

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Date: June 3, 2026

Location: 160 Chancellors Way, Guelph ON (Trillium Room)

ATTENDANCE

Members in Attendance:

George Bridge (Chair), Linda Busuttil, Campbell Cork, Guy Gardhouse, Duncan Bull, Steve Cavell, Robin Sedgwick, Anil Kaul, Erin Caton, Rodrigo Goller, David Anderson, and Chris White.

Members with Regrets: Ralph Manktelow.

Ex-Officio Member: Dr. Nicola Mercer, Medical Officer of Health and CEO.

Staff in Attendance:

Dr. Matthew Tenenbaum, Rita Isley, David Kingma, Paul Medeiros, Brian Herman, Kyle Alderson, Conor Barrett, Gabriel Agunsoye, Maria Simpson, Justin Angevaare, Karen Mulvey, Kelvin, McDermott, Chuck Ferguson, Katrina Olson, Emerson Rajaram, Alana Byron, Mike Whyte, Sonja Vukovic, Tyler Black, Shelley Nuhn, Jacob MacKinlay, Safa Akram, April Pollington, Danielle Pellegrini, Shelby Leenders, Phil Wong, Gillian Dyck, Ali Fournier, and Laura Kelly (Recording Secretary).

Guests in Attendance (via Zoom):

Joanne Shuttleworth (Media), Adam Donaldson (Media), Taylor Pace (Media), and Mik Horvath (Media).

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair George Bridge called the meeting to order at 2:07. Attendance was noted. Quorum requirements were met.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The WDGP Land Acknowledgement was read in full by Dr. Nicola Mercer.

3. DISCLOSURE(S) OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No disclosures were declared at this time.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2026.

MOTION: "To approve the Minutes of May 6, 2026 as presented."

Moved: S. Cavell

Seconded: D. Anderson

CARRIED

5. MOH/CEO VERBAL REPORT

Dr. Mercer provided a verbal update including the following highlights:

- June awareness dates were recognized, including:
 - Pride Month
 - National Indigenous History Month
 - National Indigenous People's Day on June 21st
 - Canadian Multiculturalism Day on June 27th
- In recognition of World No Tobacco Day, it was highlighted ongoing collaboration with regional partners on research examining nicotine-related beliefs, attitudes, and behaviours among youth and young adults in Ontario.
- A reminder was provided that ticks remain active across the region and that populations of black-legged ticks capable of transmitting Lyme disease continue to increase. It was shared that a board member had a recent tick sweep conducted on their rural property in Dufferin County and it was found that approximately half of the ticks collected were black-legged ticks.
- A brief update was provided on FIFA World Cup preparedness activities, including risk assessment and outreach to support safe gatherings and food handling practices during tournament-related events.
- WDG Public Health released its 2025 Community Report, which highlights Agency activities and achievements from the previous calendar year. Copies were distributed to Board members, and the report will be available on the Agency website.
- New managers Sophie Wilcox (Dental), Ramien Sereshk (Environmental Health), and Gillian Dyck (Infectious Diseases) were introduced.

6. KEYNOTE PRESENTATION(S)

- A video presentation displaying key aspects of the Community Report played while the BOH members were arriving.

6.1 SUPPLEMENTAL PRESENTATION(S)

- K. Olson presented in conjunction with Board of Health report BH.01.JUN0326.R16 - (see 9.0 BOH Report(s) for summary).
- T. Black presented in conjunction with Board of Health report BH.01.JUN0326.R18 - (see 9.0 BOH Report(s) for summary).

7. BUSINESS ARISING

- NONE

8. CONSENT AGENDA(S)

- NONE

9. BOH REPORT(S)

BH.01.JUN0326.R15 – 2025 Annual Community Report

- Dr. Mercer highlighted the 2025 Annual Community Report, and commended C. Ferguson and the Communications team for their work on this annual report. It was supported by a video presentation displayed during member and staff arrival to the meeting room.
- Board members also commended the report, noting its readability and recognizing the significant effort involved in its development.
- Appreciation was expressed to staff for their work, with members noting the value of the report in demonstrating the Agency's contributions to the community and its partners.
- The 2025 Annual Community Report will be available on the Agency's website.

MOTION: "To receive Board of Health report BH.01.JUN0326.R15 – 2025 Annual Community Report, as presented, for information."

Moved: E. Caton

Seconded: C. Cork

CARRIED

BH.01.JUN0326.R16 – Children's Health Services – April 2025 – March 2026

- K. Olson presented on screen and reviewed the highlights of the report for the Board.
- Discussion highlighted the program's role in supporting parental confidence, mental well-being, and early childhood development.
- Board member D. Anderson commended the strong community partnerships supporting the initiative and inquired about connections with EarlyON services. K. Olson noted that participants are informed of the range of available supports and community programs, including those offered through EarlyON, to help families access services that meet their needs.
- Board member E. Caton highlighted the value of creating opportunities for parents to connect with one another, and it was noted that this is an intended outcome of the current program model.
- Board member C. Cork expressed support for the program and encouraged consideration of additional opportunities to improve accessibility across the region. K. Olson acknowledged the feedback and indicated it would be considered in future planning.
- Questions were raised regarding collaboration requirements within the program. It was reported that collaboration is discussed with participants and that ongoing reminders and reinforcement will continue.

MOTION: "To receive Board of Health report BH.01.JUN0326.R16 – Children's Health Services – April 2025 – March 2026 as presented, for information."

Moved: A. Kaul

Seconded: R. Sedgwick

CARRIED

BH.01.JUN0326.R17 – Injury Surveillance and Prevention

- Dr. Mercer introduced and M. Whyte provided an overview of the report and key findings.
- Board Chair G. Bridge inquired about injury trends across the region, including higher rates observed in Mapleton. M. Whyte noted that this continues to be an area of interest and that additional data may help explain the variation.
- Board member L. Busuttil highlighted the value of the report in supporting community organizations and informing local planning and decision-making.
- Questions were raised regarding opportunities for more detailed analysis, including occupational and demographic factors. Staff noted that additional analyses may be explored in collaboration with community partners and through the use of census and other data sources.
- Dr. Mercer also addressed injuries associated with emerging transportation devices such as e-scooters, e-bikes, and longboards. M. Whyte noted that current data sources do not always allow for this level of specificity but that these trends will continue to be monitored as usage increases.
- Board member, E. Caton inquired about the availability of local-level data to support municipal planning initiatives such as cycling infrastructure and road safety improvements. M. Whyte noted that detailed injury data is shared with community partners and committees to help inform local decision-making and prevention efforts.

MOTION: "To receive Board of Health report BH.01.JUN0326.R17 – Injury Surveillance and Prevention as presented, for information."

Moved: E. Caton

Seconded: R. Goller

CARRIED

BH.01.JUN0326.R18 – Building Community Resilience to Climate Change

- Dr. Mercer introduced and T. Black presented on screen and reviewed the report as follows:
- An update was provided on climate-related initiatives, including the Climate Safe program and associated resources recently made available on the Agency website.
- Board members expressed support for the Energy Equity Action Plan and commended the collaborative approach taken with community partners. Appreciation was extended to staff for their leadership and engagement throughout the project.
- E. Caton highlighted opportunities to strengthen partnerships, including potential collaboration with local housing and tenant-focused organizations
- L. Busuttil raised questions regarding the use of heat mapping and vulnerability indicators in identifying priority populations. T. Black noted that available data sources, including census data, have limitations and gaps, and that careful consideration is given to data interpretation and community engagement to ensure resources are directed to those most in need.

MOTION: "To receive Board of Health report BH.01.JUN0326.R18 – Building Community Resilience to Climate Change as presented, for information."

Moved: G. Gardhouse

Seconded: L. Busuttil

CARRIED

10. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

- NONE.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- NONE.

Media and Public attendees were asked to leave the meeting, at this time, as this Board of Health meeting contains a "Closed Session" section which falls under the exemptions pursuant to Section 239 of the *Municipal Act*. Please note that this session is **not** open to members of the public or the press.

12. CLOSED SESSION

- ▶ To approve the Closed Session minutes of May 6, 2026
- ▶ To receive Closed Session Report BH.01.JUN0326.R19 – 2026 – The Modern Enterprise [the security of the property of the BOH].

MOTION: "To move into closed session to approve the closed session minutes of May 6, 2026 [personal matters about an identifiable individual, including BOH employees, and the security of the property of the BOH]; and to receive Closed Session Report BH.01.JUN0326.R19 – 2026 The Modern Enterprise [the security of the property of the BOH]."

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Seconded: S. Cavell

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[Return to open session:]

Motions to be brought into open session:

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MOTION: That the Board of Health receive Closed Session Report BH.01.JUN0326.R19 – 2026 – The Modern Enterprise, as presented, for information.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: "To adjourn the meeting."

Moved: C. White

Seconded: C. Cork

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 pm.

APPROVED this 2nd day of September, 2026.

Board of Health Chair

Medical Officer of Health, CEO