

**Board of Health for  
Lakelands Public Health  
MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.  
Virtual**

**In Attendance:**

**Board Members:**

**Deputy Mayor Ron Black, Chair**  
**Warden Bonnie Clark**  
**Councillor Dan Joyce**  
**Councillor Nodin Knott** (*joined at 4:13 p.m.*)  
**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**

**Staff:**

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

**Regrets:**

**Mayor Olena Hankivsky**

**1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement**

Deputy Mayor Black, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

The Chair noted the transition to a fully virtual meeting due to adverse weather conditions.

## **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: Dr. Makhija

Seconded: Dr. Stelzer

Motion carried. (2026-019)

## **4. Adoption of Regular Minutes**

MOTION:

That the Board of Health for Lakelands Public Health approve meeting minutes for January 21 and February 2, 2026.

Moved: Mr. Moloney

Seconded: Warden Clark

Motion carried. (2026-020)

## **5. Business Arising**

## **6. Medical Officer of Health Update**

Dr. Thomas Piggott provided an update that included:

- Exterior Brand Signage: Our Lakelands Public Health exterior branding is being installed across all four office sites (Port Hope, Haliburton, Peterborough and Lindsay).
- Board of Health Educational Opportunities: Staff are in the process of scheduling learning opportunities based on discussions held at the last Board of Health retreat.
- Resignation of Dr. Natalie Bocking, Deputy Medical Officer of Health: Deep appreciation and thanks were shared with Dr. Bocking during the last few years within the merger working alongside her.

MOTION:

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

Moved: Dr. Makhija

Seconded: Councillor Ryall

Motion carried. (2026-021)

## **7. Reports**

### **7.1. Merger Budget Approval – Year 3**

MOTION:

That the Board of Health for Lakelands Public Health:

- receive the staff report, Merger Year 3 (2026-27) Budget Approval, for information; and,
- approve the proposed Merger Year 3 Budget in the amount of \$11,263,111 for submission to the Ministry of Health.

Moved: Dr. Stelzer

Seconded: Mayor Logel

Motion carried. (2026-021)

*Councillor Joyce departed the meeting at 4:24 p.m. and rejoined*

## **8. Consent Items**

MOTION:

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

Moved: Councillor Lachica

Seconded: Councillor Ryall

Motion carried. (2026-022)

MOTION (8.1)

That the Board of Health for Lakelands Public Health:

- receive and endorse the resolution from January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, from the Middlesex-London Board of Health indicating support for the Statement from Provincial/Territorial Chief Medical Officers of Health on Labelling of Alcohol Products and *Bill S-202, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (warning label on alcoholic beverages)*; and,
- communicate this support to Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science, and Technology, the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Health, with copies to local MPs and MPPs, Ontario Boards of Health and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies.

Moved: Councillor Lachica

Seconded: Councillor Ryall

Motion carried. (2026-022)

MOTION (8.2 a,b)

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

- a. Letter dated February 5, 2026 from the Minister of Health to the Board Chair, regarding the appointment of Dr. Thomas Piggott.

- b. Letter dated February 5, 2026 from the Minister of Health to the Board Chair, regarding the appointment of Dr. Natalie Bocking.

Moved: Councillor Lachica

Seconded: Councillor Ryall

Motion carried. (2026-022)

MOTION (8.3 a,b,c,d)

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

- a. Financial Report – Q4 2025
- b. Merger Progress Report and Dashboard – Q3 2025
- c. Ontario Public Health Standards Program Report – Q4 2025
- d. Risk Management Report – Q4 2025

Moved: Councillor Lachica

Seconded: Councillor Ryall

Motion carried. (2026-022)

## **9. New Business**

## **10. In-Camera Session**

MOTION:

That the Board of Health go In Camera at 4:32 p.m. to discuss one item in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239(2):

- (a) Security of Board property; and,
- (f) Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege.

Moved: Mr. Moloney

Seconded: Warden Clark

Motion carried. (2026-023)

MOTION:

That the in-camera session be dissolved, and the membership return to open session at 5:12 p.m.

Moved: Dr. Makhija

Seconded: Mayor Logel

Motion carried. (2026-024)

## **11. Motions From In Camera Session**

MOTION:

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

- In Camera Meeting Minutes from January 21 and February 2, 2026; and,
- In Camera Item 7.1 pertaining to Section 239(2) (a) and (f).

Moved: Councillor Ryall  
Seconded: Warden Clark  
Motion carried. (2026-025)

**12. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, April 15, 2026  
4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
Port Hope Office, 200 Rose Glen Road, Port Hope ON

**13. Adjournment**

MOTION:  
That the meeting be adjourned at 5:15 p.m.  
Moved: Dr. Stelzer  
Motion carried. (2026-026)