

Lakelands Public Health Board of Health Meeting Summary**Date:** Wednesday, October 21, 2026. | **Video:** [Watch on YouTube](#)**Medical Officer of Health Update**

Dr. Thomas Piggott, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer for Lakelands Public Health, provided an update that included:

Strategic Plan: The work on the strategic plan is progressing and will continue with an approval coming in 2027 with the new membership of the Board of Health. Feedback implementation has started already including improving engagement with our healthcare providers and partners, a series of Public Health Grand Rounds and in-person partner meetings, as well as the dissemination of vaccines and respiratory viruses as well.

Board of Health Orientation: Planning is underway for the training of our new Board of Health members.

Reports**7.1.Presentation: Fall Season Respiratory Illness**

The Board of Health was presented with the Fall Respiratory Season update from Dr. Maxwell Tran, Associate Medical Officer of Health that included an overview of the Respiratory Infections Dashboard and the presentation of the newly piloted Wastewater Surveillance Data Dashboard. Annual influenza and COVID-19 vaccination continues to be strongly recommended and is available to everyone from Oct 26th in pharmacies, primary care or other locations. RSV vaccination is also strongly recommended for all adults above the age of 75 and to infants. View our Media Release: [Protect Yourself and Your Community This Respiratory Season](#) (October 21, 2026).

7.2. Staff Report: Building a Culture of Quality Improvement - Lean Training Update

The Board of Health received an update on Lakelands Public Health's ongoing efforts to build a culture of quality improvement across the organization. Over the past year, significant progress has been made through Lean training at all certification levels, with more than 170 staff participating in White, Yellow, Green, and Black Belt training. Lean principles are also being applied to program harmonization and service delivery, resulting in improvements to a range of administrative and public health processes, including reduced wait times, streamlined workflows, increased role clarity, and enhanced service quality. Looking ahead, Lakelands Public Health will continue expanding staff training, establish a Continuous Quality Improvement Committee, and introduce a new quality and impact measurement approach to support ongoing organizational excellence.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 20, 2027, at 4 p.m. at the Peterborough Office, 185 King Street, and will be in-person/hybrid.

Agenda and Meeting Package

To view the Board of Health Meeting Summary, Agenda and Package please visit LakelandsPH.ca/BOH.

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