

Lakelands Public Health Board of Health Meeting Summary**Date:** Wednesday, December 17, 2025. | **Called to Order:** 5:22 p.m. EST | **Video:** [Watch on YouTube](#)**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 proud moments and highlights over the last 12 months in respect to the merger:

- Launch of a New Name and Brand Identity, Merging of Two Incredible Health Units (Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit and Peterborough Public Health), Grateful to Continue Serving First Nations in Treaty 20/Williams Treaty Territory, Continued Work with Consultants who have played critical supportive roles, Diverse Municipalities Coming Together, Professional Development and Workforce Investment, Information Technology Integration, New Staff and Finance Reports along with Business Operations, Public Health Data Dashboards harmonizing, Clinical Services Clients, Partners and Businesses Served through our Infectious Disease and Environmental Health teams, Community Health Programs and Schools Continued to be Supported and all Lakelands Public Health staff continuing to work together to deliver tremendous public health services to our communities!

Reports**7.1 Staff Report: Wastewater Surveillance 2026**

Carolyn Pigeau, Epidemiologist for Lakelands Public Health presented this important public health tool that detects disease spread in communities through viral fragments. Provincial funding ended in July 2024 and the current Federal program only supports four municipalities in Ontario. Local municipalities are currently deciding how to continue wastewater monitoring moving forward. With the creation of Lakelands Public Health we will continue the partnership with Trent University for 16-weeks in Fall 2026 to monitor the start of the fall respiratory season. Preserving this relationship ensures we are prepared for future opportunities — whether expanding surveillance to other illnesses or responding rapidly to emerging threats. Should a novel pathogen arise, this established partnership enables Lakelands Public Health to act quickly and effectively across all jurisdictions.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 4 p.m. and it will be virtual and live streamed through the Lakelands Public Health YouTube Channel (@PHLakelands).

Agenda and Meeting Package

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