

**Board of Health for
Lakelands Public Health
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.
LPH Lindsay Office, 108 Angeline Street South**

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Deputy Mayor Ron Black, Chair
Warden Bonnie Clark
Ms. Frances Gerow
Councillor Nodin Knott
Councillor Joy Lachica
Mayor John Logel
Dr. Ramesh Makhija
Mr. Dan Moloney
Deputy Mayor Tracy Richardson
Councillor Keith Riel
Councillor Cecil Ryall
Dr. Hans Stelzer
Councillor Kathryn Wilson (*joined at 4:10 p.m.*)

Regrets:

Councillor Dan Joyce
Mayor Olena Hankivsky

Staff:

Dr. Thomas Piggott, Medical Officer of Health & Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Larry Stinson, Director, Facilities, Finance & IT / Chief Transformation Officer
Ms. Alida Gorizzan, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
Ms. Michelle McWalters, Executive Assistant
Ms. Meghan Bowman, Epidemiologist
Ms. Lauren Kennedy, Public Health Nutritionist
Ms. Sarah Tsang, Health Equity Coordinator

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Deputy Mayor Black, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Welcome – Frances Gerow, Provincial Appointee

The Chair welcomed Ms. Frances Gerow, recently appointed to the Board of Health for a three-year term.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION:

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Moved: Warden Clark

Seconded: Councillor Riel

Motion carried. (2026-037)

5. Adoption of Regular Minutes

MOTION:

That the Board of Health for Lakelands Public Health approve meeting minutes for April 15, 2026.

Moved: Councillor Ryall

Seconded: Mayor Logel

Motion carried. (2026-038)

6. Business Arising

7. 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:

- An update on recent emerging infectious disease outbreaks (Hantavirus and Ebola) noting no immediate local cases while reinforcing the importance of readiness and healthcare-professional communication.
- Phase two of the LPH Strategic Plan process 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 occurred, with Lindsay (May 20), Peterborough (May 26) and First Nation dates forthcoming in June.
- LPH is in the process of recruiting two senior level positions including a Director of Corporate Services and an Associate Medical Officer of Health.

MOTION:

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

Moved: Mr. Moloney

Seconded: Dr. Makhija

Motion carried. (2026-039)

8. Reports

8.1. Presentation: The People Behind the Numbers – Board of Health Update

MOTION:

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

- Presentation Title: The People Behind the Numbers – Board of Health Update
- Presenter: Meghan Bowman, Epidemiologist

Moved: Warden Clark

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Richardson

Motion carried. (2026-040)

8.2. Presentation: Food Insecurity and Food Affordability for Lakelands Public Health, 2025

MOTION:

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

- Presentation: Food Insecurity and Food Affordability for Lakelands Public Health, 2025
- Presenters: Sarah Tsang, RD, MHSc, Health Equity Coordinator; Lauren Kennedy, RD, MScFN CDE, Public Health Nutritionist

Moved: Dr. Stelzer

Seconded: Dr. Makhija

Motion carried. (2026-041)

9. Consent Items

MOTION:

That the following items be passed as part of the Consent Agenda: 9.1; 9.2 a,b,c,d; 9.3 a,b; 8.5.

Moved: Councillor Riel

Seconded: Warden Clark

Motion carried. (2026-042)

MOTION (9.1):

That the Board of Health for Lakelands Public Health receive the following for information: Indigenous Health Advisory Circle Minutes – February 20, 2026.

Moved: Councillor Riel

Seconded: Warden Clark

Motion carried. (2026-042)

MOTION (9.2 a,b,c,d):

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

- a. Financial Report – Q1 2026
- b. Merger Progress Report and Dashboard – Q4 2025
- c. Ontario Public Health Standards Program Report – Q1 2026
- d. Risk Management Report – Q1 2026

Moved: Councillor Riel

Seconded: Warden Clark

Motion carried. (2026-042)

MOTION (9.3):

That the Board of Health for Lakelands Public Health support the following resolutions to be tabled at the 2026 Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) Annual General Meeting:

- A26-01 - Strengthening Hepatitis B Prevention in Ontario Through Vaccination in the First Year of Life. The Board of Health for the District of Algoma Health Unit (Algoma Public Health); The Board of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit).
- A26-02 - Strengthening Certified Public Health Inspector Capacity to Support Delivery of the Ontario Public Health Standard. Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors of Ontario (ASPHIO).
- A26-03 - Mandatory and Regulated Alcohol Labelling on Alcohol Manufactured or Sold in Canada. Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU) and Toronto Public Health (TPH).
- A26-04 - Enhancing the Ontario Works Benefit. Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU), Huron Perth Public Health Unit (HPPH), Windsor-Essex County Health Unit (WECHU) and Oxford-Elgin-St. Thomas Public Health Unit (also known as Southwestern Public Health Unit, SWPH).

Moved: Councillor Riel

Seconded: Warden Clark

Motion carried. (2026-042)

10. New Business

11. In-Camera Session

12. Motions From In Camera Session

13. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Curve Lake First Nation

14. Adjournment

MOTION:

That the meeting be adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Moved: Mr. Moloney

Seconded: Councillor Lachica

Motion carried. (2026-043)