

**Board of Health for
Peterborough Public Health
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 4, 2024 – 2:30 p.m.
Dr. J.K. Edwards Board Room, 3rd Floor, Peterborough Public Health**

In Attendance:

Board Members: Deputy Mayor Ron Black (virtual)
Warden Bonnie Clark (virtual)
Mayor Matthew Graham (virtual)
Councillor Dave Haacke (virtual)
Mr. Paul Johnston
Councillor Nodin Knott (virtual)
Councillor Joy Lachica, Chair
Dr. Ramesh Makhija (virtual)
Mr. Dan Moloney
Councillor Keith Riel (virtual)
Dr. Hans Stelzer (virtual)
Councillor Kathryn Wilson (virtual)

Staff: Ms. Donna Churipuy, Director, Health Protection Division
Ms. Alida Gorizzan, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
Dr. Thomas Piggott, Medical Officer of Health & CEO
Mr. Larry Stinson, Director of Operations

1. Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement

Councillor Lachica called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

2. Confirmation of the Agenda

MOTION:

That the agenda be approved.

Moved: Mr. Johnston

Seconded: Mayor Graham

Motion carried. (M-2024-103)

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest (nil)

4. Consent Items to be Considered Separately (nil)

5. Delegations and Presentations (nil)

6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting (nil)

The Chair advised that minutes from the previous meetings will be brought forward to the next regular meeting for approval.

7. Business Arising From the Minutes (nil)

8. Staff Reports

8.1. Health Unit Merger Approval

MOTION:

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

- Staff Report – Health Unit Merger Approval; and,
- Letter dated December 2, 2024 from Minister Jones to the Board Chair regarding provincial approval for the merger and associated funding.

Moved: Councillor Haacke

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Black

Motion carried. (M-2024-104)

MOTION:

WHEREAS, the Board of Health has received the Public Health Funding and Accountability Agreement from the Ministry of Health that will provide a combined total of \$10,129,450 in funding for fiscal year 2024-2025 to Peterborough Public Health and Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPRDHU).

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Health included assurances that the government commits to 100% provincial funding support for this merger, and in principle, also provide commitment for eligible out-year merger costs, subject to regulatory changes and appropriate financial reporting.

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Health has articulated it is their intention that there are no fiscal impacts to municipalities and First Nations as a result of the merger.

WHEREAS, the merger intends to strengthen public health delivery, and the Ministry of Health has articulated that operational efficiencies are intended to support public health service delivery;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health:

- Intends to pursue a merger with the Board of Health for HKPRDHU, as outlined in the proposed provincial regulatory amendments to Reg 553 and Reg 559 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act; and,
- Provide notice to the Minister of Health, Municipal and First Nations Councils to inform them of this intention.

Moved: Warden Clark

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Black

Motion carried. (M-2024-105)

Recorded Vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0

9. Consent Items (*nil*)

10. In Camera to Discuss Confidential Matters (*nil*)

11. Motions for Open Session (*nil*)

12. Date, Time, and Place of the Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 11, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
Peterborough Public Health

13. Adjournment

MOTION:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Moved: Councillor Haacke

Seconded: Dr. Makhija

Motion carried. (M-2024-106)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Chairperson

Medical Officer of Health