

A meeting of the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit was held on Wednesday, June 24, 2026. The meeting was open to the public and live streaming of the proceedings was provided for the media and public through a link on the Health Unit's website.

PRESENT:

Nipissing District:

Central Appointee	Karen Cook
Central Appointee	Sara Inch (<i>Vice-Chairperson</i>)
Central Appointee	Jamie Lowery
Central Appointee	Alex Scott
Central Appointee	Dave Wolfe
Eastern Appointee	Rick Champagne (<i>Chairperson</i>)

Parry Sound District:

Northeastern Appointee	Blair Flowers
Southeastern Appointee	Marianne Stickland
Western Appointee	Jamie McGarvey

Public Appointees:

Tim Sheppard

REGRETS:

Western Appointee – Nipissing District	Jamie Restoule
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ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Executive Director, Organizational Effectiveness	Chris Bowes
Executive Director, Community Services	Louise Gagné
Executive Director, Clinical Services/Chief Nursing Officer	Shannon Mantha
Executive Director, Corporate Services/Privacy Officer	Paul Massicotte
Executive Assistant, Director's Office	Christine Neily
Manager, Quality, Practice, and Relations	Terry Smith

Recorder

Executive Assistant, Office of the Medical Officer of Health	Ashley Lecappelain
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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Health members joined the meeting in person from the Georgian Room at 90 Bowes Street, Parry Sound, Ontario, and virtually via Teams video conference.

Rick Champagne, Board of Health Chairperson called the Board of Health meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the June 24, 2026, Board of Health meeting was reviewed, and the following motion was read:

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2026/06/01* Sheppard/Stickland

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health Agenda, dated June 24, 2026, be approved.

The recorded vote was as follows:

RECORDED VOTE FOR CIRCULATION:

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Rick Champagne	X			Jamie Restoule	R		
Karen Cook	X			Alex Scott	X		
Blair Flowers	X			Tim Sheppard	X		
Sara Inch	X			Marianne Stickland	X		
Jamie Lowery	X			Dave Wolfe	X		
Jamie McGarvey	X						

“Carried”

3.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 Board of Health Minutes – April 22, 2026

The minutes from the Board of Health meeting held on April 22, 2026, were reviewed and the following motion was read.

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2026/06/02 *McGarvey/Wolfe

Be It Resolved, that the minutes from the Board of Health meeting held on April 22, 2026, be approved as presented

The recorded vote was as follows:

RECORDED VOTE FOR CIRCULATION:

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Rick Champagne	X			Jamie Restoule	R		
Karen Cook	X			Alex Scott	X		

Blair Flowers	X	Tim Sheppard	X
Sara Inch	X	Marianne Stickland	X
Jamie Lowery	X	Dave Wolfe	X
Jamie McGarvey	X		

“Carried”

5.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date: September 23, 2026

Time: to be determined

Place: Nipissing Room, North Bay Office

6.0 BUSINESS ARISING

There was nothing noted to bring forward under Business Arising.

7.0 REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

The Report of the Medical Officer of Health dated June 26, 2026, was presented to the Board of Health for information purposes.

Questions and comments were received and addressed.

8.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

There was nothing noted to bring forward under Board Committee Reports.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Board of Health correspondence listed for the June 24, 2026, meeting is made available for review by Board members in the Board of Health online portal.

10.0 NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Whistleblower Directive

Shannon Mantha joined the Board of Health meeting at 6:11 p.m.

The Whistleblower Directive was provided to the Board of Health for information purposes.

Questions and comments were addressed.

10.2 Formal Complaints Process – Presentation

Terry Smith and Chris Bowes joined the Board of Health meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Questions and comments were addressed.

Terry Smith left the Board of Health meeting at 6:30 p.m.

10.3 Board of Health Bylaws – Revisions

The following motion was read.

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2026/06/03 *Sheppard/Cook

***Whereas,** the Board of Health received and reviewed written notice in the June 24, 2026, agenda package of proposed revisions to the Board of Health Bylaws.*

***Now Therefore Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Health approves the proposed revisions to the Board of Health Bylaws Regulating the Board of Health, as presented.*

The recorded vote was as follows:

RECORDED VOTE FOR CIRCULATION:

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Rick Champagne	X			Jamie Restoule	R		
Karen Cook	X			Alex Scott	X		
Blair Flowers	X			Tim Sheppard	X		
Sara Inch	X			Marianne Stickland	X		
Jamie Lowery	X			Dave Wolfe	X		
Jamie McGarvey	X						

“Carried”

10.4 Board of Health Self-Evaluation – Report

Questions and comments were received and addressed.

10.5 Association of Local Health Agencies (alPHa) 2026 Annual General Meeting and Conference – Report from Attendees

The alPHa 2026 Annual General Meeting and Conference summary report was provided to the Board of Health for information purposes by Tim Sheppard and Rick Champagne.

10.6 Healthy Smiles Ontario Fee Schedule and Access to Dental Care for Children and Youth

The following motion was read.

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2026/06/04 *Inch/Stickland

Whereas, Public Health Sudbury & Districts has passed a Board of Health resolution calling on the Ministry of Health to increase reimbursement rates under the Healthy Smiles Ontario program to improve provider participation and access to dental care for children and youth; and

Whereas, the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit continues to observe similar barriers in Nipissing and Parry Sound districts, including limited provider participation and resulting challenges in accessing timely dental care for eligible children; and

Whereas, untreated dental disease in children can have significant health and developmental impacts and may lead to avoidable use of hospital-based dental services;

Therefore Be It Resolved That, the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit endorse the resolution of Public Health Sudbury & Districts calling on the Ministry of Health to increase reimbursement rates under the Healthy Smiles Ontario Schedule of Dental Services and Fees to align with the Ontario Dental Association Suggested Fee Guide for General Practitioners; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved That, this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA); the Ontario Dental Association; Health Unit Member Municipalities, and all Ontario Boards of Health.

The recorded vote was as follows:

RECORDED VOTE FOR CIRCULATION:

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Rick Champagne	X			Jamie Restoule	R		
Karen Cook	X			Alex Scott	X		
Blair Flowers	X			Tim Sheppard	X		
Sara Inch	X			Marianne Stickland	X		
Jamie Lowery	X			Dave Wolfe	X		
Jamie McGarvey	X						

“Carried”

10.7 Health Impacts of “Bring your own” alcohol at Outdoor Public Events

Louise Gagné joined the Board of Health meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Questions and comments were addressed.

The following motion was read.

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2026/06/05 * McGarvey/Sheppard

Whereas, the Ontario Public Health Standards require public health units to address substance use and prevent injury through evidence-based health promotion approaches; and

Whereas, alcohol is a leading risk factor for injury, chronic disease, disability, and premature death, and contributes to significant healthcare and societal costs; and

Whereas, increased availability and visibility of alcohol is associated with increased consumption, normalization of use, and higher rates of alcohol-related harm, particularly among youth and vulnerable populations; and

Whereas, alcohol-related harms in the Nipissing-Parry Sound Districts exceed provincial averages and place significant pressure on healthcare systems, emergency services, and municipal resources; and

Whereas, municipalities play a key role in shaping local alcohol environments through bylaws and policies and can implement evidence-informed strategies to reduce alcohol-related harms; and

Whereas, permitting BYO alcohol events may increase municipal liability, enforcement demands, and risks to community safety without strong controls and adequate capacity;

Therefore Be It Resolved That, the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit recommend that municipalities within the district not permit Bring-Your-Own alcohol events as part of their municipal alcohol policies.

Be It Further Resolved That, the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit encourage municipalities to adopt, strengthen, or maintain evidence-informed Municipal Alcohol Policies that limit alcohol availability and prioritize health, safety, and community well-being.

Be It Further Resolved That, the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit support continued collaboration with municipal partners by providing public health expertise, local data, and guidance on alcohol-related harms and policy development.

Be It Further Resolved That, where a municipality elects to allow Bring-Your-Own alcohol event permits, the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit asks that approvals be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, and consider the following safeguards:

- i. Exclude family-focused or youth-focussed events where children and youth may be present;
- ii. Restrict locations primarily frequented by children and youth including playgrounds, sports fields, splash pads, skateboard and BMX parks, libraries, and schools, as well as locations that present inherent safety risks, including outdoor pools, natural or outdoor ice rinks,

and other bodies of water.

iii. *Exclude events where alcohol use would reasonably increase nuisance, risk, or inequity.*

Be It Further Resolved That, copies of this resolution be forwarded to member municipalities, Ontario Boards of Health, Victor Fedeli, MPP, Nipissing, Graydon Smith, MPP, Parry Sound-Muskoka, John Vanthof, MPP, Timiskaming-Cochrane, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, North Bay Police Service, Ontario Provincial Police Detachments of North Bay, West Parry Sound, and Almaguin Highlands, Canadian Mental Health Association North Bay & Area, Canadian Mental Health Association Muskoka-Parry Sound, North Bay Regional Health Centre, West Nipissing General Hospital, Mattawa General Hospital, West Parry Sound Community Health Centre, Hands The Family Help Network, Children's Aid Society Nipissing and Parry Sound.

The recorded vote was as follows:

RECORDED VOTE FOR CIRCULATION:

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Rick Champagne	X			Jamie Restoule	R		
Karen Cook	X			Alex Scott	X		
Blair Flowers	X			Tim Sheppard	X		
Sara Inch	X			Marianne Stickland	X		
Jamie Lowery	X			Dave Wolfe	X		
Jamie McGarvey	X						

"Carried"

Louise Gagné left the Board of Health meeting at 7:10 p.m.

10.8 Responses to the Blastomycosis Inquest Jury Recommendations

Questions and comments were addressed.

The following motion was read.

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2026/06/06 * Sheppard/Cook

Whereas, the jury for the Inquest into the deaths of Luke Moore, Lorraine Shaganash, Lizzie Sutherland, Mark Ferris, and Douglas Taylor issued 79 recommendations for action; and

Whereas, the Regional Supervising Coroner – Inquests has requested Boards of Health respond to recommendations #27, 28, 33, 48, and 52; and

Whereas, recommendations #27, 28, 33, and 48, as well as recommendations #4, 8, 24, 31, 47, and 77 are relevant to the work of public health units; and

Whereas, recommendation #52 does not fall within the scope of local public health units;

Therefore, Be It Resolved That, the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit endorse the recommendations of the Blastomycosis Inquest; and

Be It Further Resolved That, the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit approve the response to the Blastomycosis Inquest recommendations as presented in Appendix A and authorize its submission to the Office of the Chief Coroner; and

Be It Further Resolved That, recommendation #52 be referred to the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Ministry of Health.

The recorded vote was as follows:

RECORDED VOTE FOR CIRCULATION:

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Rick Champagne	X			Jamie Restoule	R		
Karen Cook	X			Alex Scott	X		
Blair Flowers	X			Tim Sheppard	X		
Sara Inch	X			Marianne Stickland	X		
Jamie Lowery	X			Dave Wolfe	X		
Jamie McGarvey	X						

“Carried”

Chris Bowes left the Board of Health meeting at 7:21 p.m.

11.0 IN CAMERA

There was nothing noted to bring forward under In-Camera.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Rick Champagne the Board of Health Chairperson adjourned the Board of Health meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Original Signed by Sara Inch	2026 09 23
Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson	Date (yyyy/mm/dd)
Original Signed by Ashley Lecappelain	2026 09 23
Ashley Lecappelain, Recorder	Date (yyyy/mm/dd)