



City of  
**Peterborough**

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**To:** Members of the General Committee

**From:** John Kennedy, City Clerk

**Meeting Date:** October 27, 2025

**Report:** Presentation by Haliburton Kawartha Northumberland  
Peterborough Health Unit (Lakelands Public Health), Report  
LSCLK25-018

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## **Subject**

A report to introduce a presentation by Dr. Piggott, Medical Officer of Health, regarding the newly merged health unit, Haliburton Kawartha Northumberland Peterborough Health Unit operating as Lakelands Public Health.

## **Recommendation**

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSCLK25-018 dated October 27, 2025, of the City Clerk as follows:

That the presentation from Dr. Piggott, Medical Officer of Health, be received for information.

## **Executive Summary**

- Dr. Piggott requested an opportunity to present the 2026 public health budget, report on the merger process and present the new health unit brand to City Council.

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## Background

On January 1, 2025, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit and the Peterborough County-City Health Unit (operating as Peterborough Public Health) merged as the Haliburton Kawartha Northumberland Peterborough Health Unit (operating as Lakelands Public Health), with Dr. Thomas Piggott as the Medical Officer of Health.

Dr. Piggott advises that:

- The newly formed health unit (Lakelands Public Health) needed to establish a funding formula for the municipalities and the First Nations communities which achieves local levy harmonization (an equalization of the per capital amount paid by each funder). For the funders of the former Peterborough Public Health (including the City of Peterborough), this will require additional contributions each year until the equalization of contributions has been achieved.
- In 2026, this increase will be mitigated by a one-time payment to the City, equal to the additional 15.75% levy, that may be used to offset the increased levy or put into reserves to support future levy harmonization costs. The mitigation funding is available as part of the provincial merger funding approved for 2026, and is anticipated, but not approved yet, for 2027.
- The anticipated provincial funding increase of 1% for the 2026 budget will not address inflationary cost increases. The 2026 Lakelands Public Health budget is increasing by 3.7% compared to 2025. This represents an increase of \$3.46 per resident, \$2.97 of which is coming from local funders with the remainder coming from the province.

Dr. Piggott will attend the General Committee meeting on October 27, 2025, to provide a presentation on the amalgamation and discuss the 2026 Lakelands Public Health budget.

## Strategic Plan

Strategic Pillar: Governance & Fiscal Sustainability

Strategic Priority: Pursue service excellence in governance to support long-term fiscal sustainability of the City while respecting the impact of decisions on taxpayers.

The preparation and adoption of an annual budget for the City supports accountable, transparent and responsible financial management for programs and services for the benefit and protection of the City and its residents.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

The presentation by Dr. Piggott will provide information that will inform the 2026 City budget process.

Submitted by,

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