

**Board of Health for
Lakelands Public Health
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 16, 2026, 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.
LPH Peterborough Office, 185 King Street, Peterborough**

Board Members:

**Warden Bonnie Clark (virtual)
Deputy Mayor Ron Black, Chair
Ms. Frances Gerow
Councillor Dan Joyce (virtual)
Councillor Nodin Knott (virtual, joined at 4:16 p.m.)
Councillor Joy Lachica (virtual)
Mayor John Logel
Dr. Ramesh Makhija
Mr. Dan Moloney
Councillor Keith Riel (virtual)
Councillor Cecil Ryall (virtual)
Deputy Mayor Tracy Richardson
Councillor Kathryn Wilson**

Regrets:

**Mayor Olena Hankivsky (virtual)
Dr. Hans Stelzer (virtual)**

Staff:

**Dr. Thomas Piggott, Medical Officer of Health & Chief Executive Officer
Dr. Maxwell Tran, Acting Associate Medical Officer of Health
Ms. Hallie Atter, Director, Community Health
Ms. Alida Gorizzan, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
Ms. Michelle McWalters, Executive Assistant
Mr. Larry Stinson, Director, Facilities, Finance & IT / Chief Transformation Officer
Ms. Cindy Tindal, Acting Director, People and Communications**

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Deputy Mayor Black, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

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: Mayor Logel

Seconded: Mr. Moloney

Motion carried. (2026-054)

4. Adoption of Regular Minutes

MOTION:

That the Board of Health for Lakelands Public Health approve meeting minutes for June 17, 2026.

Moved: Warden Clark

Seconded: Councillor Ryall

Motion carried. (2026-055)

5. Business Arising

6. Medical Officer of Health Update

MOTION:

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

- Lakelands Public Health is hosting a virtual education session for municipal election candidates on September 22 to enhance understanding of public health roles, governance, and funding.
- The first local influenza outbreak of the season has been identified, approximately one month earlier than typically expected. Response activities are underway, and public vaccination campaigns are expected to begin in the coming weeks.
- The region experienced several public health challenges over the summer, including wildfire smoke events that affected air quality, extreme heat events that impacted vulnerable populations, and a record Lyme disease season, reflecting the continued spread of tick populations throughout the catchment area.
- Concern regarding Ontario's proposed Bring Your Own Beverage (BYOB) legislation. Public health considerations include the normalization of alcohol consumption, increased alcohol-related harms and emergency department visits, relapse risks for individuals with alcohol use disorder, and broader healthcare system costs associated with alcohol use.

Moved: Ms. Gerow

Seconded: Dr. Makhija

Motion carried. (2026-056)

7. Reports

7.1. Presentation: Strategic Planning – Board of Health Update

MOTION:

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

- Presentation Title: Strategic Planning – Board of Health Update
- Presenters: Jenn Harrington & Christie Nash, Arising Collective

Moved: Warden Clark

Seconded: Councillor Ryall

Motion carried. (2026-057)

7.2. Presentation: Indigenous Health Update

MOTION:

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

- Presentation Title: Indigenous Health Update
- Presenter: Hallie Atter, Director, Community Health

Moved: Ms. Gerow

Seconded: Mr. Moloney

Motion carried. (2026-058)

7.3. Staff Report: Associate Medical Officer of Health Appointment

MOTION:

That the Board of Health for Lakelands Public Health:

- approve the appointment of Dr. Maxwell Tran to the position of Acting Associate Medical Officer of Health for Lakelands Public Health effective August 4, 2026; and,
- direct staff to forward its decision to the Ontario Minister of Health to obtain Ministerial approval.

Moved: Mayor Logel

Seconded: Ms. Gerow

Motion carried. (2026-059)

8. Consent Items

MOTION:

That the following items be passed as part of the Consent Agenda: 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5a,b,c,d, 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, 8.9, 8.10a,b

Moved: Mr. Moloney

Seconded: Dr. Makhija

Motion carried. (2026-060)

MOTION (8.1):

That the Board of Health for Lakelands Public Health receive the following for information: Indigenous Health Advisory Circle – Meeting Minutes, May 8, 2026.

Moved: Mr. Moloney

Seconded: Dr. Makhija

Motion carried. (2026-060)

MOTION (8.2):

That the Board of Health for Lakelands Public Health receive the following for information: Stewardship Committee – Meeting Minutes, June 11, 2026.

Moved: Mr. Moloney

Seconded: Dr. Makhija

Motion carried. (2026-060)

MOTION (8.3):

That the Board of Health for Lakelands Public Health:

- receive the Stewardship Committee Staff Report, 2025/2026 Audited Financial Statements - Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program; and,
- approve the 2025/2026 Audited Statements for the Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program for Peterborough Public Health (PPH) and Haliburton, Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPRD).

Moved: Mr. Moloney

Seconded: Dr. Makhija

Motion carried. (2026-060)

MOTION (8.4):

That the Board of Health for Lakelands Public Health:

- receive the Stewardship Committee Staff Report, 2025/2026 Audited Financial Statement - 2025/2026 Audited Financial Statement - Infant Child Development Program; and,
- approve the 2025/2026 Audited Statements for the infant Child Development Program.

Moved: Mr. Moloney

Seconded: Dr. Makhija

Motion carried. (2026-060)

MOTION (8.5):

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

- a. Financial Report – Q2 2026
- b. Merger Progress Report and Dashboard – Q1 2026
- c. Ontario Public Health Standards Program Report – Q2 2026
- d. Risk Management Report – Q2 2026

Moved: Mr. Moloney
Seconded: Dr. Makhija
Motion carried. (2026-060)

MOTION (8.6):

That the Board of Health for Lakelands Public Health:

- receive correspondence dated June 17, 2026, from the Board of Health for Windsor-Essex County Health Unit regarding Global Conflict, Health Equity, and Community Preparedness, for information;
- endorse the position outlined in the correspondence; and,
- communicate this support to all levels of government, with copies to the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario, local MPs and MPPs, Ontario Boards of Health and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies.

Moved: Mr. Moloney
Seconded: Dr. Makhija
Motion carried. (2026-060)

MOTION (8.7):

That the Board of Health for Lakelands Public Health:

- receive correspondence dated July 23, 2026, from Dr. Robyn Lennox, MPP Hamilton Centre, regarding proposed Bill 121, Save a Life Act, for information;
- endorse the position outlined in the correspondence and proposed Bill 121, Save a Life Act; and,
- communicate this support to the Ontario Minister of Health, with copies to local MPPs, Ontario Boards of Health and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies.

Moved: Mr. Moloney
Seconded: Dr. Makhija
Motion carried. (2026-060)

MOTION (8.8):

That the Board of Health for Lakelands Public Health:

- receive correspondence dated June 24, 2026 from Public Health Sudbury and Districts regarding Protecting Canadians from Biological and Cybersecurity Risks, for information;
- endorse the requests outlined in the correspondence; and,
- communicate the endorsement with a letter to the Minister of National Defence and the Minister of Public Safety, with copies to all parties copied on the correspondence from Sudbury and Districts, local MPs, and local MPPs.

Moved: Mr. Moloney
Seconded: Dr. Makhija
Motion carried. (2026-060)

MOTION (8.9):

That the Board of Health for Lakelands Public Health:

- receive correspondence dated May 25, 2026 from the Windsor Essex County Health Unit regarding Enhancing Municipal Readiness for Ontario's Bring-Your- Own Beverage (BYOB) Legislation Through Public Health Engagement, for information;
- strongly advise municipalities within the Lakelands Public Health (LPH) catchment area refrain from developing bylaws to implement Ontario's Bring Your Own Beverage (BYOB) legislation. Further, should municipalities choose to proceed with any enabling bylaw, that it undertakes consultation with LPH prior to drafting, revising or adopting any such by-laws to ensure public health consideration are appropriately considered in local decision making; and,
- communicate these recommendations to the Ontario Minister of Health, with copies to local MPPs, Ontario Boards of Health, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) to support a coordinated health-informed approach to the BYOB framework.

Moved: Mr. Moloney

Seconded: Dr. Makhija

Motion carried. (2026-060)

MOTION (8.10):

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

- a. alPHa Infobreak, July - August 2026
- b. alPHa Letter to Minister Jones regarding Provincial Funding for Local Public Health Agencies, August 20, 2026

Moved: Mr. Moloney

Seconded: Dr. Makhija

Motion carried. (2026-060)

9. New Business

10. In-Camera Session

MOTION:

That the Board of Health go In Camera at 5:18 p.m. to discuss two items in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239(2):

- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Board employees;
- (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: Warden Clark

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Richardson

Motion carried. (2026-061)

MOTION:

That the in-camera session be dissolved, and the membership return to open session at 5:51 p.m.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Richardson

Seconded: Ms. Gerow

Motion carried. (2026-062)

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 June 17, 2026;
- In Camera Meeting Minutes (7.1) for the Stewardship Committee from June 11, 2026;
- In Camera Item 7.2 pertaining to Section 239(2)(j);
- In Camera Item 7.3 pertaining to Section 239(2)(b).

Moved: Councillor Lachica

Seconded: Dr. Makhija

Motion carried. (2026-063)

12. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

LPH Port Hope Office, 200 Rose Glen Road, Port Hope ON

13. Adjournment

MOTION:

That the meeting be adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Moved: Ms. Gerow

Motion carried. (2026-064)