

## POSITION HIGHLIGHTS

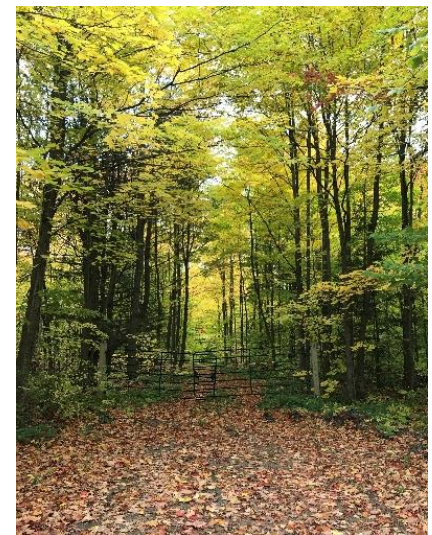
Peterborough Public Health (PPH) currently has an opportunity for an executive leadership role as its Medical Officer of Health (MOH). The incumbent will have a unique opportunity to provide critical leadership for a community of 140,000 residents and lead a workforce of more than 130 public health professionals, with the support of a strong and experienced management team. The MOH reports to an autonomous Board of Health which has a rich 130-year history of public health service in Ontario.

This position is an integral member of the local health community, working closely with engaged and supportive local governments, First Nations, hospitals, health agencies, police and schools, delivering provincial public health standards, addressing local issues and protecting and promoting population health. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, public communications, testing and Phase 1 vaccinations are in-hand, and critical public health responsibilities are being maintained.

## WHO WE ARE

Our health unit 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. PPH is unique as one of the few local public health agencies with longstanding HPPA Section 50 agreements with two First Nation communities, Curve Lake and Hiawatha First Nation. The agency also serves the City of Peterborough and the County of Peterborough, the latter comprised of eight, primarily rural lower-tier municipalities.

The Board is committed to fostering a diverse and respectful work environment. Our work is grounded in the belief in our responsibility to address the upstream causes of health and to strive for equity; and the respect for individual choice within the greater context of health protection and promotion for all. Our values of: Respect; Teamwork; Excellence; and Advocacy are reflected in all that we do. We take pride in being a leader among local public health agencies and contributing to an effective and efficient public health system.



## THE COMMUNITY

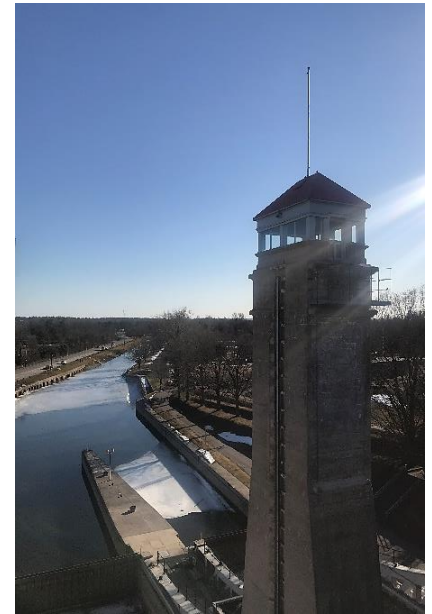
Peterborough can be found in an ecotone called “the Land Between” – it is a region between the Canadian Shield and St. Lawrence Lowlands that stretches across south-central Ontario from Georgian Bay to the Frontenac Arch. It runs parallel to, but just north of Highway #7. This landscape is less rugged than the near-north, but not as flat and arable as the south.

Conveniently located just 90 minutes outside of the Greater Toronto Area, our community boasts affordable home prices, excellent schools, university and college campuses, and a regional hospital. The PPH head office is located in the heart of downtown Peterborough just steps from the Otonabee River, part of the Trent-Severn Waterway System. The area has an impressive variety of museums, art galleries, cultural exhibitions, live theatre, historic sites and a thriving music scene. Just outside the City limits, the rich agricultural history of the County emerges, along with access to the many rivers, lakes and parks that comprise the renowned cottage country of the Kawarthas.

## THE DESIRED CANDIDATE

You are a participative leader who embraces transformational change and works well with other health disciplines and community-based service providers. You are a credible advocate and a confident presenter, with excellent communication skills, both written and verbal. You have the ability to maneuver within the political context of public health and understand rural and indigenous issues. You have a strong understanding of the legislative framework and operational requirements of public health in Ontario. You are committed to a community-centred approach to active participation in community activities, to health equity and to addressing the social determinants of health. You respect traditional knowledge and are guided by the Seven Grandfather Teachings. Additional experience in areas of team leadership, financial management, labour-relations, strategic planning, program development and reporting to a board are assets.

As your appointment requires the approval of the Ontario Ministry of Health, you have the necessary qualifications to serve as a Medical Officer of Health or you will commit to completing your public health qualifications within a reasonable period after appointment in order to serve temporarily as an Acting Medical Officer of Health (Policy Framework available upon request).



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## COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

Compensation is set in accordance with the Ministry of Health salary grid. The successful candidate may be eligible for payment or reimbursement of professional dues, membership fees, tuition and certain relocation costs. PPH offers a competitive benefits package.

## TO APPLY

If this exciting leadership position may be right for you, please apply with a cover letter and résumé, which will detail your areas of specialization and ongoing education, to [moh@peterboroughpublichealth.ca](mailto:moh@peterboroughpublichealth.ca) by March 31, 2021. Please note that only applicants to be given further consideration will be contacted for an interview.

Peterborough Public Health is committed to meeting the needs of persons with disabilities under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) Standards. Accommodation will be provided throughout the recruitment process at the request of the applicant.

