



# Peterborough Public Health

Serving the residents of **Curve Lake** and  
**Hiawatha First Nations**, and the **County** and  
**City of Peterborough**

**2019**  
Annual Report



# 2019 Keeping Local Public Health Strong

2019 was a year of change and opportunity for public health. In the wake of the current COVID-19 pandemic it is important to reflect back on the success of the past year. This report represents a small sample of some of our community programs and efforts in 2019.

2019 marked the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of a board of health for the City (at that time, “town”) of Peterborough. That settlement was located in the traditional territory of the Michi Saagig and Chippewa Nations, signatories of both the Rice Lake and the Williams treaties. Our public health unit is comprised of these lands and waters, and in 2019 we had the great privilege of having Kathryn Wilson, a Councillor on Hiawatha First Nation’s Council serve as our Board Chair. Together, we recognized and celebrated the many local contributions to the health and wellbeing of our local communities, beginning with a one-day conference, held on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, in partnership with the Peterborough Historical Society.

In the spring of 2019, the province of Ontario announced its plan to make significant changes to public health. This included a 27% provincial funding reduction and the shift from 35 local public health agencies into 10 public health entities. The announcement, with its planned implementation date of April 2020, generated a vigorous response across the province. Peterborough’s Board of Health quickly mobilized to advocate for a strategy that would benefit the communities we serve and preserve local accountability and responsiveness. While efforts to amalgamate public health agencies in Ontario are currently on hold, our advocacy for the health and safety of our community continues and we remained committed to keeping our community informed through-out this “modernization” process.

Also, in 2019, Peterborough Public Health welcomed the announcement of the new Ontario Senior Dental Care Program. This program launched in November to respond to the needs of low-income seniors living in the community who became eligible for service in our Community Dental Health Clinic. Dental health is important across the lifespan. This program provides low-income seniors with the opportunity to improve their overall health and quality of life. Prior to offering the program, 32.1% of Peterborough’s senior residents had not visited a dentist in over a year. The most common reason for this was the cost of treatment. Before the end of 2019, new senior clients were being assisted, many of whom would not have qualified for assistance prior to the program’s launch.

This report provides a glimpse into some of the achievements of 2019, and highlights the hard work and dedication of our staff. In time of uncertainty, Peterborough Public Health staff remain our greatest asset, and our most treasured partner.



**Rosana Salvaterra**  
MD, CCFP, MSC, FRCPC  
Medical Officer of Health



**Kathryn Wilson**  
Councillor,  
Hiawatha First Nation

## 2019 BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS

**Chair:** Councillor Kathryn Wilson, Hiawatha First Nation

**Vice-Chair:** Ms. Kerri Davies, Provincial Appointee

**Members at Large:**

Deputy Mayor Bonnie Clark, Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

Councillor Henry Clarke, City of Peterborough

Mr. Gregory Connolley, Provincial Appointee

Deputy Mayor Matthew Graham, Township of Cavan-Monaghan

Councillor Nodin Knott, Curve Lake First Nation (Sept - Dec 2019)

Mayor Andy Mitchell, Selwyn of Township

Ms. Catherine Praamsma, Provincial Appointee

Dr. Rosana Salvaterra, Medical Officer of Health

Mr. Andy Sharpe, Provincial Appointee

Councillor Don Vassiliadis, City of Peterborough

Mr. Michael Williams, Provincial Appointee

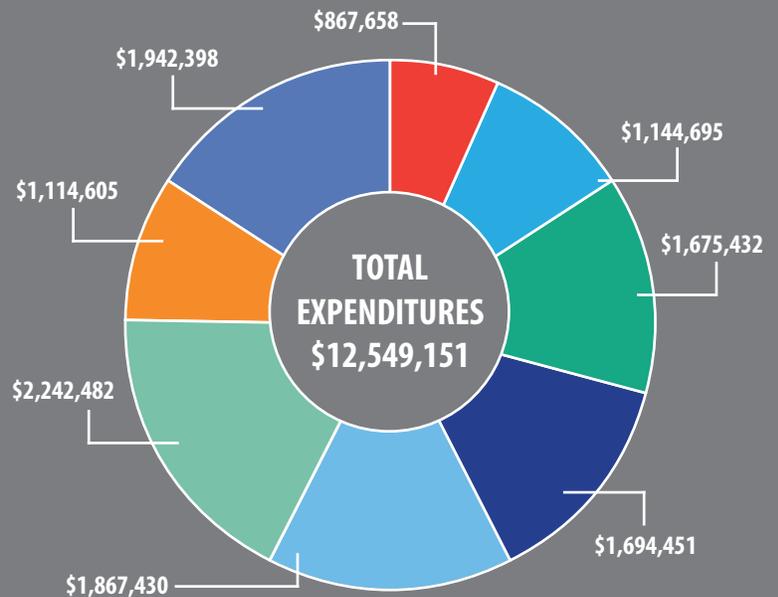
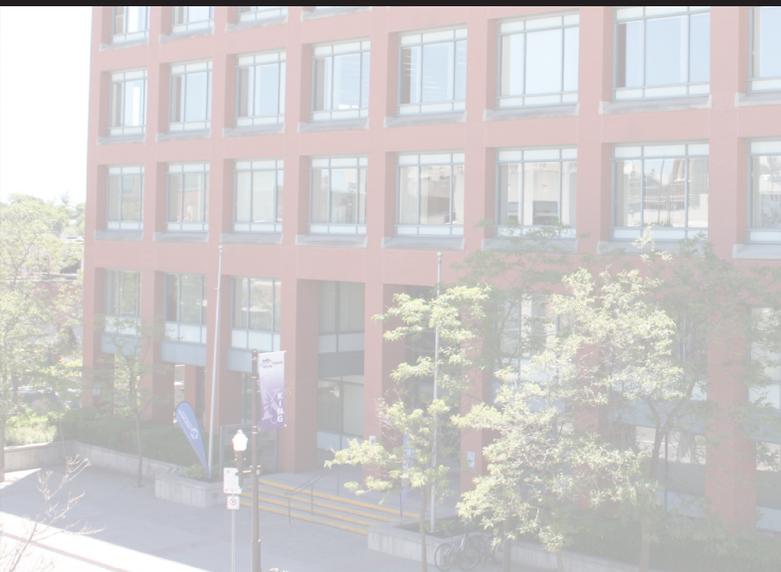
Chief Phyllis Williams, Curve Lake First Nation (Jan - Aug 2019)

Councillor Kim Zippel, City of Peterborough

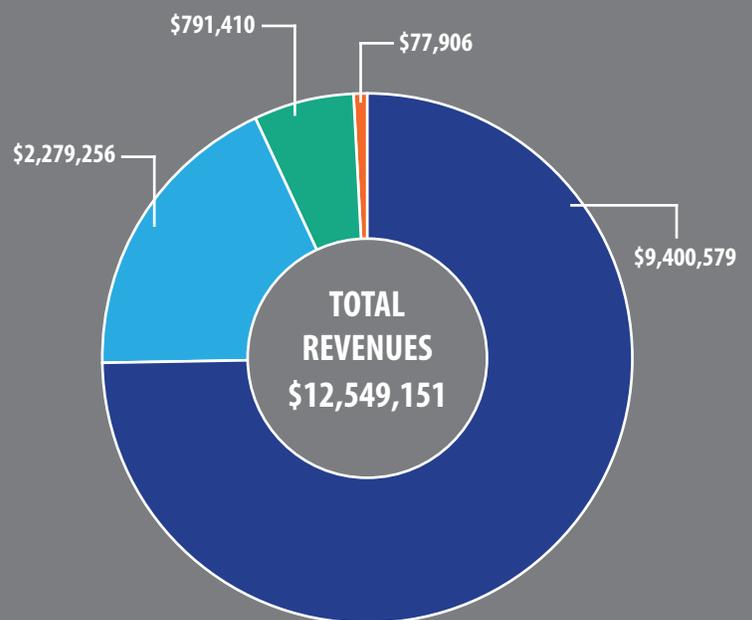


**THE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR PETERBOROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH (2019):**

Back Row (L to R): Councillor Don Vassiliadis, Councillor Henry Clarke, Dr. Rosana Salvaterra (Medical Officer of Health), Ms. Catherine Praamsma, Deputy Mayor Bonnie Clark, Deputy Mayor Matthew Graham, Mayor Andy Mitchell, Mr. Gregory Connolley, Mr. Andy Sharpe  
 Front Row (L to R): Councillor Kim Zippel, Councillor Kathryn Wilson (Chair), Ms. Kerri Davies (Vice-Chair), Mr. Michael Williams  
 Missing: Chief Phyllis Williams and Councillor Nodin Knott



- Foundational Standards & Emergency Management
- Healthy Growth & Development
- Chronic Disease Prevention & Well-Being
- Infectious Disease
- School Health
- Substance Use & Injury Prevention
- Environmental Health
- Administration & Occupancy, Change in Accumulated Surplus



- Province of Ontario
- Fee for Service & Other
- Municipalities & First Nations
- Interest

This financial information is based on PPH's 2019 audited consolidated financial statements. The full financial statements are available on [www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca](http://www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca).

# Clinic STATS

Peterborough Public Health runs a number of clinics including dental, immunization, and sexual health. Our clinics are held at our office and across the community, including a number of clinics held in schools. Our goal is to provide an easy and convenient service for the community.



**4,404** students screened by our Oral Health team in the 2018-19 academic year



**81%** of students (in kindergarten - born in 2010 or later) were compliant with the Immunization of School Pupils Act

**86%** of students (in elementary & secondary schools - born in 2009 or older) were compliant with the Immunization of School Pupils Act



**4,681** appointments at the Community Dental Health Centre



**12,590** condoms distributed



**81,150** vaccine doses distributed to healthcare providers to immunize their patients



**39** outbreaks investigated

# Environmental Health STATS

Public Health Inspectors are working directly with the community every day. Through education, inspections, surveillance and enforcement, Peterborough Public Health inspectors are out keeping the public safe from environmental health hazards. Inspectors cover a variety of programs from water sampling, food premises inspections, pet vaccinations and much more.



**2,058** inspections of food premises throughout City and County



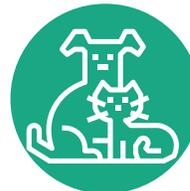
**98.4%** of high-risk food premises inspected every four months



**2,080** participants earned their safe food handler certificates



**22** beaches tested for safe water quality regularly in the summer



**806** pets vaccinated during April 28 low-cost rabies clinics



**297** personal service settings were inspected for infection control



**498** animal bites investigated



**99%** of tobacco vendors in compliance with youth access in accordance with Smoke-Free Ontario Act



**100%** of all **203** tobacco retailers and specialty vape shops inspected by PPH Tobacco Enforcement Officers



**388** building permits issued for onsite sewage systems

# Child, Family & Community Health STATS

Peterborough Public Health delivers a variety of programs targeted across the life span. This includes work with expecting parents, families, students, and members of the community. Our goal is to promote healthy lifestyles and increase the well-being of our community.



**1,884** client visits to families by Healthy Babies, Healthy Children staff



**1,049** visits to families by Infant Toddler Development Program staff



**13** expectant parents attended prenatal education for young parents



**377** expectant parents attended prenatal education



**3,799** Just Food Boxes delivered in partnership with the YWCA



**7** Collective Kitchens in City and **2** in the County, totalling **74** classes



**39** Come Cook With Us series totalling **172** classes



**34.8%** of cessation clients were non-smoking at 6-month follow-up



**1,497** naloxone kits distributed from **11** community sites



**53** downtown businesses trained to administer naloxone in an emergency

We respectfully acknowledge that Peterborough Public Health is located on the Treaty 20 Michi Saagiig territory and in the traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations, collectively known as the Williams Treaties First Nations, which include: Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Alderville, Scugog Island, Rama, Beausoleil, and Georgina Island First Nations.

Peterborough Public Health respectfully acknowledges that the Williams Treaties First Nations are the stewards and caretakers of these lands and waters in perpetuity, and that they continue to maintain this responsibility to ensure their health and integrity for generations to come.

We are all Treaty people.