

Renfrew County and District Health Unit

"Optimal health for all in Renfrew County and District"

CEO Report: March 2025

To: Board of Health

Date: March 25, 2025

From: Heather G Daly

Qualified Donee Status

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) has officially registered the Board of Health for the Renfrew County and District Health Unit as a Qualified Donee, effective December 19, 2024. This notification was issued on February 26, 2025. As a result, RCDHU will be listed on the CRA's public directory of Qualified Donees. We are now authorized to accept donations and gifts and issue official tax receipts. Moving forward, we will explore potential cost-saving opportunities that this status may offer.

Partnerships: Renfrew Area Administrators Group (RAAG)

In January, we attended a meeting with the Renfrew Area Administrator's group to discuss fiscal and resource challenges and will continue to explore opportunities with all seven partners at future meetings. The current banking agreement expires at the end of this year, and more discussions will be held on this topic while considering other efficiency opportunities. Additional meetings for the finance leads are anticipated, and RCDHU may host some of these onsite.

In February, the Senior Management Team (SMT) attended a full-day Truth and Reconciliation workshop that was organized by the two school boards (RCCDSB and RCDSB) alongside community members from the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nations. At the session, we collaborated with members of the other RAAG partner organizations to deepen our collective learning. The goal was to help advance commitment to Truth and Reconciliation in Renfrew County with more sessions likely to follow.

Risk Management Review:

The Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, funders of the Healthy Babies/Healthy Children Program, completed an extensive, detailed review of RCDHU's organizational risk levels. Two members of SMT worked on this project, completing various questionnaires and then met with Ministry staff to provide additional sample information for validation. RCDHU received a **Low Risk** organization score and no further action plan is required. The report [dashboard](#) was sent to the Board Chair for her attestation signature.

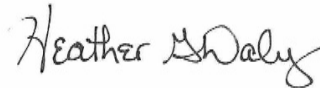
Updated Client Service Standards –

RCDHU recently updated our [Client Service Standards](#). These are available on the Contact page of our website. These standards demonstrate our commitment to Service Excellence and Communication which are both goals from the RCDHU Strategic Plan. Our focus remains on continued service improvement to the community we serve.

Follow up

The slides from the presentation about legal and governance presentation during the ALPHA winter symposium were received and will be posted to the board portal for your information, as requested from last meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather G. Daly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

March 25, 2025