



Board of Health Meeting December 14, 2023

Summary

Food Insecurity

Staff gave a presentation to the Board of Health regarding health and food insecurity in Leeds, Grenville and Lanark, advising that one in seven (15%) households are food insecure and that not being able to afford nutritious food affects the health of individuals, families, and our communities.

Health Unit Strategic Plan

The consultants, People Minded Business, gave a presentation to the Board of Health outlining the health unit's strategic priorities and objectives. The final 2024-2026 Health Unit Strategic Plan was approved and will be circulated to municipalities, partners, and community members in January 2024.

Board of Health Merger Committee

In response to the Ontario Ministry of Health's Announcement in August 2023 to strengthen the public health sector, we are investigating potential mergers with neighbouring public health agencies.

A Board of Health Merger Committee was formed, and Terms of Reference were approved, in preparation for discussions with neighbouring health units. This committee will report back regularly to the Board of Health. Further exploration is underway with Kingston, Frontenac, and Lennox & Addington (KFL&A) Board of Health and Hastings Prince Edward (HPE) Board of Health.

Kemptville Office

The Health Unit was previously renting space at the Kemptville Hospital and has now moved to the Kemptville Campus. Renovations have been happening over the fall and winter. At this time, we have partial occupancy and our staff have been able to move in. There has been a delay in getting the outside door and some of the windows, so we have been unable to open the office to clients but are hoping to be able to get full occupancy shortly.