

Lakelands Public Health Board of Health Meeting Summary

Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2026. | **Called to Order:** 4 p.m. EST | **Video:** [Watch on YouTube](#)

Board Welcomes New Member

The Board welcomed Frances Gerow, the new provincial appointee to Lakelands Public Health Board of Health. Frances, a registered nurse, recently retired from the Campbellford Memorial Hospital after 46 years and was an active on numerous committees contributing to improvements in healthcare delivery.

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:

- **Emerging Infectious Disease:** There has been an outbreak of infectious disease, Hantavirus and Eboli, noting no immediate local cases requiring a change in public behaviour, but reinforcing the importance of readiness and healthcare-professional communication.
- **Strategic Plan:** Phase two of the strategic plan is underway, with public surveys, partner interviews, focus groups, and Community Town Halls being used to gather feedback across the region. Port Hope and Haliburton Town Halls have already happened. Lindsay's is tonight and Peterborough is May 26.
- **Organizational Recruitment Efforts:** There has been a recruitment efforts to fill the positions of Director of Corporate Services and an Associate Medical Officer of Health.

Reports**8.1 The People Behind the Numbers**

The Board of Health for Lakelands Public Health received a presentation from Meghan Bowman, Epidemiologist. Meghan presented on how local data can help guide health planning and evidence-based decision-making as we translate statistics into healthier communities. A demo was provided on how to use the Public Health Data Dashboards found on the website - LakelandsPH.ca/inspections-data-and-reports/public-health-data/

8.2 Food Insecurity and Food Affordability

Sarah Tsang, Health Equity Coordinator and Dietician, and Lauren Kennedy, Nutritionist Community Health from Lakelands Public Health presented on the regions food insecurities, and the affects it has on overall health. This presentation reinforced that household food insecurity is primarily an income issue requiring upstream policy solutions. Sarah and Lauren are collaborating with other health units developing a provincial report that will be used for informing policies.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 4 p.m. in Curve Lake First Nation, and will be in-person/hybrid.

Agenda and Meeting Package

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