



Renfrew County and District Health Unit
"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

Board of Health
Regular Board Meeting
MINUTES

Date: Thursday, June 25, 2026 (new date)
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
Peter Emon	Member – Virtual
J. Michael du Manoir	Member
Ethel LaValley	Member
Jim Manion	Member
Troy Purcell	Vice-Chair
Heather Saar	Member
Carolyn Watt	Member

Staff:

Heather G. Daly	Chief Executive Officer
Brian Brohart	Coordinator, Healthy Schools and Communities
Rob Drummond	Technical Support Analyst
Dr. Jason Morgenstern	Medical Officer of Health
Patti Smith	Director, Health Promotion
Erin Vereyken	Director, Health Protection
Melissa Ziebarth	Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

Regrets:

Jennifer Murphy	Member
Neil Nicholson	Member

Guests:

Call to Order

Chair Joanne King called the meeting to order at 10:05 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-Jun-25

Moved by J. Michael du Manoir;

Seconded by Ethel LaValley;

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

The meeting minutes for the Regular Board meeting on May 26, 2026 were approved.

Resolution #2 BoH 2026-Jun-25

Moved by J. Manion;

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 May 26, 2026.

Carried

7. [Chair's Report](#)

Chair Joanne King presented her verbal report to the Board.

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: #3 BoH 2026-Jun-25

Moved by C. Watt;

Seconded by T. Purcell;

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: #4 BoH 2026-Jun-25

Moved by J. Michael du Manoir;

Seconded by J. Brose;

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

Carried

Brian Brohart joined the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

c. 2026 Q1 Corporate Operational Plan with Risk Mitigation Strategies Update
Brian Brohart, Coordinator, Healthy Schools and Communities presented the following:

- [2026 Q1 Corporate Operational Plan with Risk Mitigation Strategies Update](#)

Chair King called for questions and comments.

Chair King thanked Brian for the presentation.

B. Brohart left the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

At 11:20 a.m., the Chair called for a short break and indicated that the meeting would resume at 11:30 a.m.

10. Board Committee Reports

a. Governance Committee Meeting

In Neil Nicholson's absence, Joanne King presented his report to the Board as follows:

- [Governance Committee Board Report](#)

The Chair called for questions and comments from the Board.

Resolution: #5 BoH 2026-Jun-25

Moved by E. LaValley;

Seconded by J. Brose;

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

Carried

11. Correspondence

The Board reviewed the correspondence.

Subject	From	Action
a. Healthy Smiles Ontario Fee Schedule and Access to Dental Care for Children and Youth	Algoma Public Health	Received as information
b. RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION REPORT – Global Conflict, Health Equity, and Community Preparedness	Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Board of Health	Received as information
c. RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION REPORT – Enhancing Municipal Readiness for Ontario's Bring-Your-Own-Beverage (BYOB) Legislation Through Public Health Engagement	Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Board of Health	Received as information
d. RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION REPORT – Waterpipe Smoking Restrictions	Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Board of Health	Received as information

12. Bylaws

There were no Bylaws.

13. New Business

a. [Blastomycosis Inquest](#)

Jason presented a summary of the Coroner's Inquest verdict and jury recommendations arising from the 2021 blastomycosis outbreak in Constance Lake First Nation. Discussion focused on recommendations relevant to Boards of Health, including Indigenous cultural safety, partnership and engagement, public health preparedness, and outbreak response. A formal response outlining current and planned actions will be submitted by the July 23, 2026 deadline.

Resolution: #6 BoH 2026-Jun-25

Moved by T. Purcell;

Seconded by J. Michael du Manoir;

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approve the responses to the Blastomycosis Inquest (OCC File No. Q2025-31) jury recommendations directed to boards of health, namely [Recommendations 27, 28, 33, 48, and 52](#), as presented by Dr. Jason Morgenstern, Medical Officer of Health, and authorize their submission to the Office of the Chief Coroner by July 23, 2026.

Carried

14. Action List Review

The Board reviewed and updated the Action List from – [2026-May-26](#)

15. Notice of Motion

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 in person on Thursday, September 29, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at 141 Lake Street, Suite 100, Pembroke, ON.

18. Adjournment

Resolution: #7 BoH 2026-Jun-25

Moved by C. Watt;

Seconded by H. Saar;

Be it resolved that the Regular Board meeting be adjourned at 12:01p.m.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Board Chair

These minutes were approved by the Board at the regular Board of Health Meeting
on Tuesday, September 29, 2026