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Residents Invited to Shape Future of Public Health at Local Town Halls

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(March 25, 2026) – [Lakelands Public Health](https://www.lakelandsph.ca) is inviting residents across the region to share their ideas, concerns, and priorities for the future of community health as Lakelands Public Health launches a series of Community Town Halls.

The sessions are designed to create an open forum where community members can discuss the health issues that matter most to them and help inform future public health priorities.

“Public health affects nearly every aspect of our daily lives,” said Dr. Thomas Piggott, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer with Lakelands Public Health. “We want to hear directly from residents about what challenges they’re seeing in their communities and what supports would make the biggest difference.”

Each Community Town Hall will include a brief overview of Lakelands Public Health services, followed by interactive discussions with staff and opportunities for participants to provide feedback. Attendees will also be invited to complete a short survey to further share their perspectives and contribute ideas about how to strengthen local health programs and services. Input gathered during the town halls will help guide planning and future initiatives.

The sessions are open to residents, community organizations, healthcare providers, and anyone interested in improving health and wellbeing in the community.

“These conversations are an important part of ensuring public health services reflect the evolving needs of the people we serve,” added Dr. Thomas Piggott, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer with Lakelands Public Health. “Community voices are essential in shaping what comes next as we build Lakelands Public Health for generations to come.”

Community Town Hall Schedule				
Region	Date	Time	Venue	Address
Haliburton County	April 14, 2026.	4 p.m.	Minden Community Centre	55 Parkside Street, Minden
Northumberland County	April 15, 2026.	7 p.m.	Office Linx	115 Toronto Road, Port Hope
City of Kawartha Lakes	May 20, 2026.	7 p.m.	Days Inn	134 Angeline Street South, Lindsay
City and County of Peterborough	May 26, 2026.	4 p.m.	McDonnell Street Community Centre	577 McDonnell Street, Peterborough

Please note that the Community Town Halls will also be taking place in Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation and Hiawatha First Nation along with an Urban Indigenous virtual session - more

information will be shared directly through communities.

Registration Information

Residents interested in attending can register online through the [Lakelands Public Health Eventbrite page](#).

Community members who cannot attend in person will also have opportunities to provide feedback online through a virtual session.

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About Lakelands Public Health

Lakelands Public Health is the public health agency that is proud to serve Alderville, Curve Lake and Hiawatha First Nations, the Urban Indigenous Community, the Counties of Haliburton, Northumberland, Cities of Kawartha Lakes and Peterborough City and County. It is through our relationships and valued partnerships that Lakelands Public Health strives to protect health, prevent illness, injury, all while promoting overall well-being for all who live, work and learn in the region.

Established through the voluntary merger of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit and Peterborough Public Health, Lakelands Public Health combines local knowledge, public health expertise, and a strong community focus to deliver programs and services that respond to local needs. These include infectious disease prevention and control, healthy living initiatives, environmental health, school and family health programs, and emergency preparedness. For more information, visit LakelandsPH.ca.