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## Director, Health Protection Durham Region

Durham Region, dedicated to maintaining outstanding standards of service, relies on the expertise and commitment of its employees. Durham Region is one of Ontario's fastest growing areas to live, work and play, with a population of over 685,000 people. Durham Region is geographically, culturally, and economically diverse with large urban cities, towns and quaint villages that support both a bustling urban environment, and a prosperous rural and agricultural base. Transforming and evolving, Durham Region has an ideal mix of businesses, affordability, accessibility, and connectivity with major infrastructure investments, an accessible and specialized talent pool, world-class education institutions, and an enterprise-driven business community.

Reporting to the Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, the Director, Health Protection will direct and lead the Health Protection Division in developing, implementing and evaluating the effectiveness of Ministry of Health Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS) in accordance with the mandated mission of the Health Department. This position will ensure that policies, procedures and other plans are present to prevent, eliminate or decrease the effects of health hazards that may adversely affect the health of any person living, working or visiting the Region of Durham.

As Director, Health Protection, you'll join the Health Department executive team. You will provide human resource development and management for the division, including evaluating and revising the systems and processes for organizing the division, staff allocation, appointments and staff development. You will lead the division by managing the Health Protection Division and ensuring the implementation of a staff development and continuous learning plan to create an environment of continuous quality improvement of all programs and services within the division, including the Emergency Response Planning, whilst ensuring programs are delivered efficiently and effectively by qualified professional staff.

The role is highly consultative and collaborative, requiring the incumbent to participate in and coordinate the secretariat for the Durham Nuclear Health Committee, lead the distribution of the Potassium Iodide Program for the health department for Ontario Power Generation and coordinate, review and revise monthly reports regarding Health Protection programs and activities for the Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health and Executive Committee. You will also work closely with other regional departments and divisions, the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer including Strategic Initiatives Division, Emergency Management, and Social Services.



With a degree in Applied Science and Environmental Health, coupled with certification by the Board of Certification, Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors, you bring a minimum of fifteen (15) years of progressive and varied experience in Public Health (Health Protection), including several years in a manager role. You possess excellent technical knowledge in the areas of microbiology, chemistry, food safety, outbreak control, infection control, control of infectious diseases, rabies, drinking and recreational water, emergency response planning, investigations of health hazards, hydrogeology/soil sciences, and tobacco control. You are a strategic thinker with exceptional leadership skills and the ability to manage teams and work effectively as a member of a multidisciplinary management team. You have also demonstrated the ability to liaise effectively with Council, committees and external agencies.

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