the development, coordination and evaluation of a comprehensive and integrated Provincial Tobacco Cessation Program.		
Administration.....	1,500	1,500
Materials, Supplies and Services.....	153,700	260,100
Professional Services.....	41,600	49,100
Salaries.....	30,400	78,600
Travel and Training.....	2,300	4,000
Total Tobacco Prevention & Cessation.....	229,500	393,300

EXPENDITURES

	2019-2020	2019-2020
	Budget	Budget
	Forecast	Estimate
	\$	\$
Environmental Health Services		
<p>Appropriations provided for the services to educate, consult and inspect under the <i>Public Health Act</i> in areas such as food protection, occupational health, accommodations and slaughter houses. Inspection services also includes enforcement under the <i>Tobacco Sales & Access Act</i> and <i>Smoke-free Places Act</i>.</p>		
Administration.....	18,100	18,100
Equipment.....	10,600	800
Materials, Supplies and Services.....	30,500	30,500
Professional Services.....	31,700	41,800
Salaries.....	801,200	840,100
Travel and Training.....	60,600	60,600
Grants.....	--	--
Total Environmental Health Services	952,700	991,900
TOTAL CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE	5,520,100	5,606,600

EXPENDITURES

	2019-2020	2019-2020
	Budget	Budget
	Forecast	Estimate
	\$	\$
SPORT, RECREATION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY		
Sport, Recreation and Physical Activity		
Appropriations provided for development, implementation, delivery and monitoring of programs and services in the areas of sport, recreation and physical activity.		
Administration.....	8,800	8,800
Equipment.....	1,100	2,100
Materials, Supplies and Services.....	2,500	5,500
Professional Services.....	70,000	70,000
Salaries.....	381,100	385,000
Travel and Training.....	16,900	16,900
Grants.....	3,385,900	3,258,400
Total Sports, Recreation and Physical Activity.....	3,866,300	3,746,700
TOTAL SPORT, RECREATION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY.....	3,866,300	3,746,700
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TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS.....	35,816,100	35,981,700