

**Board of Health for
Lakelands Public Health
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Andrews/Economic Development Building, 1787 Curve Lake Road
Curve Lake First Nation**

Board Members:

Deputy Mayor Ron Black, Chair
Ms. Frances Gerow
Councillor Nodin Knott
Councillor Joy Lachica (virtual)
Mayor John Logel (virtual)
Dr. Ramesh Makhija
Mr. Dan Moloney
Councillor Keith Riel (virtual)
Councillor Cecil Ryall (virtual)
Dr. Hans Stelzer (virtual)
Mayor Olena Hankivsky (virtual)

Regrets:

Warden Bonnie Clark
Councillor Dan Joyce
Deputy Mayor Tracy Richardson
Councillor Kathryn Wilson

Staff:

Dr. Thomas Piggott, Medical Officer of Health & Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Alida Gorizzan, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
Dr. Stephen McCarthy, Public Health and Preventive Medicine Resident
Ms. Michelle McWalters, Executive Assistant
Mr. Richard Ovcharovich, Manager, Environmental Health
Mr. Larry Stinson, Director, Facilities, Finance & IT / Chief Transformation Officer

Welcome to the Territory and Cultural Teaching:

Jayden Jacobs, Anishnaabemowin Coordinator, Curve Lake First Nation

1. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Black, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m., and expressed sincere thanks on behalf of the Board for the welcome and cultural teaching.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION:

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Moved: Mr. Moloney

Seconded: Dr. Makhija

Motion carried. (2026-044)

4. Adoption of Regular Minutes

A correction was noted to the attendees for the May 20, 2026 meeting.

MOTION:

That the Board of Health for Lakelands Public Health approve meeting minutes for May 20, 2026, as amended.

Moved: Councillor Lachica

Seconded: Councillor Ryall

Motion carried. (2026-045)

5. Business Arising

6. 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:

- A review of correspondence sent to the Provincial Coroner in response to the Blastomycosis Inquest. The submission highlighted the work Lakelands Public Health has undertaken to collaborate with First Nation communities, as well as ongoing efforts to advance health equity and access to public health services within those communities.
- Dr. Piggott, Vice Chair Councillor Ryall and additional Lakelands Public Health staff attended the alPHa (Association of Local Public Health) 2026 conference. Key learnings included emerging trends in chronic disease, insights into the current provincial landscape, and concerns regarding the future funding for public health.
- Emerging Infectious Disease updates on hantavirus and ebola.

MOTION:

That the Board of Health for Lakelands Public Health receive the oral report, Medical Officer of Health Update, for information.

Moved: Ms. Gerow

Seconded: Dr. Makhija

Motion carried. (2026-046)

7. Reports

7.1. Presentation: Tick Surveillance and Lyme Disease – Board of Health Update

MOTION:

That the Board of Health for Lakelands Public Health receive the following for information:

- Presentation Title: Tick Surveillance and Lyme Disease – Board of Health Update
- Presenter: Dr. Stephen McCarthy, MD, MPH, PhD, Public Health and Preventive Medicine Resident

Moved: Mr. Moloney

Seconded: Mayor Logel

Motion carried. (2026-047)

7.2. Stewardship Committee Report: 2025 Draft Audited Statements

Guest, Mr. Richard Steiging, Partner at Baker Tilly KDN LLP, joined virtually for this item.

MOTION:

That the Board of Health for Lakelands Public Health approve the 2025 Draft Audited Financial Statements.

Moved: Dr. Stelzer

Seconded: Councillor Riel

Motion carried. (2026-048)

8. Consent Items

MOTION:

That the following items be passed as part of the Consent Agenda: 8.1; 8.2 a, b, c, d; 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6, 8.7

Moved: Mayor Logel

Seconded: Mr. Moloney

Motion carried. (2026-049)

MOTION (8.1)

That the Board of Health for Lakelands Public Health:

- receive the correspondence dated May 21, 2026 from the Board of Health for Algoma Public Health regarding the Healthy Smiles Ontario Schedule of Dental Services and Fees;
- endorse the position outlined in the correspondence; and,
- communicate this support to the Minister of Health, with copies to the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario, the President of the Ontario Dental Association, local MPPs, Ontario Boards of Health and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies.

Moved: Mayor Logel

Seconded: Mr. Moloney

Motion carried. (2026-049)

MOTION (8.2 a,b,c)

That the Board of Health for Lakelands Public Health receive the following correspondence for information:

- a. alPHa Infobreak – May 15, 2026
- b. Letter dated June 9, 2026 from the Chair to the Ontario Chief Coroner regarding a response from Lakelands Public Health related to Blastomycosis Inquest Q2025-31.
- c. Email dated January 23, 2026 from the Ontario Chief Coroner to Ontario boards of health related to Blastomycosis Inquest Q2025-31.

Moved: Mayor Logel

Seconded: Mr. Moloney

Motion carried. (2026-049)

MOTION (8.3)

That the Board of Health for Lakelands Public Health:

- retire Policy 02-04 Board Meeting Proceedings; and
- approve revisions to By-Law 3 Calling of and Proceedings at Meetings.

Moved: Mayor Logel

Seconded: Mr. Moloney

Motion carried. (2026-049)

MOTION (8.4)

That the Board of Health for Lakelands Public Health receive the Lakelands Public Health 2025 Annual Report for information.

Moved: Mayor Logel

Seconded: Mr. Moloney

Motion carried. (2026-049)

MOTION (8.5)

That the Board of Health for Lakelands Public Health received the Stewardship Committee meeting minutes from March 5, 2026, for information.

Moved: Mayor Logel

Seconded: Mr. Moloney

Motion carried. (2026-049)

MOTION (8.6)

That the Board of Health for Lakelands Public Health:

- receive the Stewardship Committee staff report, Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program 2026-27 Budget Approval, for information; and,
- approve the 2026-27 budget in the total of \$2,149,172.

Moved: Mayor Logel

Seconded: Mr. Moloney

Motion carried. (2026-049)

MOTION (8.7)

That the Board of Health for Lakelands Public Health:

- receive the Stewardship Committee staff report, Infant and Child Development Program 2026-27 Budget Approval, for information; and,
- approve the 2026-27 budget in the total of \$258,349.

Moved: Mayor Logel

Seconded: Mr. Moloney

Motion carried. (2026-049)

9. New Business

10. In-Camera Session

MOTION: That the Board of Health go In Camera at 4:54 p.m. to discuss three items in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239(2):

(a) Security of Board property;

(b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Board employees; and,

(j) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value.

Moved: Dr. Makhija

Seconded: Dr. Stelzer

Motion carried. (2026-050)

MOTION:

That the in-camera session be dissolved, and the membership return to open session at 5:25 p.m.

Moved: Ms. Gerow

Seconded: Councillor Ryall

Motion carried. (2026-051)

11. Motions From In Camera Session

That the Board of Health for Lakelands Public Health receive the following items for information:

- In Camera Meeting Minutes from April 15, 2026;
- In Camera Meeting Minutes (7.2) for the Stewardship Committee from March 5, 2026;
- In Camera Item 6.1 pertaining to Section 239(2)(b);
- In Camera Item 7.1 pertaining to Section 239(2)(a);
- In Camera Item 7.3 pertaining to Section 239(2)(j);

Moved: Mr. Moloney

Seconded: Councillor Knott

Motion carried. (2026-052)

12. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

LPH Peterborough Office, 185 King Street, Peterborough ON

13. Adjournment

MOTION:

That the meeting be adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Moved: Councillor Knott

Motion carried. (2026-053)