

Haliburton Kawartha Northumberland Peterborough Board of Health Meeting Summary

Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2025. | Time: 5 p.m.

The Haliburton Kawartha Northumberland Peterborough Board of Health Meeting was called to order at 5 p.m.

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Presentation: Peterborough Youth Substance Use Prevention Initiative

Speakers: Martha Faulkner, Public Health Nurse, HKNPHU and Lora Keitel, Peterborough Drug Strategy Coordinator

An overview of local needs in Peterborough was provided including a mention that Peterborough ranks #6th highest in Ontario for youth self-reported underage drinking, on behalf of the Peterborough Youth Substance Use Prevention (PYSUP) Initiative. The Icelandic Prevention Model (IPM) was reviewed along with the *Planet Youth Approach*. The HKNP Board of Health received an invitation to learn more about the initiative at its launch on April 29th. View the [presentation](#).

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 the merger that is progressing towards a 'Transformation Team' which will play a critical role in moving merger related business forward through the next few years. During the ice storm and loss of power the vaccine teams prevented significant waste ensuring the preservation of vaccines. There are still no confirmed local measles cases but provincially there are 816 cases with 61 hospitalizations in Ontario since the fall due to a decline in vaccination rates. The health unit is actively enforcing the Immunization School Pupils Act (ISPA) to collect and maintain up-to-date immunization records for every student registered for school in the regions served.

Report: Stewardship Committee

The Year 2 Merger Budget submitted to the Ministry of Health was reviewed along with policy/bylaw changes including a new Procurement Policy.

Report: Association of Local Public Health Agencies Membership Approval

The Board of Health reviewed current membership fee levels to ensure fiscal responsibility in how these fees are currently being calculated. ALPHA provided their financial model to ensure transparency.

Report: Merger Update

Dr. Thomas Piggott requested that the HKNP Board of Health bring forward what each member would like to see in respect to how merger activities are being reported. Within the current report the following updates were captured: early financial efficiencies, updates on program harmonization including the development of a *Playbook*, a comprehensive list of staff and program benefits, change management training opportunities and bi-weekly meetings between the Senior Leadership Team and employees are now occurring.

Next HKNP Board of Health Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Health for the Haliburton Kawartha Peterborough Northumberland will take place on **Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 1 p.m.** at the Hiawatha L.I.F.E. Services and Administration Office, located at 431 Hiawatha Line, Hiawatha First Nation and will be an in-person/hybrid meeting.

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