

**Board of Health for
Peterborough Public Health
AGENDA
Board of Health Meeting
Wednesday, December 13, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Rooms, 2nd Floor, PPH**

1. Call to Order

1.1. Land Acknowledgement

Example: We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the Treaty 20 and traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishnaabeg. We offer our gratitude to the First Nations for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and our relations. May we honour those teachings.

1.2. Welcome – New Board of Health Member

- Dr. Ramesh Makhija, Ph.D., C.Chem., FCIC, Provincial Appointee

2. Confirmation of the Agenda

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

4. Consent Items to be Considered Separately

***Board Members:** Please identify which items you wish to consider separately from section 9 and advise the Chair when requested. For your convenience, circle the item(s) using the following list: 9.2 a b c d e f g h I j k 9.4.1 a b c*

5. Delegations and Presentations

6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- Cover Report
- a. Minutes, November 8, 2023

7. Business Arising From the Minutes

8. Staff Reports

8.1. Presentation: The Health Impacts of Climate Change: A Vulnerability Assessment

- Cover Report
- a. Presentation
- b. Summary Report (*web hyperlink*)

8.2. Presentation: Formula for Public Health Impact

- Cover Report
- a. Presentation

8.3. Staff Report: Impact of Strategic Plan Implementation through One-Time Funding Activities

- Staff Report

9. Consent Items

9.1. Correspondence for Direction (*nil*)

9.2. Correspondence for Information

- Cover Report
- a. alPHa e-newsletter
- b. County of Peterborough – Support for Inhalation Services
- c. Minister Jones – OSDCP
- d. Ministers Bethlenfalvy & Jones regarding - Alcohol marketplace and sales
- e. Premier Ford – Bill 93, Joshua’s Law (Lifejackets for Life), 2023
- f. Minister Jones - Bill 103, SFO Amendment Act (Vaping is not for Kids), 2023.
- g. Minister Jones – OPHS monitoring food affordability
- h. Premier Ford – Income-based policy interventions / food insecurity
- i. Huron Perth – Investing in local health promotion
- j. KFL&A – Voluntary Mergers
- k. Sudbury & District - Public Health Strengthening and Chronic Disease Prevention

9.3. Staff Reports (*nil*)

9.4. Committee Reports (*nil*)

9.4.1. Governance

- Cover Report
- a. Minutes, June 7/23
- b. 2-190 Sponsorship (*web hyperlink*)
- c. 2-92, Workplace Violence and Harassment (*web hyperlink*)

10. New Business

11. In Camera to Discuss Confidential Matters

In accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239(2)

(d), Labour relations or employee negotiations.

(k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

12. Motions for Open Session

13. Date, Time, and Place of the Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

Peterborough Public Health

14. Adjournment

**PETERBOROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH
BOARD OF HEALTH**

TITLE:	Approval of Meeting Minutes
DATE:	December 13, 2023
PREPARED BY:	Alida Gorizzan, Executive Assistant
APPROVED BY:	Dr. Thomas Piggott, Medical Officer of Health & CEO

PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 8, 2023.

ATTACHMENTS

- a. [Board of Health Minutes, November 8, 2023](#)

**Board of Health for
Peterborough Public Health
DRAFT MINUTES
Board of Health Meeting
Wednesday, November 8, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Rooms, 2nd Floor, PPH**

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Mr. Scott Baker
Deputy Mayor Ron Black (virtual)
Warden Bonnie Clark
Mayor Matthew Graham
Councillor Dave Haacke
Mr. Paul Johnston
Councillor Nodin Knott (virtual)
Councillor Joy Lachica
Mr. Dan Moloney
Councillor Keith Riel
Dr. Hans Stelzer
Councillor Kathryn Wilson, Chair

Regrets:

Dr. Ramesh Makhija

Staff:

Ms. Hallie Atter, Acting Director, Health Promotion Division
Mr. Evan Brockest, Manager, Communications & I.T.
Ms. Donna Churipuy, Director, Health Protection Division
Ms. Alida Gorizzan, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
Ms. Lauren Kennedy, Registered Dietitian/Public Health Nutritionist
Dr. Thomas Piggott, Medical Officer of Health & CEO
Mr. Larry Stinson, Director of Operations

1. Call to Order

Councillor Wilson, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

1.1. Welcome – New Board of Health Members

The Chair welcomed the following new members to the Board of Health:

- Mr. Scott Baker, Provincial Appointee
- Dr. Ramesh Makhija, Ph.D., C.Chem., FCIC, Provincial Appointee

Due to personal matters, Dr. Makhija expects to join Board meetings in January 2024.

2. Confirmation of the Agenda

MOTION:

That the agenda be approved.

Moved: Mayor Graham

Seconded: Mr. Johnston

Carried. (M-2023-074)

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest (nil)

4. Consent Items to be Considered Separately

MOTION:

That the following items be passed as part of the Consent Agenda: 9.1a,b,c,d; 9.2a,b,d,e; 9.3.1; 9.3.2; 9.3.3; 9.3.4; 9.4.1a,b; 9.4.2a,b,c.

Moved: Mayor Graham

Seconded: Mr. Moloney

Carried. (M-2023-075)

MOTION (9.1a,b,c,d):

That the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health receive for information and endorse the following correspondence from local public health agencies:

a. Algoma - Income-based policy interventions to effectively reduce household food insecurity (July 4/23)

b. Huron Perth – Bill 93, Lifejackets (Sept. 8/23)

c. Huron Perth – Healthy Policy, Alcohol Marketplace and Sales (Sept. 8/23)

d. Simcoe Muskoka - Bill 103, Smoke-Free Ontario Amendment Act (Vaping is not for Kids), 2023 (Sept. 7/23)

Moved: Mayor Graham

Seconded: Mr. Moloney

Carried. (M-2023-075)

MOTION (9.1a,b,d,e):

That the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health receive the following for information:

a. alPHa e-newsletter dated October 18, 2023

b. Memorandum dated October 30, 2023 from Dr. Kieran Moore regarding Strengthening Public Health – Planning Materials and Next Steps.

Correspondence from Local Public Health Agencies:

d. Timiskaming – Contraceptive Coverage (Sept. 15/23)

e. Windsor Essex – Federal School Food Policy (Sept. 21/23)

Moved: Mayor Graham
Seconded: Mr. Moloney
Carried. (M-2023-075)

MOTION (9.3.1):

That the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health receive the 2022 Peterborough Public Health Annual Report for information

Moved: Mayor Graham
Seconded: Mr. Moloney
Carried. (M-2023-075)

MOTION (9.3.2):

That the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health receive the report, Q3 2023 Program Status Report (July 1 – September 30, 2023), for information.

Moved: Mayor Graham
Seconded: Mr. Moloney
Carried. (M-2023-075)

MOTION (9.3.3):

That the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health receive the report, Q3 2023 Strategic Plan Status Report (July 1 – September 30, 2023), for information.

Moved: Mayor Graham
Seconded: Mr. Moloney
Carried. (M-2023-075)

MOTION (9.3.4):

That the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health express its support for the renewal of the provincial appointment for Board of Health member Mr. Dan Moloney.

Moved: Mayor Graham
Seconded: Mr. Moloney
Carried. (M-2023-075)

MOTION (9.4.1a,b):

That the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health:

- a. receive meeting minutes of the Indigenous Health Advisory Circle (IHAC) from July 14, 2023 for information; and,
- b. receive the staff report, Indigenous Engagement Staffing Model, for information.

Moved: Mayor Graham
Seconded: Mr. Moloney
Carried. (M-2023-075)

MOTION (9.4.2a,b,c)

That the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health:

- a. receive meeting minutes of the Stewardship Committee from August 31, 2023 for information;
- b. receive the Q3 2023 Financial Report for information;
- c. receive the staff report, Q3 2023 Standards Activity Report – Risk Management, for information; and, send a letter to the Ontario Minister of Health, with copies to local MPPs, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies and Ontario Boards of Health expressing concern regarding the current funding levels for the Ontario Senior’s Dental Program.

Moved: Mayor Graham

Seconded: Mr. Moloney

Carried. (M-2023-075)

5. Delegations and Presentations

5.1. Delegation: The Lack of Cannabis Use Risk Information in the Cannabis Retail Sector in Ontario

MOTION:

That the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health receive the following delegation for information:

- Title: The Lack of Cannabis Use Risk Information in the Cannabis Retail Sector in Ontario

- Presenter: Dr. Tom Bell

Moved: Councillor Haacke

Seconded: Councillor Riel

Carried. (M-2023-076)

6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION:

That the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 11, 2023, as circulated.

Moved: Mayor Graham

Seconded: Warden Clark

Motion carried. (M-2023-077)

7. Business Arising From the Minutes

8. Staff Reports

8.1. Staff Report & Presentation: Monitoring Food Affordability and Availability, 2023

That the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health:

- receive Monitoring Food Affordability and Availability, 2023, for information; and,
- write the Ministry of Health, with copies to local MPPs, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies and Ontario Boards of Health for continued inclusion of monitoring food affordability and availability in the updated Ontario Public Health Standards to inform policy and advocacy to address systemic issues affecting food insecurity with community, provincial, and national partners.

Moved: Coucillor Lachica

Seconded: Dr. Stelzer

Motion carried. (M-2023-078)

8.2. Stewardship Report: 2024 Budget Approval

MOTION:

That the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health:

- Receive the staff report, 2024 PPH Budget Approval, for information; and,
- approve the 2024 Cost-Shared Public Health Budget of \$11,554,737, which reflects a base-level service amount of \$11,452,737 and funding to support staffing related to Indigenous Health Equity work in the amount of \$102,000.

Moved: Mr.

Seconded: Dr. Stelzer

Motion carried. (M-2023-079)

9. Consent Items

MOTION (9.2C):

That the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health receive the following for information:

c. Letter dated November 1, 2023 to Minister Jones and Tibollo, from Peterborough Public Health and Fourcast, regarding inhalation services.

Moved: Mayor Graham

Seconded: Mr. Moloney

Carried. (M-2023-080)

Mr. Moloney requested an update on the treatment beds from MPP Smith, if possible, at an upcoming meeting.

10. New Business

11. In Camera to Discuss Confidential Matters

MOTION:

That the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health go In Camera at 7:10 p.m.to discuss one item under the Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239(2)

(d), Labour relations or employee negotiations;

Moved: Mayor Graham

Seconded: Mr. Moloney

Carried. (M-2023-081)

MOTION:

That the Board of Health rise from the In Camera session at 7:27 p.m.

Moved: Mayor Graham

Seconded: Warden Clark

Carried. (M-2023-082)

12. Motions for Open Session

13. Date, Time, and Place of the Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Multipurpose Rooms, 2nd Floor, Peterborough Public Health

14. Adjournment

MOTION:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by: Mayor Graham

Seconded by: Mr. Moloney

Motion carried. (M-2023-083)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Medical Officer of Health & CEO

Board Chair

**PETERBOROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH
BOARD OF HEALTH**

TITLE:	The Health Impacts of Climate Change: A Vulnerability Assessment
DATE:	October 11, 2023
PREPARED BY:	Julie Bromley, Manager, Environmental Health
APPROVED BY:	Donna Churipuy, Director, Health Protection Division Dr. Thomas Piggott, Medical Officer of Health & CEO

PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health receive the following presentation for information:

- Title: The Health Impacts of Climate Change: A Vulnerability Assessment
- Presenter: Julie Bromley, Manager, Environmental Health

ATTACHMENTS

- [Presentation](#)
- [Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment – Summary Report \(web hyperlink\)](#)

The Health Impacts of Climate Change: A Vulnerability Assessment

Peterborough Public Health

Julie Bromley

Manager, Environmental Health

December 13, 2023

Ontario Public Health Standard

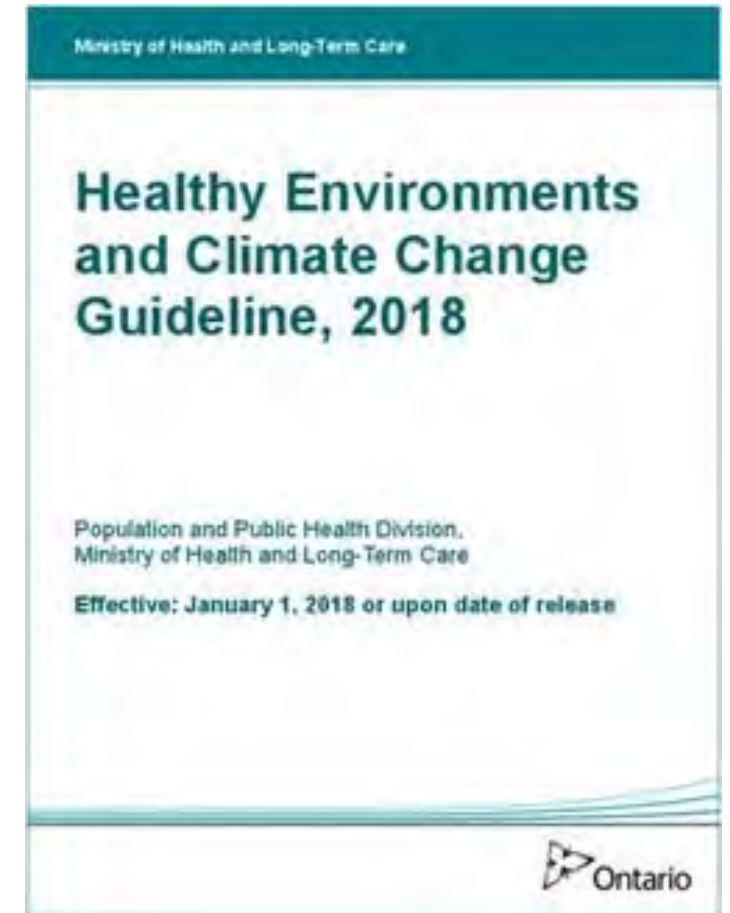
Healthy Environments Standard

GOAL

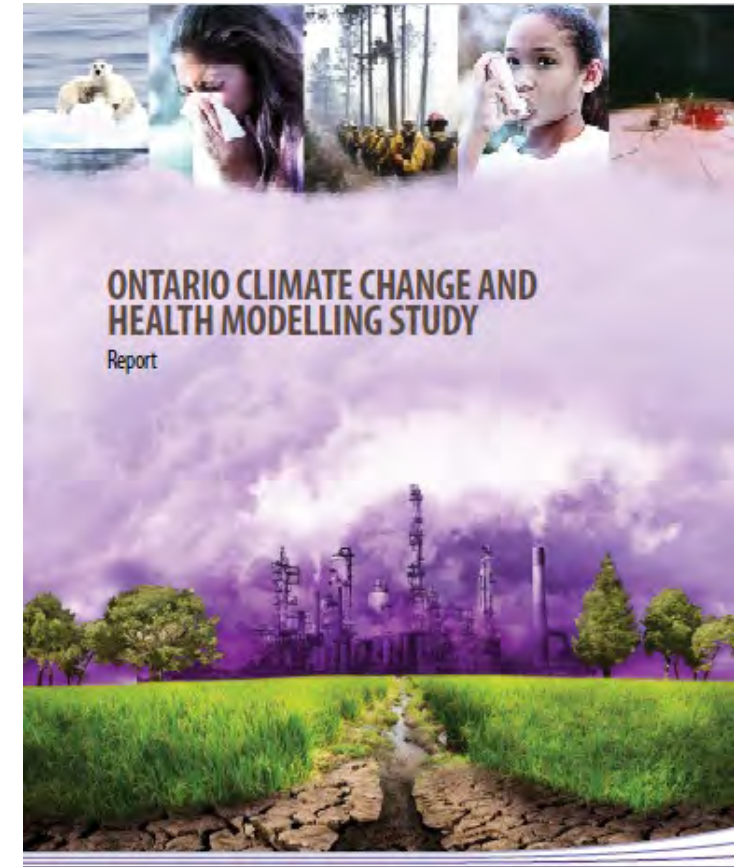
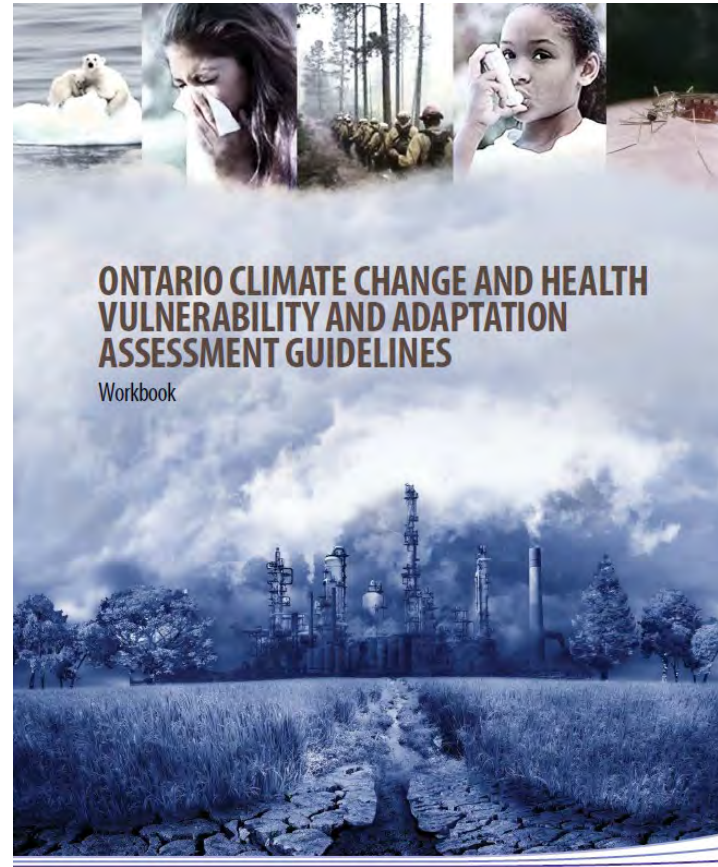
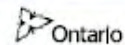
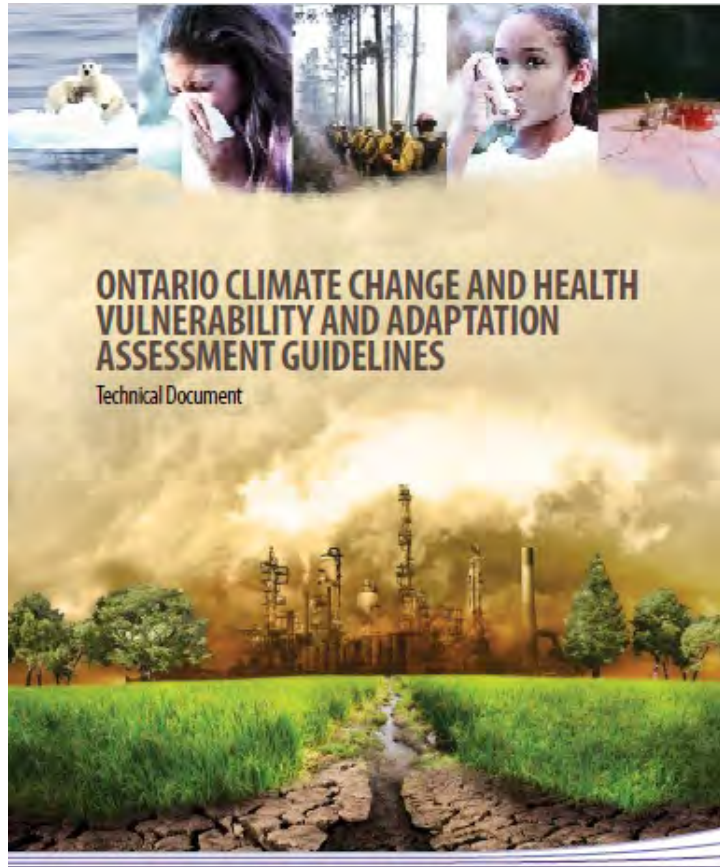
To reduce exposure to health hazards and promote the development of healthy built and natural environments that support health and mitigate existing and emerging risks, **including the impacts of a changing climate.**

REQUIREMENT

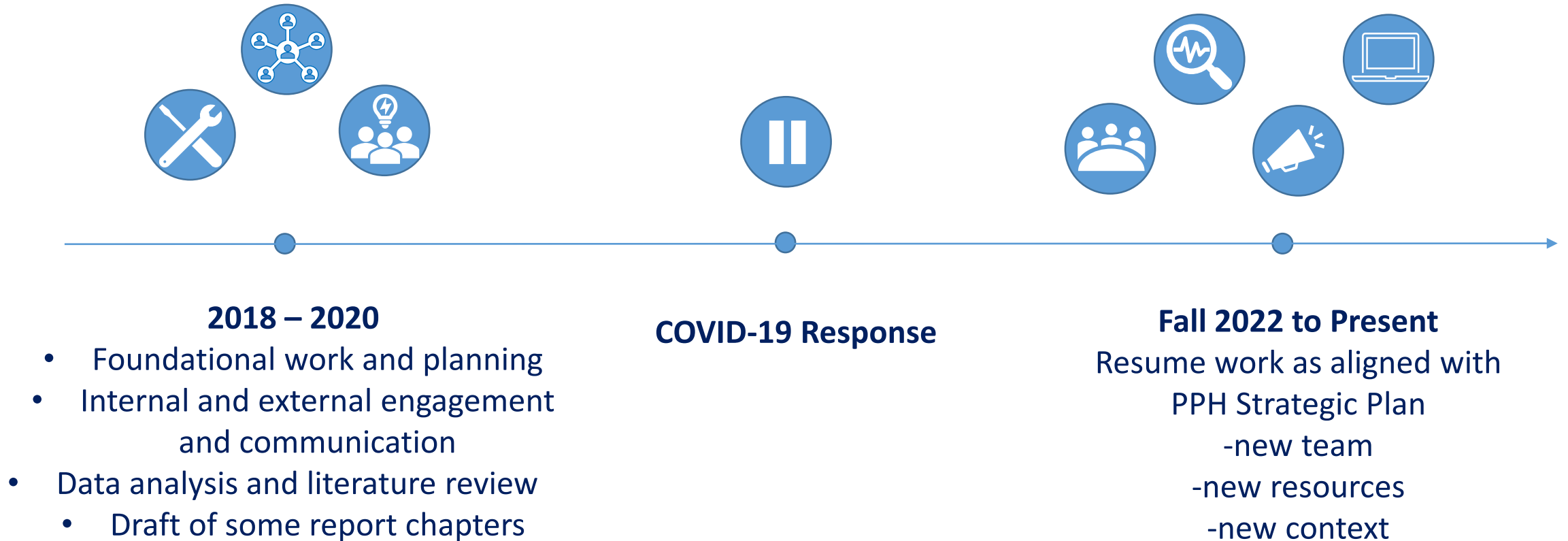
The board of health shall assess health impacts related to climate change in accordance with the Healthy Environments and Climate Change Guideline, 2018 (or as current).



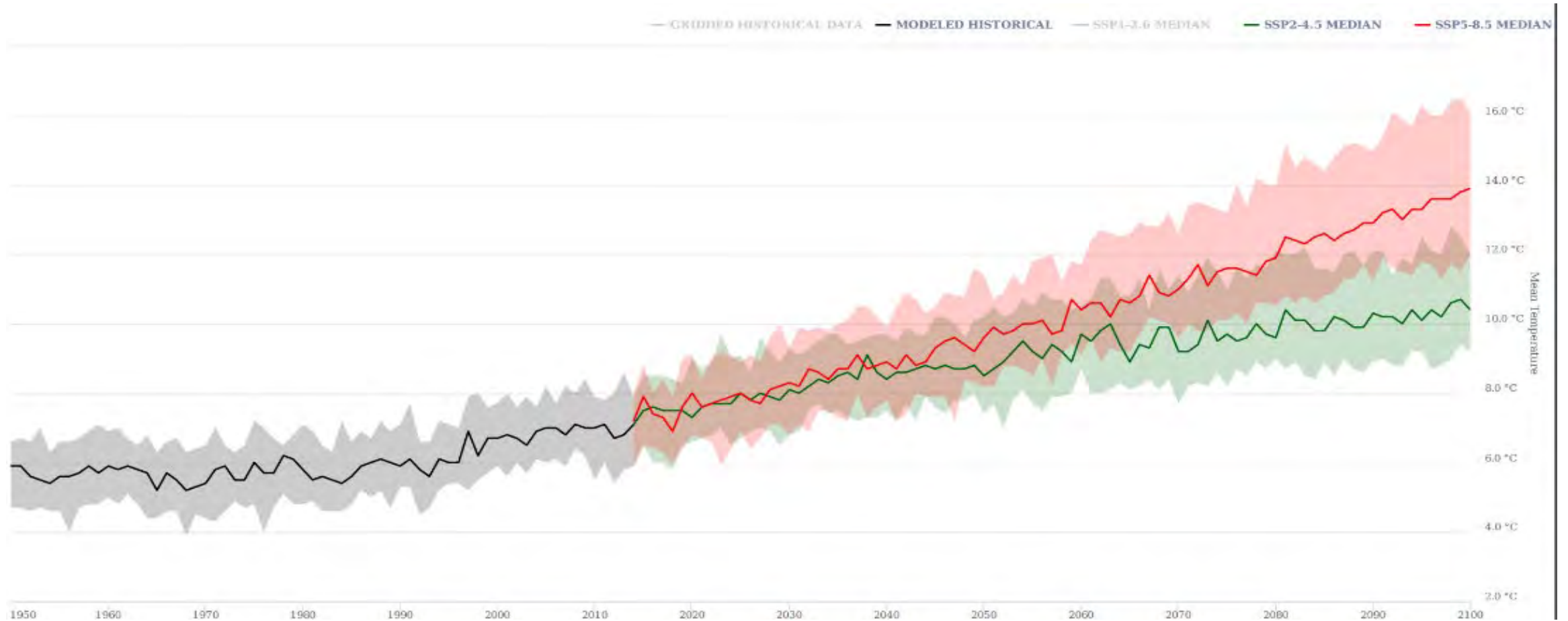
Ontario Climate Change and Health Toolkit



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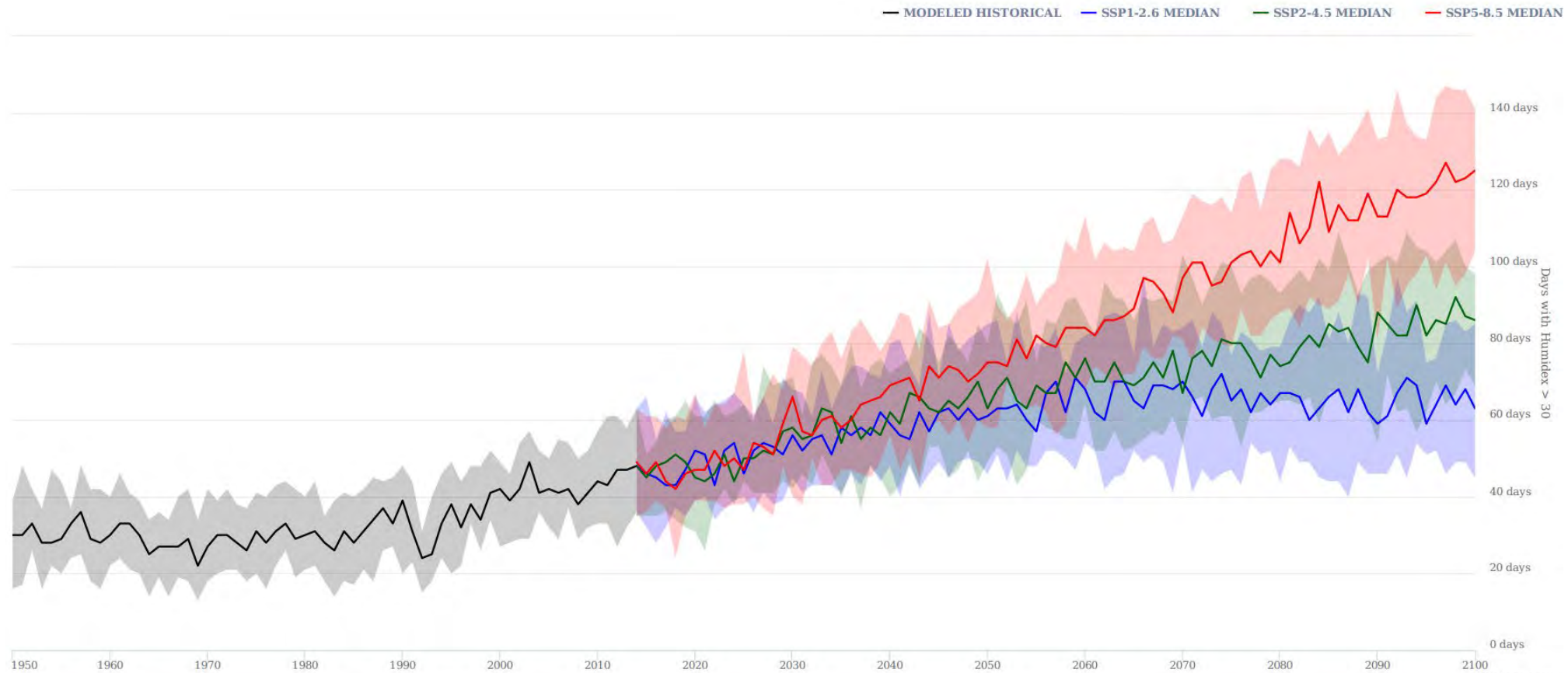


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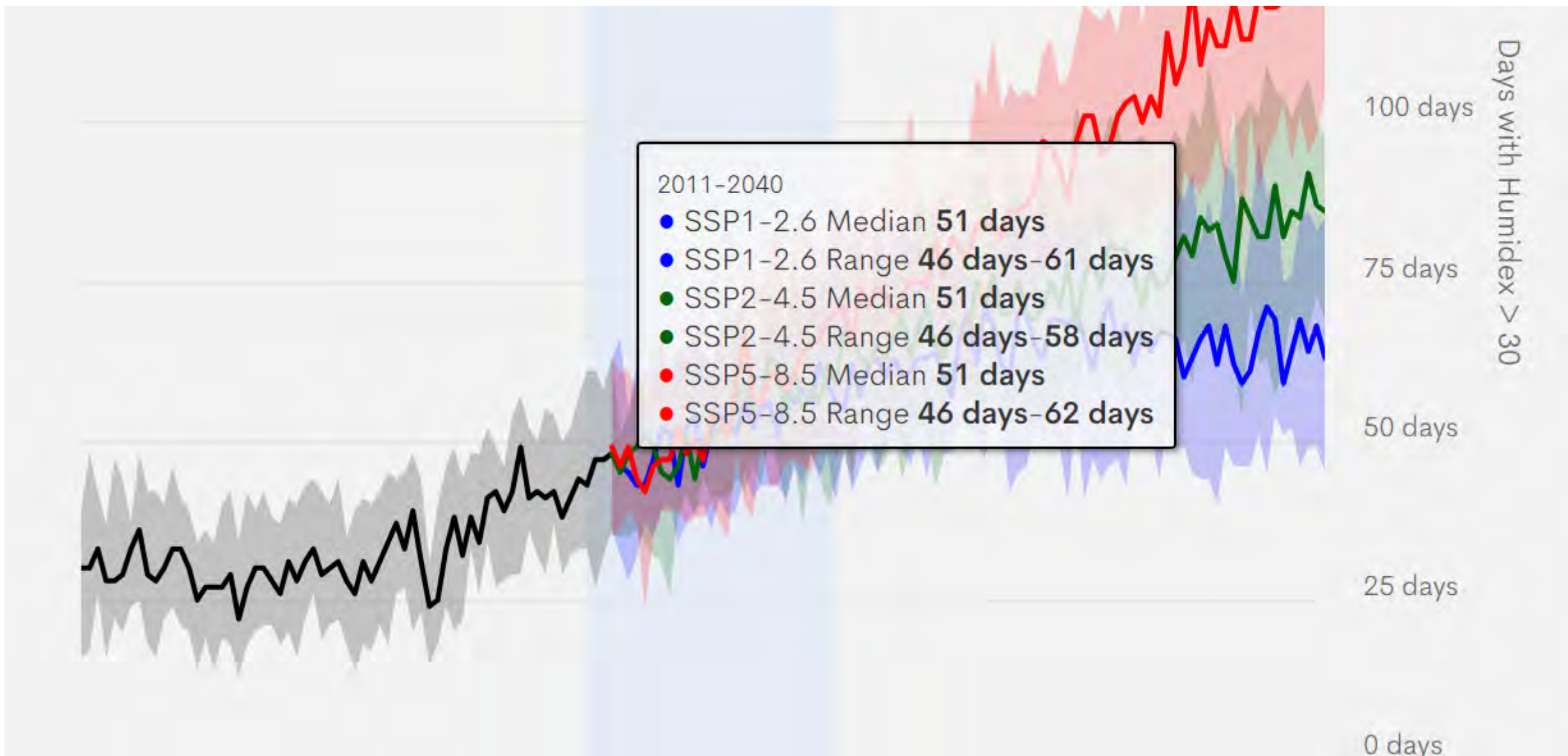


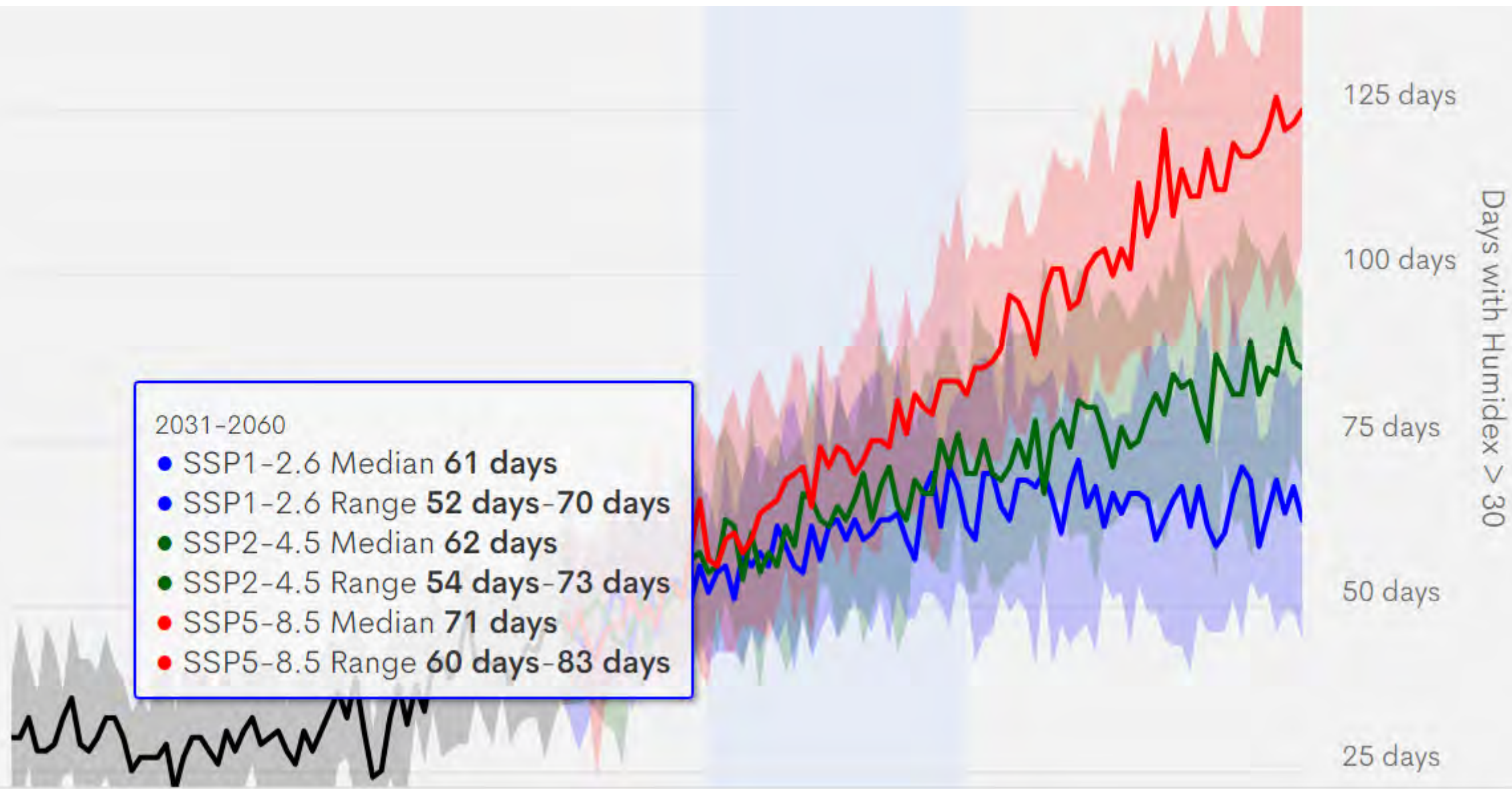
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New Context – PPH Strategic Plan

OUR COMMUNITY *(continued)*

People most vulnerable to the health impacts of climate change are supported in adapting to and reducing negative health impacts.

- a. Complete the Peterborough region Climate Change and Health Vulnerability and Adaptation Assessment/Community Plan.
- b. Update our collaborative community emergency response plans to adapt to health risks of climate change, specifically including mechanisms to support vulnerable populations and mental health needs during severe climate events.
- c. Escalate communications & impactful messaging about anticipated health impacts of climate change in the local context.
- d. Re-launch and support community climate change engagement work with particular attention to Indigenous-led initiatives.

Why is this work important for public health?

- Climate change is happening now and is a threat to health.
- This work helps to identify who is **most at risk** so that actions can be taken to reduce the negative health impacts in the community:



- Contrast with *mitigation* activities

Vulnerability Assessment Process

1. Project team and project charter established
2. Reviewed previous work and guidance (Ontario Toolkit)
3. Identified steps to complete the assessment, scope and timeframes, and identifying roles for team
4. Determined the data needed
 - Reviewing other PHU vulnerability assessments, consulting internally and externally (External Advisory Group)
5. Accessed and analyzed data



Climate-Related Health Hazards

- Extreme Temperatures
- Extreme Weather
- Food and water security and safety
- Vector-borne disease
- Air quality
- Ultraviolet radiation



Key Findings



Extreme Temperatures

- PPH region will experience an increase in very hot days and heat waves by 4x in 2050 and 8x in 2080



Extreme Weather

- Climate change may lead to more extreme weather events like flooding, storms, and wildfires in the PPH region



Food and Water Security & Safety

- Climate change may decrease food production, increase food costs and food insecurity
- Increasing temperatures and heavy precipitation events may adversely affect food and water borne diseases and safety

Key Findings cont.



Vector-borne diseases

- Increasing temperatures, longer warm seasons, and changing precipitation patterns may lead to an increased risk of Lyme, West Nile and other vector-borne diseases



Air Quality

- PPH region may experience more instances of poor air quality, and worsened allergy seasons



Ultraviolet Radiation

- Extended warm seasons and warmer days are factors that may lead to people spending more time outdoors, increasing cancers from solar UVR

Priority Populations & Greatest Vulnerability



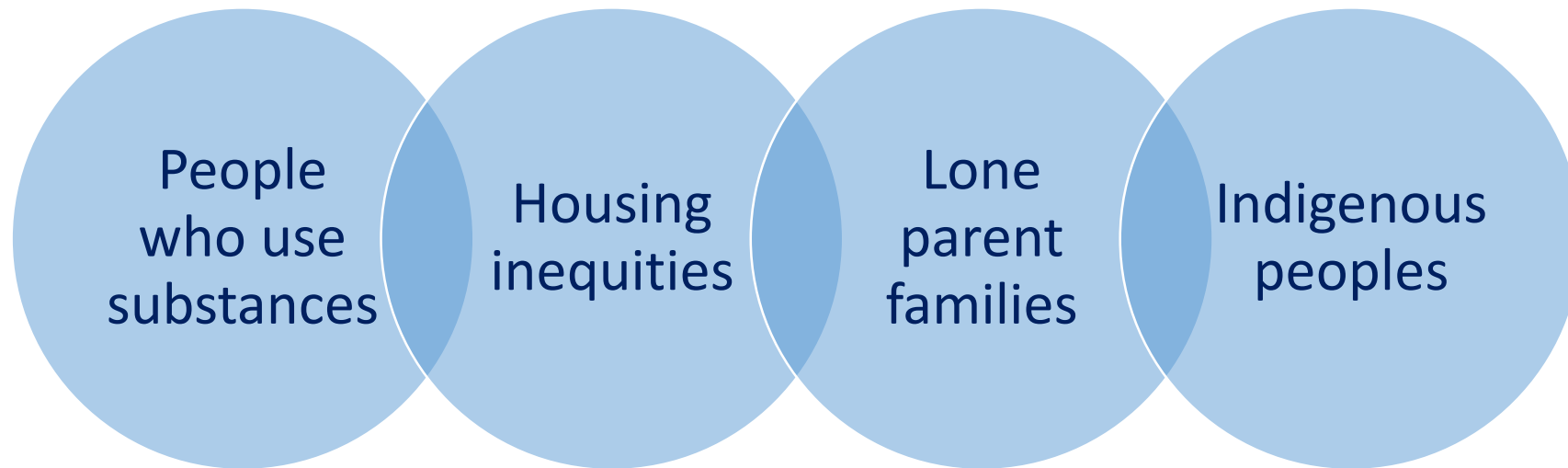
Who is most vulnerable to the health impacts of climate change?

- Greatest vulnerability exists when multiple risk factors combine. For example:
 - Being very old or very young
 - Living on a low income or not having enough money to adapt to climate hazards
 - Living without safe, stable, or adequate housing
 - Experiencing health conditions, including mental illness
 - Facing barriers to social connection or access to the right supports and services

Identifying individuals and population groups who may be at increased risk does not mean that they do not have the skills, knowledge and the ability to contribute to adaptation or that they have not been adapting already.

PPH - Who is most vulnerable to the health impacts of climate change?

Intersections with other populations identified in PPH's strategic plan:



Current PPH Adaptation Actions

- **Population Assessment & Surveillance**
 - Monitoring hazard data and/or conducting surveillance
 - Monitoring population health data
 - Conducting population surveys to fill gaps in information
- **Health Promotion**
 - Timely communication about how people can protect themselves from climate hazards
 - Working with community partners consider how their programs and policies can help reduce negative health impacts
 - Advocating on issues that make people disproportionately more at risk of climate hazards
 - Health equity lens
- **Health Protection**
 - Extreme heat and cold response plans – alerts and warnings
 - Beach water quality testing and posting
 - Surveillance and testing of vectors (mosquitoes and ticks)
 - Case investigations for diseases of public health significance

Next Steps

- Finalize and release the Vulnerability Assessment – Technical Document for partners and to inform adaptation work.
- Share the report with key partners working in health and the environment and engage in activities to increase public and partner awareness.
- Conduct community and partner consultations to inform adaptation programming and policy.
- Complete Indigenous community engagement with a two-eyed seeing approach to climate change adaptation in collaboration with HKPRDHU, across the Williams Treaty territory as directed by IHAC.
- Continue to gather and report on relevant climate change and health information on an ongoing basis to improve our understanding of local health impacts.

PETERBOROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD OF HEALTH

TITLE:	Presentation: Formula for Public Health Impact
DATE:	December 13, 2023
PREPARED BY:	Hallie Atter, Acting Director, Health Promotion Division
APPROVED BY:	Dr. Thomas Piggott, Medical Officer of Health & CEO

PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health receive the following presentation for information:

- Title: Formula For Public Health Impact
- Presenter: Hallie Atter, Acting Director, Health Promotion Division

That the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health send a letter to the Minister of Health:

- urging the Province to strongly invest in local health promotion delivered by Ontario public health units by maintaining the current breadth and scope of health promotion work outlined in the Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS) and ensure that health promotion is prioritized in the review of the OPHS;
- requesting that the Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health ensures proactive local engagement in the sector-driven review of the OPHS; and,
- send copies of this correspondence to the Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health, local MPPs, Ontario Boards of Health and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies.

ATTACHMENTS

a. [Presentation](#)

REFERENCES:

- [White Paper on the Value of Local Health Promotion in Ontario. Health Promotion Ontario, 2023. \(web hyperlink\)](#)
- [Recommendation Information Sheet. Ontario Association of Public Health Nursing Leaders, 2023. \(web hyperlink\)](#)
- [White Paper, Highlighting the Vital Role of Public Health Inspectors Within a Responsive and Effective Public Health Workforce, A Report to the Ministry of Health. The Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors of Ontario, 2023. \(web hyperlink\)](#)
- [Chief Public Health Officer of Canada's Report on the State of Public Health in Canada 2023: Creating the Conditions for Resilient Communities: A Public Health Approach to Emergencies. Public Health Agency of Canada; 2023. \(web hyperlink\)](#)
- [Public health lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic. Public Health Physicians of Canada \(PHPC\), 2022. \(web hyperlink\)](#)

Formula for Public Health Impact

Hallie Atter
Acting Director, Health Promotion Division
December 13, 2023



Public Health Impact



Effective
Strategies

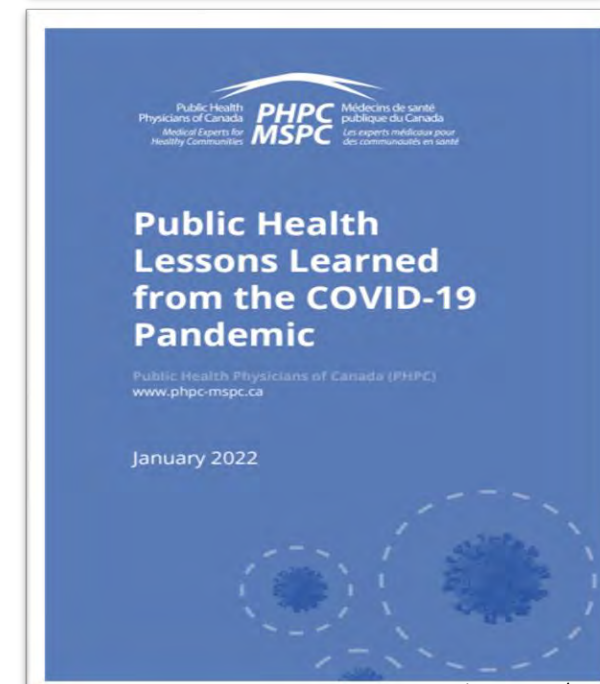
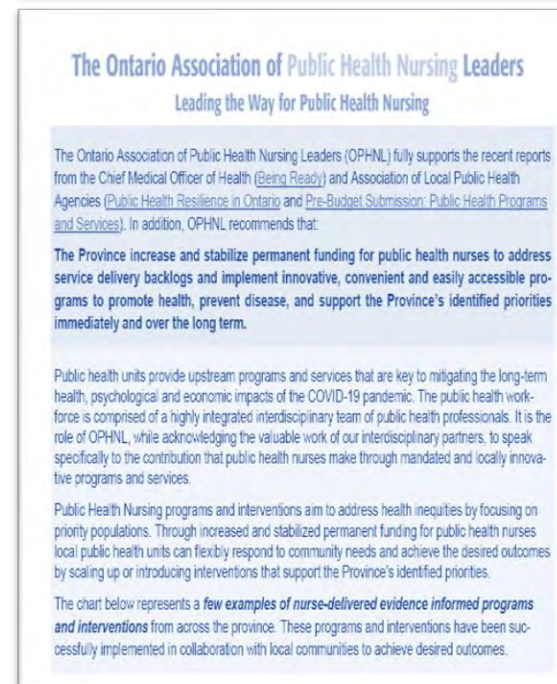
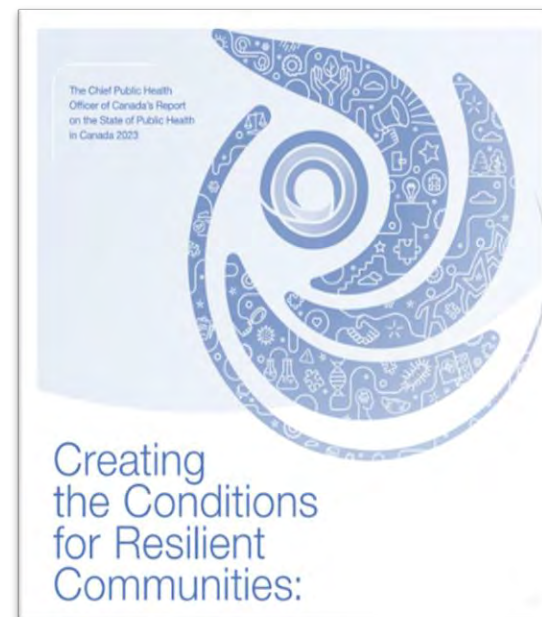


Skilled
Workforce



Public
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Impacts

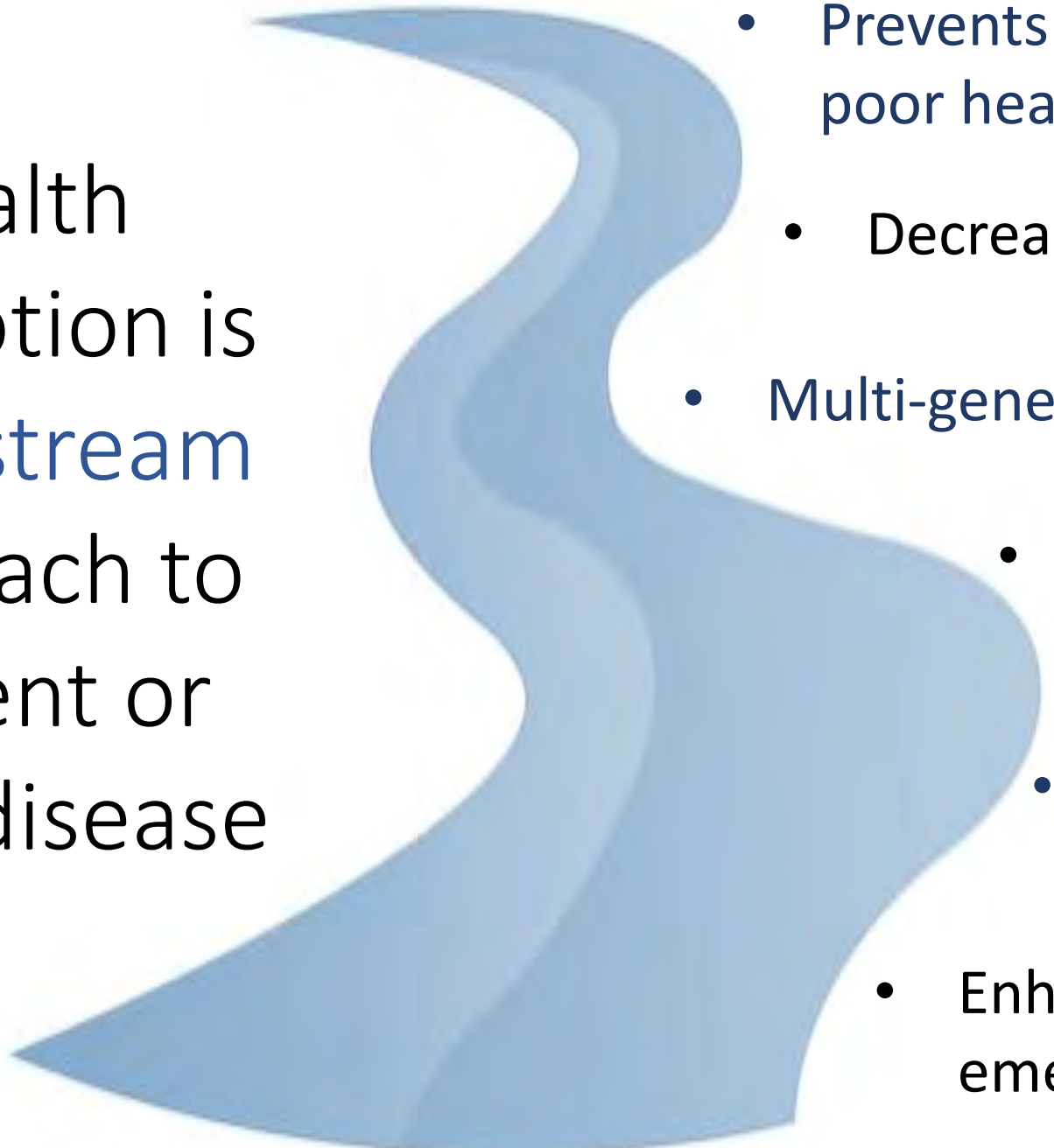
Why now?



Effective Strategies



Health promotion is an **upstream** approach to prevent or delay disease

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- Prevents and mitigates poor health outcomes
 - Decreases health inequities
 - Multi-generational impact
 - Tailored to local population and context
 - Strengthens local resilience to future threats
 - Enhances responses to emergencies and other crises

Impact of Health Promotion on the Healthcare Systems

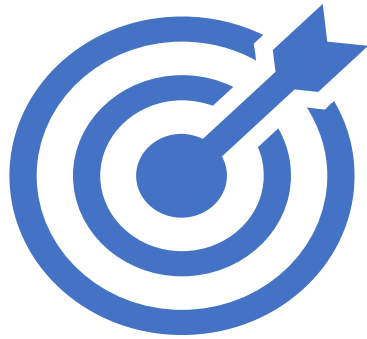


“Local level public health promotion interventions have a return on investment of four, where every dollar invested yields a return of four dollars, plus the original investment. Larger-scale, upstream intervention have yielded even larger returns.”

White Paper on the Value of Health Promotion, Health Promotion Ontario, 2023

The Power of Health Promotion

Tobacco and Lung Cancer



EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES

- Local and provincial bylaws/legislation
- Engagement of youth
- Creation of smoke-free spaces
- Awareness campaigns
- Cessation supports

SKILLED WORKFORCE

In the early 2000s new \$600k/year investment in PPH for:

- Health inspectors
- Health promoters
- Nursing cessation specialists
- Youth
- Medical Officer of Health



The Power of Health Promotion

Food Equity and Chronic Disease Prevention



EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES

- Local provincial, federal policies/legislation
- Ptbo. Food Action Network, Nourish Culinary Collaborative
- Community gardens, school nutrition policies
- Awareness campaigns
- Food literacy/skills

SKILLED WORKFORCE

- Public Health Nutritionists
- Community Workers
- Epidemiologists
- Health Promoters

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS

- Decrease in chronic disease
- Increase in positive mental health

A Skilled Public Health Workforce



“The public health workforce is comprised of highly integrated interdisciplinary team of public health professionals”.

Ontario Association of Public Health Nursing Leaders, 2023.

Impact of the Ontario Public Health Standards Review on Public Health



EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES

May reduce number of health promotion activities

SKILLED WORKFORCE

May result in a different mix of workforce, less diverse

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS

- Impact ability to effectively meet local community needs
- Impact readiness for future public health emergencies
- Reduce ability to scale up or introduce interventions that support the Province's identified priorities

To maintain Public Health impact...



- Health Promotion is vital to public health
- Public health staff are versatile, flexible and adaptable
- Planning is needed to ensure maintenance of resilient workforce
- Important role of municipalities in tailoring public health interventions to the local context
- Maintain ability to prioritize local needs/issues
- Maintain ability to customize local response
- Continue to invest in issues like income, housing, opioids

Proposed Recommendation

That the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health send a letter to the Minister of Health:

- urging the Province to strongly invest in local health promotion delivered by Ontario public health units by maintaining the current breadth and scope of health promotion work outlined in the Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS) and ensure that health promotion is prioritized in the review of the OPHS;
- requesting that the Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health ensures proactive local engagement in the sector-driven review of the Ontario Public Health Standards; and,
- send copies of this correspondence to the Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health, local MPPs, Ontario Boards of Health and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies.

THANK YOU!
QUESTIONS?

PETERBOROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH

BOARD OF HEALTH – STAFF REPORT

TITLE:	Impact of Strategic Plan Implementation through One-Time Funding Activities
DATE:	December 13, 2023
PREPARED BY:	Larry Stinson, Director of Operations
APPROVED BY:	Dr. Thomas Piggott, Medical Officer of Health & CEO

PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health receive the staff report, *Impact of Strategic Plan Implementation through One-Time Funding Activities*, for information.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND IMPACT

Reserve accounts established by the Board of Health have the intended purpose of ensuring continuity of operations and/or to respond to local public health needs in unusual, temporary circumstances. The commitment of reserve funds was granted by the board with the provision that minimum reserve contingency amounts are retained. The expenditures carried out to-date for strategic plan implementation fall within the approved amounts and have not compromised the provision of retained contingencies.

DECISION HISTORY

In 2018, the Stewardship Committee directed staff to develop a Board of Health policy that would establish and maintain a minimum reserve balance of \$500,000 for Operational Contingency and \$250,000 for Capital; and that formal Board approval be required for expenditure of funds that would result in balances lower than these amounts.

In August 2022, the Board of Health approved its new Strategic Plan 2022-2025 setting out priorities to respond to key public health issues in our community.

At the September 2022 Board Meeting, the motion was approved to direct staff to allocate a total of up to \$600,000 from PPH Reserves to spend on special one-time projects related to Strategic Plan 2022 – 2025 implementation.

BACKGROUND

The PPH Strategic Plan 2022-2025 approved by the Board in September 2022, included strategic directions and priority actions related to: Our Team, Our Community and Our System. The approved use of reserve funds to stimulate the implementation of the plan highlighted three main areas:

- Digital Information System Transformation
- Population Participatory Data Collection to Inform Equitable Services
- Investing in Our Team's Wellness and Development

The table below outline the activities completed or underway and the impact they will have on the desired strategic plan outcomes.

Description of Activities	Impacts on Desired Strategic Outcomes	status
Digital Information System Transformation		
Acquired and implemented the Telus Collaborative Health Record.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased efficiency in clinical services • Ability to generate data for planning 	75% complete
Completion of SharePoint project redesigning our file storage, moving files from onsite servers to cloud-based platforms and applying best practices to file management systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced information security • Enhanced access to information from offsite locations and collaboration with other organizations • Automated file retention systems • Operational efficiencies 	90% complete
Migration of Safe Sewage files to digital files.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efficient migration of program to municipal partners with the transition of the program • Improved archive file system 	70% complete
Micro-Learning Modules for enhanced use of technology tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced application of existing technology platforms • More effective use of internal Information Technology staff 	2024
Population Participatory Data Collection to Inform Equitable Services		
Working with Trent University to engage under-served parents for the improvement of services and prevention of adverse child experiences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced organizational capacity to conduct participatory research • Strengthened partnerships with service-users and people from priority groups • Provision of more equitable and accessible health and social services • Enhanced relationships with local researchers 	Initiated
Tamarack Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced organizational capacity to conduct participatory public health research and program evaluation 	Completed
Environmental Scan of tools for engagement/gaps in priority population engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthened partnerships with service-users and people from priority groups 	Completed

Description of Activities	Impacts on Desired Strategic Outcomes	status
Cambium Indigenous Professional Services project contract to support Indigenous Climate Change adaptation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consulting to support “Two-Eyed Seeing” approach to health adaptations to climate change by Indigenous advisory consultants to work with First Nations communities and Indigenous organizations/peoples 	Initiated
Provision of compensation for priority population participation in data collection processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthened partnerships with service-users and people from priority groups Engagement to improve service delivery 	Initiated
Investing in Our Team’s Wellness and Development		
Development of an implementation plan for staff success and wellbeing strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roadmap created with a contracted staff to support a common vision and planned actions 	Completed
Management Team supported in training related to coaching, change management and CQI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved competencies Sharing of knowledge within the Management Team 	Completed
Enhance capacity/resources to expand committees for delivery of actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced engagement with staff Increase in number and impact of interventions to improve Our Team’s wellness and development 	Initiated

RATIONALE

The projects implemented to date have required an investment of \$314,294. Completion of these projects, and projects and initiatives that were part of the original plan and are still in progress will require a further investment of \$129,700 in 2024. We anticipate that the full amount funded to support the strategic plan implementation will be fully expended to ensure achievement of the strategic plan goals by its completion in 2025. As the table above demonstrates, this investment in our strategic plan has been essential to moving strategies forward and has already demonstrated important impacts on the directions in our Strategic Plan: Our Team, Our Community and Our System.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports the implementation of Board of Health’s 2022-25 Strategic Plan and applies to all strategic directions within the plan.

**PETERBOROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH
BOARD OF HEALTH**

TITLE:	Correspondence for Information
DATE:	December 13, 2023
PREPARED BY:	Alida Gorizzan, Executive Assistant
APPROVED BY:	Dr. Thomas Piggott, Medical Officer of Health & CEO

PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health receive the following for information:

- a. E-newsletter dated November 13, 2023 from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA).
- b. Email dated November 23, 2023 from the County of Peterborough noting County Council support for the joint letter from PPH/Fourcast regarding inhalation services.
- c. Letter dated November 27, 2023 from the Board Chair to Minister Jones regarding the Ontario Senior's Dental Care Program.
- d. Letter dated November 29, 2023 from the Board Chair to Ministers Bethlenfalvy and Jones regarding support for healthy public policy regarding alcohol marketplace and product sales.
- e. Letter dated November 29, 2023 from the Board Chair to Premier Ford regarding support for Bill 93, Joshua's Law (Lifejackets for Life), 2023.
- f. Letter dated December 4, 2023 from the Board Chair to Minister Jones regarding support for Bill 103, Smoke-Free Ontario Amendment Act (Vaping is not for Kids), 2023.
- g. Letter dated December 4, 2023 from the Board Chair to Minister Jones regarding the inclusion of monitoring food affordability in the updated Ontario Public Health Standards
- h. Letter dated December 4, 2023 from the Board Chair to Premier Ford, Ministers Jones & Parsa regarding income-based policy interventions to effectively reduce household food insecurity.

Letters from local public health agencies:

- i. Huron Perth – Investing in local health promotion
- j. KFL&A – Voluntary Mergers
- k. Sudbury & District - Public Health Strengthening and Chronic Disease Prevention

The following letters were received (available upon request) from other Ontario Boards of Health on matters previously supported by the PPH Board of Health:

- Huron Perth – Support for a Funded Healthy School Food Program
- North Bay Parry Sound District – Modernizing alcohol marketplace and product sales
- Niagara Region – Bill 103, SFOA Amendment Act
- Sudbury & District - Support for a Funded Healthy School Food Program

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PLEASE ROUTE TO:

All Board of Health Members

All Members of Regional Health & Social Service Committees

All Senior Public Health Managers

November 13, 2023

November 2023 InfoBreak

This update is a tool to keep alPha's members apprised of the latest news in public health including provincial announcements, legislation, alPha activities, correspondence, and events. Visit us at alphaweb.org.

Leader to Leader - **A Message from alPha's President** - November 2023

Recognizing the dedication the local public health sector brings to the population health of Ontarians, I'm humbled when I think of all that our members do every day. I am proud of alPha's leadership role in the public health system. We accomplish much by working together as public health leaders. I want to thank our BOH Section, COMOH Section and Affiliate members for all that they do.

Top of mind is the recent announcement regarding voluntary mergers and the many challenges and opportunities that are ahead of us over the coming weeks, months, and years. To this end, alPha will continue to strongly represent the local public health sector's interests with regards to the province's Strengthening Public Health initiative with the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and other key stakeholders including the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. We also commit to keeping the membership up to date with the latest information that is available to us.

I would like to note our upcoming Fall Symposium, Section Meetings, and Workshops, taking place November 22-24, 2023. This highly anticipated symposium will amplify the critical role, value, and benefit of Ontario's local public health system and include discussions on voluntary mergers. Registrations are strong and we are pleased to see such interest in these important educational and networking events. Thank you to the alPha staff, the University of Toronto's Dalla Lana School of Public Health, and the Eastern Ontario Health Unit for their generous support.

Thank you to those who have shown an interest in our new Boards of Health training courses — BOH Governance and Social Determinants of Health. These courses aim to enhance knowledge and strengthen local public health leadership in Ontario. We are pleased to see the interest and uptake.

In case you missed it, alPHa released a [new infographic](#) on World Mental Health Day. This is the latest addition to our Workplace Health and Wellness resources on the [alPHa website](#). During this time of change, we hope that you will find these tips and tools to be useful.

Since you're here, I'd like to also take a moment to remind members that *Information Break* is more than just a newsletter. Think of it as a member portal to all the recent updates for the sector across key issues, events, and the latest news related to the local public health system in Ontario.

Finally, I hope to see all of you at the alPHa Fall Symposium and to let you know the alPHa Winter Symposium is on February 14-16th, and the alPHa AGM and Conference is taking place from June 5-7th in Toronto. Our Executive Director, Loretta Ryan, will be in touch soon with further information about these events.

Sincerely,

Dr. Charles Gardner
alPHa President

Update from the Ministry of Health: Strengthening Public Health

The Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health has released material in relation to the Strengthening Public Health strategy. The [memo](#) was sent to all local public health agencies (LPHAs) and provides planning materials and information on next steps regarding potential merger opportunities. More details can also be found in the **Ministry's** [slide deck](#).

As noted in the memo, in August 2023, the government announced the Ministry of Health's commitment to working closely with LPHAs, municipalities, and the broader public health sector on a strategy to strengthen public health, centred on three priorities:

1. Clarifying roles and responsibilities through the Ontario Public Health Standards.
2. Supporting voluntary mergers among LPHAs.
3. Providing stable, sustainable funding to LPHAs.

Members are encouraged to be involved in discussions at the local level with their respective LPHAs. In the coming days, the Ministry has indicated they will be reaching out directly to LPHAs and Boards of Health to facilitate regional engagement, and support proposal development for LPHAs interested in voluntary mergers. They will be working with the Associate Chief Medical Officers of Health to schedule meetings. The Ministry is encouraging LPHAs to engage with local communities and priority populations including Indigenous and Francophone communities early in the planning and assessment process.

Additional information on the merger proposal submission process (including merger proposal business case template and eligible expenses) will be shared with the 2024 Annual Service Plan and Budget Submission template in early December 2023, with merger proposal business cases due in March 2024. In the coming weeks, the Ministry will also provide updates on the Roles and Responsibilities and Funding workstreams of the Strengthening Public Health Strategy.

alPHA will continue to provide information as it becomes available and will work with key stakeholders including the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Final day to register for the alPHA 2023 Fall Symposium, Section Meetings, and Workshops is this week!

The final day to register for the alPHA 2023 Fall Symposium, Section Meetings, and Workshops is Wednesday, November 15! This event will amplify **the critical role, value, and benefit of Ontario's local public health system**. Registration is \$399 plus HST and you can register [here](#). The draft program can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

Join us for online plenary sessions with public health leaders in the morning followed by the BOH Section and COMOH Section meetings in the afternoon.

Attendees are invited, at no additional cost, to participate in workshops called: *How to Use a Human Rights Based Framework in the Workplace* from 1-4 p.m. on November 22 and the *Importance of Risk Communication in a Changing World* from 1-4 p.m. on November 23. Please note, both workshops will be held via Zoom and the log in information will be sent closer to the workshop dates.

This gathering provides a unique opportunity to connect with public health leaders from all corners of the province. Together, we will delve into shared obstacles and strengthen

the future of public health. Expect to gain access to invaluable tools and resources that will empower local public health and their communities.

Our lineup of speakers for the Symposium, taking place on November 24th, includes: Dr. Charles Gardner (President, alPHA), Dr. Kieran Moore (Chief Medical Officer of Health), Cynthia St. John (CEO, Southwestern Public Health), Maria Sánchez-Keane (Principal Consultant, Centre for Organizational Effectiveness), John Allen (Partner, Allen & Malek LLP), Dr. Robert Kyle and Steven Rebellato (alPHA ONCA Compliance Working Group), Michael Sherar, Colleen Geiger, Dr. Jessica Hopkins, Dr. Samir Patel, and Dr. Tamara Wallington (Public Health Ontario). Additionally, members of Dr. Kieran Moore's staff will be with him while he is presenting including Elizabeth Walker, Brent Feeney, Colleen Kiel, and Carol Ma. They will be available to assist with the question and answer session and ensure the presentation goes smoothly overall.

The Section meetings are also taking place that afternoon and you can find the preliminary agenda for the Boards of Health Section through [this link](#). The BOH Section meeting features Chair Carmen McGregor and alPHA's Executive Director, Loretta Ryan. Other speakers include Ian Cummins, Director (Ontario Health Teams (OHTs) Strategy, Ontario Health), Lindsay Jones, Michael Jacek, and Daniela Spagnuolo (Association of Municipalities of Ontario), James LeNoury (Principal, LeNoury Law), Sabine Matheson (Principal, StrategyCorp) and Monika Turner (Principal, Roving Capacity). Affiliates are also welcome to attend the BOH Section meeting. The COMOH Section meeting agenda will be released at a later date.

alPHA would also like to thank all of the speakers and moderators for their participation in the Fall Symposium. A special shoutout also goes to Dr. Charles Gardner for moderating the event.

For further details, [check out our flyer](#), [Symposium program](#), and [BOH Section Meeting agenda](#). New: The Speakers' Bios have been added to the website. You can view them [here](#).

Chief Public Health Officer of Canada – 2023 Annual Report

On October 30, the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada released her [Report on the State of Public Health in Canada 2023: Creating the Conditions for Resilient Communities: A Public Health Approach to Emergencies](#).

The report proposes a health promotion approach to emergency management within which public health can work with partners in different sectors to build healthier and more resilient communities, with a strong focus on equity, by laying the foundations to better prevent, withstand, and recover from emergencies. The report concludes with a chapter entitled "[The Way Forward](#)", which outlines tangible actions to bring health promotion into emergency management policies and practice.

- The CPHO Statement can be read [here](#).
 - Summary Presentation Slide can be viewed [here](#).
 - PDF of the Report can be downloaded [here](#).
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Participate in the National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of **Health's fourth environmental scan**

Participation is through an [online survey](#). The National Collaborating Centre for **Determinants of Health's environmental scans have informed how they use their energy**, time, and resources to respond to knowledge, build networks, and offer relevant services. The survey will take 20 minutes to complete and will close on December 1, 2023.

alPHA Summary on the 2023 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review now available

alPHA's summary on the provincial government's 2023 Fall Economic Statement is now available. While there are no direct mentions of public health, there are several points that may be of further interest as they relate to public health programs and services. These include a coordinated Vaping Product Taxation Agreement with the federal government, an increase to minimum wage, and additional investments to health human resources. To read more, please click [here](#).

Public Health Matters: A Business Case for Local Public Health now available in French

The latest infographic, which covers a business case for public health, is now available in French. It covers topics such as reduced hospitalizations, safe communities, and healthy children. To read more, click [here](#).

alPHA would also like to thank Eastern Ontario Health Unit for translating the infographic.

New: A video based on the infographic will be available soon!

Calling all Ontario Boards of Health: Level up your expertise with our **NEW** training courses designed just for you!

Don't miss this unique opportunity to enhance your knowledge and strengthen local public health leadership in Ontario.

BOH Governance training course

Master public health governance and Ontario's Public Health Standards. **You'll learn all** about public health legislation, funding, accountability, roles, structures, and much more. Gain insights into leadership and services that drive excellence in your unit.

Social Determinants of Health training course

Explore the impact of Social Determinants of Health on public health and municipal governments. Understand the context, explore Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, and examine various SDOH diagrams to better serve your communities.

Speakers are Monika Turner and Loretta Ryan.

Reserve your spot for in-person or virtual training now! Visit [our website](#) to learn more about the costs for Public Health Units (PHUs). Let's shape a healthier future together.

Additionally, thank you to all the public health agencies who have shown interest in our BOH courses. alPHA staff are currently coordinating the bookings and are pleased to see the uptake.

Affiliates update

Ontario Association of Public Health Nursing Leaders (OPHNL)

OPHNL is currently working with the Centre for Organizational Effectiveness to develop a 5-year strategic plan. Our aim is to refresh our [current strategic plan](#) to meet the needs of public health nursing leaders across Ontario and create strategic alignment with the priorities of our interdisciplinary public health colleagues. The finalized plan will be presented to OPHNL members at our fall AGM on November 23, 2023.

The Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors of Ontario

The link to **ASPHIO's** [ASPHIO White Paper: Highlighting the Vital Role of Public Health Inspectors within a Responsive and Effective Public Health Workforce](#) (please click on the Advocacy tab) is now available. The report highlights the crucial contributions made by public health inspectors during the pandemic, their importance in supporting the

delivery of public health programs and services and the vital role of public health inspectors within a responsive and effective public health workforce. The recommendations in the report provide potential opportunities and solutions to strengthen the public health workforce, and to build upon the adaptability and versatility demonstrated by public health inspectors during the pandemic.

AMO Health Transformation Task Force

AMO's Health Transformation Task Force builds on AMO's ongoing health advocacy and will continue to inform AMO's advice to the provincial government on future transformation of health services in Ontario. This may include transformation of the public health system, long-term care sector, community paramedicine, social determinants of health, and Ontario Health Teams, among other health system topics. The Terms of Reference can be found [here](#). Additionally, a number of alPha members sit on the Task Force representing their respective organizations. The membership list can be found [here](#). alPha would like to thank the public health representatives participating in the task force.

AMO's Municipal Employee Survey

AMO has initiated a [Municipal Workforce Development Project](#) to address employee **recruitment and retention challenges at Ontario's municipalities and municipal agencies.** AMO is conducting a [survey of Ontario municipal employees](#) to learn about their educational background, career pathways, and overall job experience. The survey is open until Friday, November 24th. [Click here](#) for more survey information and resources to help you share with your colleagues and staff.

Invitation to Participate – 2024 Core Competencies for Public Health in Canada

The [National Collaborating Centres for Public Health](#) are reaching out with an opportunity to participate in an important public health project. The Public Health Agency of Canada has commissioned the National Collaborating Centres for Public Health to engage with the Canadian public health community in order to update the [2008 Core Competencies for Public Health in Canada](#).

Anticipation is building for TOPHC 2024

Thank you to everyone who submitted abstracts for #TOPHC2024.

The anticipation is building! While you wait to hear back about abstract submissions, remember to save these important dates in your calendar:

- Abstract status notifications: by December 8, 2023
- Registration opens: Dec 15, 2023
- In-person workshops: March 26, 2024
- Virtual session: April 3, 2024

For more info, visit the TOPHC website: tophc.ca

Boards of Health: Shared Resources

A resource [page](#) is available on alPHa's website for Board of Health members to facilitate the sharing of and access to orientation materials, best practices, by-laws, resolutions, and other resources. If you have a best practice, by-law or any other resource that you would like to make available, please send a file or a link with a brief description to gordon@alphaweb.org and for posting in the appropriate library.

Resources available on the alPHa website include:

- [Orientation Manual for Boards of Health](#) (Revised Feb. 2023)
 - [Review of Board of Health Liability, 2018](#), (PowerPoint presentation, Feb. 24, 2023)
 - [Legal Matters: Updates for Boards of Health](#) (Video, June 8, 2021)
 - [Obligations of a Board of Health under the Municipal Act, 2001](#) (Revised 2021)
 - [Governance Toolkit](#) (Revised 2022)
 - [Risk Management for Health Units](#)
 - [Healthy Rural Communities Toolkit](#)
 - [The Ontario Public Health Standards](#)
 - [Public Appointee Role and Governance Overview](#) (for Provincial Appointees to BOH)
 - [Ontario Boards of Health by Region](#)
 - [List of Units sorted by Municipality](#)
 - [List of Municipalities sorted by Health Unit](#)
 - [Map: Boards of Health Types](#)
 - [NCCHPP Report: Profile of Ontario's Public Health System](#) (2021)
 - [The Municipal Role of Public Health\(2022 U of T Report\)](#)
 - [Boards of Health and Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act](#)
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alPHa Correspondence

Through policy analysis, collaboration, and advocacy, alPHa's members and staff act to promote public health policies that form a strong foundation for the improvement of health promotion and protection, disease prevention, and surveillance services in all of Ontario's communities. A complete online library of submissions is available [here](#). These documents are publicly available and can be shared widely.

Public Health Ontario

New COVID-19 and Respiratory Virus Reports

- [Integrated Respiratory Virus Risk Indicators for Ontario](#)
- [COVID-19, Influenza and Respiratory Syncytial Virus Outbreaks in Long-Term Care and Retirement Homes in the 2023-24 Surveillance Period](#)

Influenza

- [Influenza Vaccines for the 2023-24 Influenza Season](#)
- [Antiviral Medications for Seasonal Influenza: Public Health Considerations](#)
- [Influenza and Other Respiratory Infection Surveillance Package 2023-24 Respiratory Season](#)

IPAC Resources

- [IPAC Self-Assessment Audit for Long-Term Care and Retirement Homes](#)
- [Infection Prevention and Control \(IPAC\) Checklist for Long-Term Care and Retirement Homes](#)
- [Fact Sheet: Infection Prevention and Control Practices for Immunization Clinics](#)
- [Updated Fact Sheet! How to Protect Yourself and Others from Respiratory Viruses](#)

Additional Resources – New

- [At-A-Glance: Goals-Based Evaluation for Health Promotion Programs](#)
- New Fermented Food Safety Guidelines Available for [plant-based cheese](#), [koji](#), and [kombucha & jun](#).
- [Updated Evidence Brief: Reducing Health Risks Associated with Backyard Chickens](#)

Upcoming PHO Events

- Tuesday, November 21 – [Advancing Engagement in Antimicrobial Stewardship through Effective Communication Strategies](#)

- Thursday, November 23 – [Prevention System Quality Index 2023: Evidence and Data for Action](#)

Interested in PHO's upcoming events? Checkout their [Events](#) page to stay up-to-date with all of PHO's events.

Missed an event? Check out their [Presentations](#) page for full recordings of PHO's events.

Upcoming DLSPH Events and Webinars

- [Ethics, Uncertainty, and Artificial Intelligence in Medicine - JCB-WIHV Lecture series](#) (Nov. 15)
- [Biostatistics Seminar Series with Mohammad Khan on Variable Importance in ML Models](#) (Nov. 16)
- [Ge-iSEE Health Lab Student-led Seminar Presentation](#). (Nov. 21)
- [Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Nobel Prize for the Discovery of Insulin to Banting and Macleod: Impact and Legacy](#) (Nov. 27)
- [Healthy Planet, Healthy Lives: Climate Resilience and Sustainability in Health Care](#) (Dec. 1)
- [Statistical Sciences Applied Research and Education Seminar \(ARES\): Jean-François Bégin](#) (Dec. 4)

In case you missed it: A Blue Cities 2023 recap

Canadian Water Network hosted Blue Cities 2023 in October. This year, Blue Cities brought together decision-makers from the public health and municipal water management sectors to discuss shared strategic challenges. Some of the topics covered during the conference include:

- Integrating wastewater-based surveillance into public health systems.
- Water utility and public health decision-making in the face of natural disasters.
- The ethics of wastewater-based surveillance.

These discussions pave the way for the future of wastewater surveillance in Canada, as well as show us where collaborative efforts will be pivotal in addressing challenges faced by the public health and municipal water management sectors. The Canadian Water Network would like to thank ALPHA for being an in-kind sponsor of this event.

Start planning for your health unit's local data collection needs!

Now is the time to plan for your health unit's 2024 local data collection needs and there are many reasons to choose RRFSS:

- Data can be collected in one, two or all three cycles in the year
- Sample size is also flexible and data can be collected by landline and cell phone (up to a 50 per cent/50 per cent mix).
- RRFSS fills in data gaps by providing local and customizable data not available from the CCHS
- Timely and relevant local data that is available three times per year
- Complete control over survey content, with the ability to choose (or even develop) locally-relevant questions
- RRFSS has hundreds of pretested survey questions available on most health-related topics [Questionnaires — RRFSS](#)
- RRFSS also allows for custom surveys based on specific budgets and customizable survey packages are available on most budgets.

The next cycle of data collection begins mid-January 2024. For further information about joining RRFSS, contact Lynne Russell, RRFSS Coordinator at: lynnerrussell@rrfss.ca or visit the RRFSS website: www.rrfss.ca

News Releases

The most up to date news releases from the Government of Ontario can be accessed [here](#).

From: Salisko, Holly

Sent: Thursday, November 23, 2023 2:02 PM

To: Alida Gorizzan

Cc: Stevenson, Kari

Subject: RE: CORRESPONDENCE: Peterborough Public Health/Fourcast Boards re: Inhalation Services

Good afternoon,

Please note at their meeting on November 22, 2023, Peterborough County Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 233-2023

Moved by Councillor Graham

Seconded by Councillor Black

That the letter from Peterborough Public Health and Fourcast regarding Supervised Inhalation Services be supported; and,

That staff be directed to try and schedule a delegation at ROMA on this topic for local advocacy.

Carried

For your reference I have attached the relating letter. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Kari Stevenson, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk at kstevenson@ptbocounty.ca.

Thanks,

Holly Salisko

Administrative Services Assistant | Clerk's Division/Planning

(705) 743-0380 Ext. 2105

Individuals who submit letters and other information to Council should be aware that any personal information contained within their communications may become part of a public record and may be made available to the public through the Council Agenda process.

November 27, 2023

Hon. Sylvia Jones,
Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
sylvia.jones@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Jones:

Re: Adequate Funding for the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health (PPH) to bring to your attention concerns about the funding model for the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP), and the resulting limitations for access to service promised to Ontarians. Low income and a lack of insurance play the dominant role in limiting people's ability to access oral health care, so PPH appreciates the Ministry of Health's vision to advance oral health equity through access to comprehensive oral health care for seniors.

As stated by the Ministry of Health, the OSDCP provides access to free dental services to seniors aged 65 and over who meet the required income conditions and do not have dental benefits either through private insurance or other government programs. Further, it states, if you are accepted into the program, you can access dental services by contacting your local public health agency (LPHA).

These statements imply that those who meet the eligibility criteria will be provided that service once they have demonstrated eligibility and contacted their LPHA. Unfortunately, due to the limitations of an annualized budget process and significant delays in confirming any in-year adjustments, those seeking these services have had to be told the service is not available at this time, despite the existence of capacity in the community to provide this service.

Early in the 2023 fiscal year, it was recognized by our PPH dental team that demand for services by eligible clients within the OSDCP would surpass the approved annual budget. After several discussions with Ministry staff, we learned that requests for additional funds could not be made until November 2023, and approval of these requests would be received in January 2024, at the earliest. Our Board, therefore has been forced to decide what services to continue beyond the budget approval levels and assume the risk that the funding request may not be approved.

Since Boards of Health are not permitted to run a deficit, our Board has committed to retaining essential services for the balance of 2023, with the expectation the additional \$200,000 required to meet this minimum service level will be approved by the Ministry. In addition to the funding risk, this decision will mean many referrals for those in need of dental care will be delayed until 2024. Lastly, the Board has also instructed staff that, if the one-time funding to support the extraordinary program pressures in 2023 is not received, to cease service delivery once the budget is exhausted in 2024 and beyond.

On behalf of our Board, I urge you to ensure this program is adequately funded in all LPHAs and that systems for in-year adjustments are provided in a timely manner so that eligible clients needing service are not forced to wait unnecessarily. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Councillor Kathryn Wilson
Chair, Board of Health

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cc: Hon. Raymond Cho, Ontario Minister for Seniors and Accessibility
Local MPPs
Age-Friendly Peterborough
Peterborough District Dental Society
Ontario Dental Association
Ontario Dental Hygienists' Association
Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry (OAPHD)
Ontario Boards of Health
Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa)

November 29, 2023

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Minister.fin@ontario.ca

Hon. Sylvia Jones,
Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
sylvia.jones@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Ministers:

Re: Support for Healthy Public Policy Regarding Alcohol Marketplace and Product Sales

At its November 8, 2023 meeting, the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health considered and endorsed correspondence from Huron Perth Public Health regarding the Ontario Public Health Association's (OPHA) letter to you dated May 31, 2023 on [modernizing alcohol and marketplace sales](#).

The OPHA recommends that the government implement the following policy measures to mitigate the harms Ontarians will experience with increased sales and consumption of alcohol, including:

1. Reduce retail density, especially in low socio-economic status (SES) neighbourhoods.
2. Maintain or decrease hours of sale, with no exceptions.
3. Strengthen Ontario's alcohol pricing policies including taxation, minimum pricing or other means.
4. Stop further privatization of alcohol sales.
5. Apply a whole of government, health-in-all-policies approach to alcohol modernization.

In addition, PPH fully supports Huron Perth's additional recommendation that "a health equity lens should be applied when considering the potential impacts of policy levers, consequences, and public health impacts as a result of this modernization of the alcohol marketplace and product sales", given that harms disproportionately affect people of lower socioeconomic status.

I trust you will consider our efforts, along with Huron Perth and the advocacy of others, who continue to urge the Government of Ontario to strengthen rather than further erode alcohol policies to protect the health of Ontarians.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Councillor Kathryn Wilson
Chair, Board of Health

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Encl.

cc: Hon. Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Health and Addictions
Local MPPs
Ontario Boards of Health
Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aLPHa)

November 29, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford

Re: Bill 93, Joshua's Law (Lifejackets for Life), 2023

At its November 8, 2023 meeting, the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health considered and endorsed correspondence from Huron Perth Public Health regarding the implementation of Bill 93, Joshua's Law (Lifejackets for Life), 2023

I trust you will consider our efforts, along with Huron Perth and the advocacy of others, who continue to voice their support for the passing and implementation of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Councillor Kathryn Wilson
Chair, Board of Health

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Encl.

cc: Hon. Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
Local MPPs
Ontario Boards of Health
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December 4, 2023

Hon. Sylvia Jones,
Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
sylvia.jones@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Jones:

Re: Bill 103, Smoke-Free Ontario Amendment Act (Vaping is not for Kids), 2023

At its November 8, 2023 meeting, the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health considered and endorsed correspondence from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit regarding the implementation of Bill 103, Smoke-Free Ontario Amendment Act (Vaping is not for Kids), 2023.

The proposed requirements of Bill 103 to the Smoke-Free Ontario Act would have a positive impact on the health of Ontarians. Bill 103's focus on increased efforts to prevent youth uptake through reducing availability and restricting advertising of vaping products, along with requiring that specialty vape stores obtain store location approval from the local board of health, will ultimately result in decreased nicotine addiction and prevent future stress on Ontario's healthcare system.

Peterborough Public Health would be happy to work with your government in supporting the changes proposed within Bill 103 as part of our efforts to reduce the burden of harmful substance use.

I trust you will consider our efforts, along with Simcoe Muskoka and the advocacy of others, who continue to voice their support for the passing and implementation of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Councillor Kathryn Wilson
Chair, Board of Health

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cc: France G  linas, Member of Provincial Parliament, Nickel Belt
Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health
Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Hon. Sylvia Jones
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Dear Minister Jones:

Re: Inclusion of Monitoring Food Affordability in the Updated Ontario Public Health Standards

The Board of Peterborough Public Health is writing to you following a staff report and presentation on local food affordability at its November 8, 2023 meeting. The Board recognizes the need to continue to monitor food affordability and food access in local public health agency jurisdictions and requests that this is maintained in the updated Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS).

The 2018 OPHS Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol¹ requires Boards of Health to monitor food environments, including food access and affordability. Food affordability monitoring has taken place for decades, as outlined in a provincial protocol prior to 2018. Monitoring food affordability provides important data used by community partners to inform local, provincial and national policy solutions to address household food insecurity.

Household food insecurity is a serious public health problem that is associated with poorer physical and mental health.² Upstream solutions have the potential to reduce the financial burden of food insecurity on public health care. It is critical to prioritize the monitoring of this public health problem, as we look to building a stronger, more equitable health system that meets the needs of underserved populations.

The significance of monitoring food affordability to support efforts to address household food insecurity reflects the critical importance of local evidence gathering, and health promotion in Ontario, which we hope will be strongly reflected in the new standards. We welcome further engagement regarding the development of the new standards, to help ensure that they are informed by local public health agencies and the needs and opportunities in their communities.

Sincerely,

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cc: Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health
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¹ Ontario Public Health Standards Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol. 2018. Available from: https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/oph_standards/docs/protocols_guidelines/Population_Health_Assessment_Surveillance_2018_en.pdf

² PROOF (2023). What are the implications of food insecurity for health and health care? Available from: <https://proof.utoronto.ca/food-insecurity/what-are-the-implications-of-food-insecurity-for-health-and-health-care/>

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Hon. Doug Ford
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Hon. Sylvia Jones
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Hon. Michael Parsa
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Dear Premier Ford, Ministers Jones and Parsa:

Re: Income-based policy interventions to effectively reduce household food insecurity (HFI)

On behalf of the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health, I am writing in support of Algoma Public Health's recommendations for income-based policy interventions to address household food insecurity.

In Peterborough between 2020-2022, nearly 1 in 5 households faced food insecurity.¹ This is the highest prevalence estimate we have ever seen. Peterborough's 2023 food affordability monitoring results show that many residents struggle to afford food and housing.² In 2023, there was less money left after residents paid for food and rent than the year before, and in many cases, people faced deficits.

Research indicates that income responses are needed to address household food insecurity.³ Sufficient income to meet basic needs supports people to be physically and mentally healthy, and to make meaningful contributions to society.

Sincerely,

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¹ Public Health Ontario. *Response to Scientific / Technical Request: Household Food Insecurity Estimates from the Canadian Income Survey: Ontario 2019-2022; 2023.*

² Peterborough Public Health. Ontario Nutritious Food Basket Data, 2023.

³ ODPH Position Statement on Responses to Food Insecurity: Ontario Dietitians in Public Health. 2023. Available from: <https://www.odph.ca/odph-position-statement-on-responses-to-food-insecurity-1>.

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

December 4, 2023

Re: Support for Local Health Promotion

Dear Premier Ford,

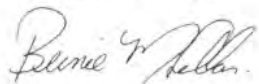
At our November 10, 2023, meeting, the Board of Health for Huron Perth Public Health received an update on **"Sharing the Value of Local Health Promotion"**. Following discussion on the importance of supporting local health promotion, a motion was passed to strongly encourage you to provide sustainable and ongoing funding for local public health promotion.

On September 21, 2023, Health Promotion Ontario released a [White Paper on the Value of Local Health Promotion in Ontario](#). As referenced in the White Paper, the document, "demonstrates the value of a strong investment in local health promotion, delivered by Ontario public health units (PHUs), and how maintaining the breadth and scope of health promotion work outlined in the Ontario Public Health Standards can be an effective strategy in addressing Ontario's healthcare crisis. Not only does health promotion yield significant returns on investment, but it is also the most viable strategy for ensuring resilience and preparedness for future pandemics and emergencies."

In addition, Canada's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Tam, strongly promotes that health promotion can strengthen emergency management in her report: [The Chief Public Health Officer of Canada's Report on the State of Public Health in Canada 2023](#).

The HPPH BOH supports Health Promotion Ontario's recommendation to strongly invest in local health promotion delivered by Ontario public health units by maintaining the current breadth and scope of health promotion work outlined in the Ontario Public Health Standards. We encourage you to ensure that health promotion is prioritized on an ongoing basis in the review of the Ontario Public Health Standards.

Yours Sincerely,



Bernie MacLellan
Chair, Huron Perth Public Health

cc:
Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Mr. Matthew Rae, Member of Provincial Parliament, Perth-Wellington
Ms. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and Member of Provincial Parliament, Huron-Bruce
All Ontario Boards of Health

November 14, 2023

VIA: Electronic Mail (sylvia.jones@ontario.ca)

Hon. Sylvia Jones
Ministry of Health
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Jones:

Thank you for your ongoing leadership and support in the evolution of Ontario's public health system. Your commitment to a locally driven and adequately funded plan to strengthen public health through the voluntary mergers of local Boards of Health is greatly valued.

The ministry's plan presented on August 22, 2023, has been well received by the KFL&A Board of Health. The subsequent discussion of the Board resulted in the motion to explore, in accordance with parameters from the ministry, options for merging with other public health units, to achieve the ministry's stated goals to optimize capacity, stability, and sustainability of public health and deliver more equitable health outcomes for Ontarians.

The Board of Health for KFL&A Public Health remains fully engaged in the process and aligns with the ministry's vision of a strong and resilient local public health system in Ontario. However, there is a notable concern regarding the current practice, where the ministry exclusively engages with the Medical Officers of Health in discussions related to voluntary mergers, particularly at this exploratory stage. It is emphasized that the decision to engage in a merger is a critical governance function of the Board.

In light of this, it is urged that any discussions or information sharing by the ministry regarding mergers should directly involve Board of Health representatives. To effectively fulfil the Board's governance role, it is imperative that information is received firsthand, providing an opportunity for questions and feedback. The perspective of the Board is of significant importance as it serves as representatives for our communities. Ultimately, the decision to engage in a voluntary merger with other willing partners is a political one that rests squarely with the Board.

The Board of Health for KFL&A Public Health is enthusiastic about collaborating with the ministry to strengthen the public health system in Ontario. There is an anticipation that the ministry will engage directly with the local Boards of Health, fostering a spirit of mutual respect and cooperation. This collaborative approach is essential for facilitating this voluntary and locally driven system transformation.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wess Garrod". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Wess" and last name "Garrod" clearly distinguishable.

Wess Garrod
KFL&A Board of Health Chair

cc:

Dr. K. Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health and Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Health
L. Ryan, Association of Local Public Health Agencies
Ontario Boards of Health



October 27, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Sylvia Jones
Minister of Health

The Honourable Michael Tibollo
Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions

Dear Premier Ford and Provincial Ministers Jones and Tibollo:

Re: Public Health Strengthening and Chronic Disease Prevention

On behalf of the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts, please accept this correspondence highlighting our commitment to health promotion and chronic disease prevention.

At its meeting on October 19, 2023, the Board of Health carried the following resolution #60-23:

WHEREAS the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts is committed to ensuring it addresses the public health needs and health equity in its catchment area, as aligned with board of health requirements under the Health Protection and Promotion Act and Ontario Public Health Standards; and

WHEREAS Health Promotion Ontario's White Paper on the Value of Local Health Promotion in Ontario recommends strong and sustained investment in local health promotion by public health units to ensure that health promotion is prioritized on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS the Board recognizes that there are opportunities for system improvements as part of the review of board roles and responsibilities announced under the government's Public Health Strengthening initiative, including an assessment of its role in chronic disease prevention through health promotion interventions; and

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WHEREAS chronic diseases are mostly preventable, are the cause of 75% of deaths in Ontario, and incur \$10.5 billion in direct health care costs in the province; and

WHEREAS as the scope and intensity of infectious disease risks increase in the context of finite resources, there is a risk of under-resourcing public health actions that work on longer horizon chronic disease prevention;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT in the context of the Public Health Strengthening roles and responsibilities deliberations, the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts urges all health system actors to remain committed to maintaining appropriate investments in health promotion and chronic disease prevention, while ensuring health risks associated with its health protection work are managed;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board request that the Chief Medical Officer of Health ensure proactive local engagement in the sector-driven review of the Ontario Public Health Standards.

Chronic diseases account for a substantial burden on the health of Ontarians and the health care system. They are the leading cause of death in Ontario, and they disproportionately impact populations who are socioeconomically disadvantaged, intensifying inequities. Chronic diseases are expensive to treat but they are largely preventable. Health promotion and chronic disease prevention work is critical to reducing the health and economic burden of chronic diseases.

The Board of Health respectfully urges the Provincial Government to ensure all health system actors, including local Public Health, are supported to invest in coordinated action to promote health and reduce the burden of chronic diseases, affecting so many Ontarians.

Sincerely,



Penny Sutcliffe, MD, MHSc, FRCPC
Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer

cc: Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Ministry of Health
Heather Schramm, Acting Director, Health Promotion and Prevention Policy and Programs Branch, Ministry of Health
Susan Stewart, Chair, Health Promotion Ontario Executive Committee
Michael Sherar, President and Chief Executive Officer, Public Health Ontario
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**PETERBOROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH
BOARD OF HEALTH**

TITLE:	Governance Committee Report
DATE:	December 13, 2023
PREPARED BY:	Alida Gorizzan, Executive Assistant, on behalf of Warden Clark, Committee Chair
APPROVED BY:	Dr. Thomas Piggott, Medical Officer of Health & CEO

PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health:

- a. receive meeting minutes of the Governance Committee for June 7, 2023;
- b. approve policy 2-190 Sponsorship (no changes); and
- c. approve policy 2-92, Workplace Violence and Harassment (no changes).

BACKGROUND

Governance met last on November 17, 2023 and requested that these items come forward to the Board of Health.

ATTACHMENTS

- a. [Minutes, June 7, 2023](#)
- b. [2-190 Sponsorship \(web hyperlink\)](#)
- c. [2-92, Workplace Violence and Harassment \(web hyperlink\)](#)

**Board of Health for
Peterborough Public Health
MINUTES
Governance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 7, 2023 – 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.
Virtual**

Present: Warden Bonnie Clark
 Councillor Joy Lachica
 Mr. Dan Moloney
 Dr. Hans Stelzer
 Councillor Kathryn Wilson

Staff: Alida Gorizzan, Executive Assistant, Recorder
 Dr. Thomas Piggott, Medical Officer of Health & CEO

1. Call to Order

Warden Clark called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

2. Confirmation of the Agenda

MOTION:

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Moved: Mr. Moloney

Seconded: Councillor Lachica

Motion carried. (M-2023-010-GC)

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

4. Consent Items to be Considered Separately (nil)

5. Delegations and Presentations (nil)

6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION:

That the minutes of the meeting of March 1, 2023 be approved as circulated and provided to the Board of Health at its next meeting for information.

Moved: Councillor Lachica

Seconded: Councillor Wilson

Motion carried. (M-2023-011-GC)

7. Business Arising From the Minutes

8. Staff Reports

8.1. By-Laws and Policies for Review

That the Governance Committee recommend that the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health approve the following:

- By-Law Number 10 – Conduct of Open and In-Camera Meetings (no changes)
- 2-90 Human Rights and Discrimination (no changes)
- 2-150 Remuneration of Members (no changes)
- 2-192 Donor Recognition (no changes)
- 2-342 Medical Officer of Health Selection (no changes)
- 2-400 Exit Interviews for Vacating Board Members (revised)

Moved: Councillor Lachica

Seconded: Councillor Wilson

Motion carried. (M-2023-012-GC)

9. Consent Items (nil)

10. New Business (nil)

11. In Camera to Discuss Confidential Matters (nil)

12. Motions for Open Session (nil)

13. Date, Time, and Place of the Next Meeting

September 9, 2023, 2:30 p.m., Peterborough Public Health

14. Adjournment

MOTION:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Moved: Dr. Stelzer

Seconded: Councillor Lachica

Motion carried. (M-2023-013-GC)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Chairperson

Medical Officer of Health