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# START UP

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Welcome to Start Up, a newsletter to update you on new developments as we build Ontario's first public health agency.

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## Message from Vivek Goel, President and CEO

As we enter 2009, we have several exciting developments to share with you.



In mid-December the Board approved our first Strategic Planning Framework and Start-Up Operational Plan. This document, which is being shared with you today, reflects the beginning of what will become over time, an iterative and consultative approach to the setting of our priorities. Over the next few months, we will be undertaking a consultation process that will include town hall meetings across the province and a web-based survey. We encourage you to submit any comments you have on the framework directly to [stratplan@oahpp.ca](mailto:stratplan@oahpp.ca). Your feedback is important to our success and we hope that you will get involved. In conjunction with the consultation process, the Board's newly-created [Strategic Planning Sub-Committee](#), chaired by [Dr. Liana Nolan](#), will develop a comprehensive three-year plan that we will unveil later this year.

As I mentioned in my last communiqué, the Ontario Public Health Laboratories transferred to the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion (OAHPP) on December 15, 2008, greatly strengthening our ability to provide specialized scientific and technical advice and support across the province. In this issue of Start Up, we introduce you to the Scientific Medical Team at the labs and highlight some of the work that is underway. The OAHPP's laboratory science and medical team is headed up by [Dr. Don Low](#), Medical Director and [Pat Everitt](#), Chief Laboratory Operations Officer. It is a great pleasure to also announce that [Dr. Brian Schwartz](#) has joined OAHPP as our Director of Emergency Management Support. In this role Dr. Schwartz will be responsible for establishing the protocols, policies and relationships needed to prepare for and effectively support the Government and its partners in responding to emergencies and other exigent situations.

I invite you to find out more about the Strategic Planning Framework and Start Up Operational Plan and other recent developments:

- [Strategic Planning Framework and Start-Up Operational Plan](#)
- [Introducing the Strategic Planning Sub-Committee of the Board](#)
- [Meet the Scientific and Medical Team at the Laboratories](#)
- [The Sheela Basrur Centre Outreach Program Launch and Founding Partners](#)
- [Environmental Public Health Week, January 19-24, 2009](#)

~ Vivek Goel



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