

Renfrew County and District Health Unit

"Optimal health for all in Renfrew County and District"

CEO Report: February 2025

To: Board of Health
Date: February 25, 2025
From: Heather G Daly

There are no updates to report from the Ministry team as they are operating in caretaker mode after announcing a provincial election for the end of February.

Q4-2024 Report:

The Q4 financial report for 2024 will be presented in March to the Resources Committee and at the subsequent board meeting. Per my January board report, the Ministry template release was delayed and they have subsequently revised the reporting due date, moving it from January 31 to February 21. This does not give sufficient time for our internal reporting deadlines to the Resources Committee and Board of Health.

2025 Annual Service Plan (ASP) and Budget:

The 2025 Annual Service Plan (ASP) and Budget due dates have been extended by one month to March 31. We hope to present the ASP/Budget material in March for board approvals.

2024 Financial Audit:

The 2024 audit planning letter has been received from the auditors at Scott Rosien Black & Locke. This is part of the audit process, and the purpose of the letter is to address their responsibilities, scope and timing of the audit. The proposed presentation date for the financial statements to the board of health is April 29, 2025. As in prior years, a written response from the Chair, on behalf of the board, is requested to address queries related to oversight, fraud risk, and any other matters that should be brought to their attention. The proposed audit response letter is included for review in the New Business section of this meeting.

Risk Management and Operations Planning:

The 2025 risk assessment and operations planning activities are on track. Risks have been thoroughly reviewed and evaluated with modifications made as necessary. The top scoring risks have been identified, mitigation activities developed and are being incorporated into the operations plan for 2025. The final plan will be presented to the board at the March board of health meeting.

Conferences and Training:

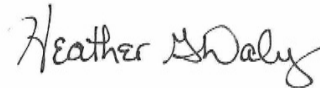
The winter ALPHA symposium and workshops were held on February 12-14 and it was a very interesting event containing a diverse selection of information sessions. The topics

for the two half-day workshop were Change Management and Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Both topics were delivered with a public health frame of reference.

The Friday symposium included a session from Pete Bombaci from GenWell introducing the subject of the loneliness epidemic in Canada and the importance of human connection within the public health context. Other information sessions heard from members of the newly merged health units discussing their experiences from both the operations and governance perspectives. James LeNoury, the legal Counsel for alPHa, presented a refresher on board governance which was very informative.

The alPHa AGM was announced at the symposium and it is scheduled for June 18-20 in Toronto at the Pantages Hotel and rooms are being held for the event at a discounted rate.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Heather Shady". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

February 25, 2025