



**Board of Health**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2026  
Time: 10:00 a.m.

The Regular meeting of the Renfrew County and District Health Unit's Board of Health was held virtually on Zoom.

**Members:**

Joanne King	Chair
James Brose	Member
J. Michael du Manoir	Member
Ethel LaValley	Member
Jim Manion	Member
Jennifer Murphy	Member
Neil Nicholson	Member
Troy Purcell	Vice-Chair
Heather Saar	Member
Carolyn Watt	Member

**Staff:**

Heather G. Daly	Chief Executive Officer
Janet Jones	Director, Corporate Services
Dr. Jason Morgenstern	Medical Officer of Health
Patti Smith	Director, Health Promotion
Erin Vereyken	Director, Health Protection
Melissa Ziebarth	Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

**Regrets:**

Peter Emon	Member
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**Guests:**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Joanne King called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**2. Land Acknowledgement**

RCDHU is located on the unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe People.

We honour the land and peoples of the Algonquin Anishinaabe, whose ancestors have lived on this territory since time immemorial, and whose culture and presence have nurtured and continue to nurture this land.

We honour all First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples, their elders, their ancestors, and their valuable past and present contributions to this land.

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**3. Agenda Approval**

The agenda was approved, as presented.

**Resolution: #1 BoH 2026-Jan-27**

Moved by J. Brose;

Seconded by J. Manion;

Be it resolved that the Board approve the agenda as presented.

Carried

**4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

**5. Delegations**

There were no Delegations.

**6. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

a. The meeting minutes for the Regular Board meeting on November 25, 2025, were approved.

**Resolution #2 BoH 2026-Jan-27**

Moved by J. Murphy;

Seconded by H. Saar;

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approve the meeting minutes from the Regular Board of Health meeting held on November 25, 2025.

Carried

b. The meeting minutes for the Special Board meeting on December 18, 2025, were approved.

**Resolution #3 BoH 2026-Jan-27**

Moved by C. Watt;  
Seconded by E. LaValley;

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approve the meeting minutes from the Special Board of Health meeting held on December 18, 2025.

Carried

c. The meeting minutes for the Inaugural Board meeting on January 12, 2026, were approved.

**Resolution #4 BoH 2026-Jan-27**

Moved by J. Michael du Manoir;  
Seconded by T. Purcell;

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approve the meeting minutes from the Inaugural Board of Health meeting held on January 12, 2026.

Carried

**7. Chair's Report**

The Board Chair reported that she met with staff to discuss priorities for the upcoming year. The conversation included early planning for board activities and an initial discussion regarding the development of the organization's strategic plan.

She also noted that a survey on the Ontario budget has been shared in the alpha newsletter. Board members who are interested in participating are encouraged to complete the survey before the end of February.

**8. Business Arising**

There was no business arising.

**9. Staff Reports**

a. Medical Officer of Health Report to the Board – Dr. Jason Morgenstern:  
• [MOH Report to the Board](#)

Chair King thanked Dr. Morgenstern for his Report.

The Chair called for questions and comments from the Board.

**Resolution: #5 BoH 2026-Jan-27**

Moved by J. Michael du Manoir;  
Seconded by J. Murphy;

Be it resolved that the Board accept the Report to the Board from Dr. Jason Morgenstern, Medical Officer of Health.

Carried

b. CEO Report to the Board – Heather G. Daly, Chief Executive Officer:

- [CEO Report to the Board](#)

Chair King thanked Heather G. Daly for her Report.

The Chair called for questions and comments from the Board.

**Resolution: #6 BoH 2026-Jan-27**

Moved by J. Manion;

Seconded by J. Brose;

Be it resolved that the Board accept the Report to the Board from Heather G. Daly, Chief Executive Officer.

Carried

**10. Board Committee Reports**

There were no committee reports.

**11. Correspondence**

The Board reviewed the correspondence.

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>From:</b>	<b>Action:</b>
<a href="#">2026 Winter aPHa Infobreak</a>	aPHa	Received as information
<a href="#">2026 Ontario Budget Consultation: Public Health Programs and Services</a>	aPHa	Received as information
<a href="#">RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION REPORT – Prevention and Response to Radon Exposures in WEC</a>	Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Board of Health	Received as information
<a href="#">RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION REPORT – Windsor and Essex County School Food Programs</a>	Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Board of Health	Received as information
<a href="#">MONITORING FOOD AFFORDABILITY AND IMPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC POLICY AND ACTION (2025)</a>	Middlesex-London Health Unit	Received as information
<a href="#">Coordination of Federal and Provincial Dental Programs</a>	Huron Perth Public Health	Received as information
<a href="#">Endorsing Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors and Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors of Ontario joint statement: Supporting the Implementation of Recommendations from the Auditor General's 2025 Report on Non-Municipal Drinking Water Safety, 2025</a>	Public Health Sudbury & Districts	Received as information
<a href="#">Response letter From Ministry of Health to Chair Joanne King</a>	Ministry of Health	Received as information
<a href="#">2025 Food Insecurity Info graph</a>	Middlesex-London	Received as information
<a href="#">RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION REPORT – Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Local Policy Advancement</a>	Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Board of Health	Received as information

**12. Bylaws**

- a. Approval [Bylaw 2026-01](#) to Appoint Auditors.

**Resolution: #7 BoH 2026-Jan-27**

Moved by J. Brose;

Seconded by H. Saar;

Be it resolved that the Board approve Bylaw 2026-01 to Appoint Auditors, and further, that the Chair and Vice-Chair be authorized to sign the Bylaw 2026-01.

- b. Approval [Bylaw 2026-02](#) for the Appointment of Signing Officers.

**Resolution: #8 BoH 2026-Jan-28**

Moved by C. Watt;

Seconded by E. LaValley;

Be it resolved that the Board approve Bylaw 2026-02 to appoint signing officers for 2025 and further, that the Chair and Vice-Chair be authorized to sign the Bylaw 2026-02.

Carried

**13. New Business**

- a. Registration – [aIPHa Winter Symposium](#)

Chair King asked members whether they were interested in attending the Symposium. C. Watt and M. du Manoir expressed their interest. Staff will register these board attendees for the workshop on February 11-13, 2026.

**Resolution: #9 BoH 2026-Jan-27**

Moved by N. Nicholson;

Seconded by J. Murphy;

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approve the Board Chair and up to 3 additional board members to attend the aIPHa Winter Symposium February 11-13, 2026.

**14. Action List Review**

The Board reviewed and updated the Action List from – [2025-Nov 25](#).

**15. Notice of Motion**

There was no notice of motion.

**16. Closed**

There was no closed session.

**17. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regular Board of Health meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

**18. Adjournment**

**Resolution: #10 BoH 2026-Jan-27**

Moved by J. Michael du Manoir;

Seconded by J. Brose;

Be it resolved that the Regular Board meeting be adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

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Committee Chair

These minutes were approved by the Board at the Regular Board of Health meeting held on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026.