



Board of Health
Regular Board Meeting
MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2026
Time: 10:00 a.m.

The Regular meeting of the Renfrew County and District Health Unit's Board of Health was held at 141 Lake Street, Suite 100, Pembroke ON.

Members:

Joanne King	Chair
James Brose	Member
J. Michael du Manoir	Member
Ethel LaValley	Member – Virtual
Jennifer Murphy	Member – Virtual
Troy Purcell	Vice-Chair
Heather Saar	Member
Carolyn Watt	Member

Staff:

Heather G. Daly	Chief Executive Officer
Rob Drummond	Technical Support Analyst
Lena Jensen	Community Nutritionist
Dr. Jason Morgenstern	Medical Officer of Health
Melissa Ziebarth	Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

Regrets:

Peter Emon	Member
Jim Manion	Member
Neil Nicholson	Member
Patti Smith	Director, Health Promotion
Erin Vereyken	Director, Health Protection

Guests:

Karen Black	Scott Rosien, Black & Locke
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1. Call to Order

Chair Joanne King called the meeting to order at 10:03 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-May-26

Moved by T. Purcell;

Seconded by J. Michael du Manoir;

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

Chair King welcomed Karen Black from Scott, Rosien Black & Locke who conducted RCDHU's 2025 financial audit. K. Black presented the [Draft Audited Financial Statements](#) of Renfrew County and District Health Unit- Year ended December 31, 2025, in detail with the Board.

K. Black also presented and discussed the following with the Board:

a. [2025 Audit Findings Letter](#)

b. [2025 Independence Letter](#)

The Chair called for questions and comments from the Board.

The chair thanked Karen Black for her presentation.

K. Black left the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

6. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The meeting minutes for the Regular Board meeting on March 31, 2026, were approved.

Resolution #2 BoH 2026-May-26

Moved by J. Brose;

Seconded by C. Watt;

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approve the meeting minutes from the Regular Board of Health meeting held on March 31, 2026.

Carried

7. Chair's Report

Chair Joanne King presented her verbal report to the Board. She attended the alpha Board Elections meeting, where all candidates were acclaimed. The meeting also included a government relations workshop, which emphasized the importance of timing, follow-up, clear asks, appreciation, and demonstrating the value of public health in the current funding climate. Chair King noted that a meeting with the local MPP is scheduled for mid-June. Letters have also been sent to the Public Appointments Secretariat regarding the upcoming end of term for several Board appointees. Chair King also attended a wellness presentation on May 1 focused on the importance of human connection.

Lena Jensen joined in person at 10:30 a.m.

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.

The Committee discuss and expressed appreciation for the comprehensive public health insights presented in Dr. Morgenstern's report.

Resolution: #6 BoH 2026-May-26

Moved by J. Michael du Manoir;

Seconded by H. Saar;

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.

The Committee expressed appreciation for Heather's development of the Board Milestones Tracker.

Resolution: #7 BoH 2026-May-26

Moved by C. Watt;

Seconded by J. Brose;

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

Carried

c. Monitoring Food Affordability in Renfrew County and District 2026 Presentation.

Lena Jensen, Community Nutritionist, presented the following:

- [Monitoring Food Affordability in Renfrew County and District 2025 Presentation](#)

Chair King called for questions and comments.

Chair King thanked Lena Jensen for the presentation.

L. Jensen left the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

10. Board Committee Reports

a. Governance Committee Meeting

As Neil Nicholson, Committee Chair, was not in attendance, the presentation was delivered by James Brose as follows:

- [Governance Committee Board Report](#)

Chair King thanked J. Brose for presenting the Report.

The Chair called for questions and comments from the Board.

Resolution: #10 BoH 2026-May-26

Moved by T. Purcell;

Seconded by E. LaValley;

Be it resolved that the Board approve the Governance Committee Report.

Carried

Finance, Audit and Resources Committee Meeting

Committee Chair J. M. du Manoir presented the following:

- [Finance, Audit and Resources Committee Board Report](#)

Chair King thanked J. Michael du Manoir for his Report.

The Chair called for questions and comments from the Board.

Resolution: #10 BoH 2026-May-26

Moved by J. Michael du Manoir;

Seconded by T. Purcell;

Be it resolved that the Board approve the Finance, Audit and Resources Committee Report.

Carried

11. Correspondence

The Board reviewed the correspondence.

Subject	From	Action
1. aPHa InfoBreak-May-June 2026	aPHa	Received as information
2. Position Statement Harm Reduction Community Drug Strategy		Received as information
3. BoH Letter -In Support of Alcohol Labelling Policy (Bill S-202)		Received as information
4. Position Statement Harm Reduction Community Drug Strategy for the City of Greater Sudbury Position Statement		Received as information
5. Ministry of Health Re: Endorsement of Algoma Public Health Position Statement on Infant Hepatitis B Vaccination		Received as information

13. Bylaws

There were no Bylaws.

13. New Business

a. [2026 aPHa Resolutions for consideration](#)

Resolution #	Title	Sponsor	Page
A26-01	Strengthening Hepatitis B Prevention in Ontario Through Vaccination in the First Year of Life	The Board of Health for the District of Algoma Health Unit (Algoma Public Health); The Board of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit)	5
A26-02	Strengthening Certified Public Health Inspector Capacity to Support Delivery of the Ontario Public Health Standards	ASPPIO	10
A26-03	Mandatory and Regulated Alcohol Labelling on Alcohol Manufactured or Sold in Canada	Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU) and Toronto Public Health (TPH)	15
A26-04	Enhancing the Ontario Works Benefit	Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU), Huron Perth Public Health Unit (HPPH), Windsor-Essex County Health Unit (WECHU) and Oxford-Elgin-St. Thomas Public Health Unit	24

Resolution: #11 BoH 2026-May-26

Moved by T. Purcel;

Seconded by J. M. du Manoir:

Be it resolved that the Board of Health support all four aPHa Resolutions and directs the Chair and MOH to vote in favour of these Resolutions at the 2026 aPHa Conference and Annual General Meeting in June.

Carried

14. Action List Review

The Board reviewed and updated the Action List from – [2026-Mar-31](#).

15. Notice of Motion

No notice of Motion.

16. Closed

Resolution: #12 BoH 2026-May-26

Moved by J. Brose;

Seconded by E. LaValley;

Be it resolved that the Board move into a closed meeting to discuss:

- i. the security of the property of the board;
- ii. the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- iii. a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial, or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;
- iv. a position, plan, procedure, criteria, or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the local board.

Carried

17. Date of Next Meeting

The next regular Board of Health meeting will be held in person on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at 141 Lake Street, Suite 100, Pembroke, ON.

18. Adjournment

Resolution: #13 BoH 2026-May-26

Moved by C. Watt;

Seconded by J. Brose;

Be it resolved that the Regular Board meeting be adjourned at 12: 00 p.m.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Board Chair

These minutes were approved by the Board at the regular Board of Health Meeting on
Thursday, June 25, 2026