

Haliburton Kawartha Northumberland Peterborough Board of Health Meeting Summary

Date: Thursday, March 20, 2025. | Time: 1 p.m.

The Haliburton Kawartha Northumberland Peterborough Board of Health Meeting was called to order at 1 p.m.

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7. Medical Officer of Health Updates

Dr. Thomas Piggott, Medical Officer of Health and CEO for Haliburton Kawartha Northumberland Peterborough (HKNP) Health Unit provided an update on merger-related and organizational work, including:

- **Ministry of Health Reporting:** The Senior Leadership Team continues to provide reports to the Ministry of Health in respect to the 2025 Merger Budget and other operational items as requested.
- **Organizational Name and Brand Identity Project:** An overview was provided including an update on the timeline including the launch later this year, internal and stakeholder engagement sessions. Both organizations continue to utilize legacy organizational names until the new name is announced. Continued engagement with Indigenous partners including the Indigenous Health Advisory Circle and Alderville First Nations continues to move forward.
- **Organizational Structure:** Earlier this week a functional structure was shared in respect to the Senior Leadership Team. The next step includes identifying and assigning the Management structure which will in turn continue to move program harmonization efforts forward.
- **Youth Substance Use Prevention Pilot Project:** Last year legacy Peterborough Public Health received a grant from the Public Health Agency of Canada to pilot the [Planet Youth Icelandic Prevention Model](#). The implementation component of the pilot is currently being reviewed in a broader geographical sense now that legacy Peterborough Public Health has merged with legacy HKPR District Health Unit. The HKNP Board of Health members will receive an invitation to attend the launch in April to learn more about the program.
- **Measles Preparedness:** The geographies served within the Haliburton Kawartha Northumberland Peterborough districts do not currently have active measles cases, however there are 350 current cases in Ontario across 11 health units including neighbouring ones. It was noted that 96 per cent of those infected were unvaccinated or had only one dose of the vaccine, and that these outbreaks are linked to declining vaccination rates. The organization has been actively preparing including ongoing school surveillance, public education awareness and contact tracing readiness. From a resource perspective this is a heavy burden on health units and can easily take away from other public health priorities. Measles is a potentially serious disease that is highly contagious and easily prevented with vaccination.

9.1 Report: OMERS

The Board of Health for the Haliburton Kawartha Northumberland Peterborough Health Unit approved the Resolution to authorize participation in the OMERS Primary Pension Plan and the Retirement Compensation Arrangement for the OMERS Primary Pension Plan.

9.2 Report: Policies and Procedures for Approval

One (1) Board of Health policy and one (1) procedure were reviewed and approved. These include:

- Exit Interviews for Vacating Board Members Procedure
- Provincial Appointments Policy

13. In-Camera Session

A motion was moved and approved that the Board of Health for the Haliburton Kawartha Northumberland Peterborough Health Unit appoint Dr. Natalie Bocking as Acting Deputy Medical Officer of Health (Acting Associate Medical Officer of Health for legislative requirements), effective immediately, and subject to Minister of Health final approval.

Next HKNP Board of Health Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Health for the Haliburton Kawartha Peterborough Northumberland will take place on **Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 5 p.m.** at the Lindsay Office, located at 108 Angeline Street, Lindsay and will be an in-person/hybrid meeting.

View the HKNP Board of Health Agenda and Package

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