

Board of Health Meeting January 27, 2022

Summary

Election of Officers

Doug Malanka, Mayor of Augusta Township and a representative from the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, will continue as Chair of the Board of Health for 2022. Peter McKenna, Board member and Councillor from the Town of Smiths Falls and Anne Warren, Board member from the Town of Gananoque, will be First and Second Vice-Chairs. Doug Malanka thanked Dr. Stewart, the Directors, Managers, and all the staff for exemplary service for the COVID-19 response during this challenging year.

Public Health Programs and Services: 2021 Review

Dr. Stewart advised that the Public Health Unit stayed true to the Strategic Plan with our response to COVID-19 in Lanark, Leeds and Grenville - To promote health in the community and protect the community from infectious disease, to achieve our mission to work with our communities, and to uphold our values of integrity, optimism, connectedness, and compassion. Dr. Stewart is proud of the commitment to the community that management and staff have shown throughout 2021.

Rebecca Kavanagh, Acting Director, Healthy Living and Development, Teresa Clow, Manager, Community Health Protection, and Shani Gates, Director, Quality, Information, and People Services presented on the work being done in their department/program on the COVID-19 response and other essential services. See presentation at https://healthunit.org/wp-content/uploads/PH_In_Review_BOH_2022.pdf

Jane Lyster, Director of Community Health Protection, is retiring after many years and this is her last Board of Health meeting. Dr. Stewart is pleased to have worked with Jane with her sense of humour and ability to think outside of the box. She will be truly missed. Board members congratulated Jane Lyster on her retirement and wished her all the best.