Editor's Message

If there is a constant in life, it is change. At times, it can seem impossible to predict where the change will come from, never mind keeping up with the change. The Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care just announced a substantial change to the structure of public health in Ontario. The number of health units will decrease from 35 to 10. Municipalities will pay a greater share of the public health budget, a phenomenon only found in Ontario. Details are sparse, but Ontario public health is anticipating a system disruption. Ontario is not unique as we have seen substantial changes in many other provinces including Alberta, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan, and Quebec. Even the Public Health Agency of Canada has had its reporting relationship change over the past few years. No public health organization has been immune.

So, what do we do? Well, in the short term we continue to do our day-to-day jobs. And we try and do them to the best of our ability. Hopefully, the *Environmental Health Review* can help in some small way. We try to publish articles that are of interest to environmental public health practitioners to help them remain as effective as possible in both ongoing and emerging areas. This journal is one attempt to help professionals do just that.

One of the articles in this issue looks at the use of gas chlorine in swimming pools and the potential hazards of this form of disinfection. Another article explores infections arising from floatation tanks. The third article is a review of the literature exploring the public health hazards of edible cannabis. One of these articles may be considered a traditional topic, another one a traditional topic within a new context, and the other article a new topic that has been thrust upon us.

The breadth and quality of the submissions the *Environmental Health Review* receives is extremely interesting. The more information we continue to publish, the more we can share stories about successful or interesting environmental public health practices. This increases the knowledge level of all involved.

On a side note, I am exploring the possibility of indexing this journal to increase the exposure of the work of environmental public health professional across Canada. Stay tuned, and keep those articles coming.

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