



# Addendum: Board of Health Meeting

## Meeting # 06-24

Thursday, September 19, 2024

1:30 p.m.

Boardroom, Public Health Sudbury & Districts



**ADDENDUM – SIXTH MEETING**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**SEPTEMBER 19, 2024**

**7.0 ADDENDUM**

**DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**i) Board of Health Membership**

- Order in Council Re: provincial re-appointment of Ryan Anderson effective September 13, 2024 for a term of three years
- Welcome letter to Michel Brabant, dated September 13, 2024
- Thank you letter to Al Sizer dated September 16, 2024

**ii) Items of Information**

- Ontario Government News Release dated September 10, 2024; *Ontario Enhancing Tools to Help People Prepare for Respiratory Illness Season*



Ontario

**Executive Council of Ontario  
Order in Council**

**Conseil exécutif de l'Ontario  
Décret**

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, by and with the advice and concurrence of the Executive Council of Ontario, orders that:

Sur la recommandation de la personne soussignée, le lieutenant-gouverneur de l'Ontario, sur l'avis et avec le consentement du Conseil exécutif de l'Ontario, décrète ce qui suit :

PURSUANT TO subsections 49(3) and 51(1) of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, **Ryan Anderson** of Little Current be reappointed as a part-time member of the Board of Health for the Sudbury and District Health Unit to serve at the pleasure of the Lieutenant Governor in Council for a period not exceeding three years, effective September 7, 2024 or the date this Order in Council is made, whichever is later.

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EN VERTU DES paragraphes 49 (3) et 51 (1) de la *Loi sur la protection et la promotion de la santé*, **Ryan Anderson** de Little Current est reconduit au poste de membre à temps partiel du conseil de santé de la circonscription sanitaire de Sudbury et du district pour exercer son mandat à titre amovible à la discrétion du lieutenant-gouverneur en conseil, pour une période maximale de trois ans, à compter du dernier en date du 7 septembre 2024 et du jour de la prise du présent décret.

  
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**Recommended:** Minister of Health  
**Recommandé par :** La ministre de la Santé

  
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**Concurred:** Chair of Cabinet  
**Appuyé par :** La présidence du Conseil des ministres

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**Approved and Ordered:** SEP 13 2024  
**Approuvé et décrété le :**

  
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**Lieutenant Governor**  
**La lieutenant-gouverneure**

O.C. | Décret : 1211 / 2024



**Public Health**  
**Santé publique**  
SUDBURY & DISTRICTS

September 13, 2024

*VIA EMAIL*

Mr. Michel Brabant  
c/o City of Greater Sudbury  
200 Brady Street,  
Sudbury, ON P3A 5P3

Dear Mr. Brabant:

Congratulations on your appointment by the City of Greater Sudbury Council to serve on the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts.

The Board of Health typically meets the third Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m., except for March, July, August, and December. Meeting duration is usually from one to two hours. Meetings are held in person with a virtual option, if required. Visitor parking is available onsite for Board members attending meetings in-person and is free of charge.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Health meeting will be held on September 19, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in the Boardroom at Public Health Sudbury & Districts, 1300 Paris Street. Also, a half-day Board orientation session will be scheduled for you shortly.

A follow-up email from the Board Secretary, Rachel Quesnel, will provide you with additional details about how to access the Board meeting materials.

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As a new Board of Health member, you are invited to become familiar with the following:

- [Association of Local Public Health Agencies \(alPHA\) Orientation Manual](#)
- [Governance Toolkit for Ontario Boards of Health](#)
- [Health Protection and Promotion Act](#)
- [Ontario Public Health Standards](#)
- [Public Health Primer, Health Matters](#)
- [Public Health Sudbury & Districts' Annual Report, 2022](#)
- [The Ontario Municipal Councillor's Guide 2022](#)

The most recent year-to-date financial statements and the 2023 Board-approved budget are attached. An overview of responsibilities of Board members is also enclosed. The Board of Health Manual will be available electronically through the BoardEffect software as well on our [website](#). These documents will also be explained/reviewed during the orientation session.

Board of Health members are also notified of training opportunities, including any Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA) conferences and Boards of Health Section meetings. Public Health Sudbury & Districts has a modest travel budget for Board members to attend these types of conferences.

I look forward to your valuable contributions in support of public health in our communities. If you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly or Board of Health Secretary, Rachel Quesnel, at 705.522.9200, ext. 291.

Again, my warm welcome to the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts!

*Original signed by*

M. Mustafa Hirji, MD, MPH, FRCPC  
Acting Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer

Enclosures

cc: R. Lapierre, Chair, Board of Health, Public Health Sudbury & Districts



September 16, 2024

Mr. Al Sizer  
Board of Health  
Public Health Sudbury & Districts

Dear Mr. Sizer:

**Re: Public Health Sudbury & Districts Board of Health**

On behalf of the Board of Health and Public Health Sudbury & Districts, I would like to extend my gratitude for your service as a committed member of the Board of Health from January 2023 to September 2024.

Your contributions to the Board of Health, including during the “Strengthening Public Health” merger discussions have been appreciated. Your contributions towards our common goal of a healthier Sudbury and Districts are commendable and we know we have in you a passionate public health ambassador in the public Health Sudbury & District catchment area.

On behalf of the entire Board of Health, please accept my gratitude for your contributions and my well wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by*

René Lapierre, Chair  
Board of Health

cc: Dr. M. Mustafa Hirji, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer  
Board of Health, Public Health Sudbury & Districts

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**From:** Ontario News <[newsroom@ontario.ca](mailto:newsroom@ontario.ca)>  
**Sent:** September 10, 2024 2:32 PM  
**To:** Loretta Ryan <[loretta@alphaweb.org](mailto:loretta@alphaweb.org)>  
**Subject:** Ontario Enhancing Tools to Help People Prepare for Respiratory Illness Season

## NEWS RELEASE

### Ontario Enhancing Tools to Help People Prepare for Respiratory Illness Season

Flu, COVID-19 vaccines and expanded RSV immunization program expected by early October for those at risk

**September 10, 2024**

[Ministry of Health](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government is reminding everyone to stay safe this respiratory illness season and prevent unnecessary visits to the hospital by staying up to date on vaccinations. To protect against serious illness throughout the upcoming respiratory illness season, it is recommended everyone get their flu and COVID-19 shots as soon as they become available to them.

“As we approach this respiratory illness season, our government is ensuring Ontarians are prepared and have the tools they need to keep themselves and their loved ones safe and healthy,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “We are working closely with our partners to make it easier for people of all ages to be protected this fall and access the care they need close to home and within their community.”

Starting in early October, flu shots will be available for the most vulnerable and high priority populations, including hospitalized individuals, hospital staff, and residents and staff in long-term care homes, followed by those in retirement homes and other congregate settings and individuals 65 years and older. Free flu shots for the general public aged six months and older will be available starting October 28, 2024, at doctor and nurse practitioner offices, participating pharmacies and some public health units. To learn more about the flu shot this fall, visit [Ontario.ca/flu](https://ontario.ca/flu).

It is safe and convenient to receive both the COVID-19 and flu shots at the same time, reducing the need for multiple visits to a doctor, nurse practitioner or local pharmacy. Ontario expects to receive shipments of the updated COVID-19 vaccine from the federal government by early October following approval by Health Canada. Initial doses will be prioritized for higher risk populations and more details will be provided once doses are distributed to Ontario.

Beginning in October, families with infants and high-risk children up to 24 months old, will now have access to the [new RSV immunization](#), Beyfortus®, through the recently expanded publicly funded RSV prevention program. Families can access

the Beyfortus® immunization through their health care provider, as well as within hospital settings for infants born during the 2024/25 respiratory illness season. Pregnant women also have the option of receiving a single dose of Abrysvo®, to provide protection for their infant from birth to six months. The RSV prevention program has also expanded this fall to include all retirement home residents. For more details on the RSV program, visit [Ontario.ca/rsv](https://ontario.ca/rsv).

“Staying up to date on vaccination helps everyone stay healthy this respiratory illness season, especially those who cannot protect themselves including younger children and others who can’t be immunized,” said Dr. Kieran Moore, Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer of Health. “With a large rise in cases of whooping cough (pertussis) this year, particularly in children and teens aged 10-18, it is especially important for parents and guardians to ensure their children are up to date with all of their vaccinations as well as vaccines for pregnant individuals.”

Vaccines in [Ontario’s routine immunization schedule](#) are provided free of charge if you meet the eligibility criteria. If you are unsure about which immunizations you or your family have received or are eligible for, talk to your health care provider or [public health unit](#).

Through [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#), the Ontario government is providing people with the tools they need early to connect to the care they need to keep themselves, and their loved ones safe and healthy.

### Quick Facts

- As recommended by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI), individuals should receive the most recent formulation of the COVID-19 vaccine in the fall as it is expected to provide a better immune response against currently circulating COVID-19 strains. Full details on COVID-19 vaccination this fall will be available by visiting [Ontario.ca/COVID-19](https://ontario.ca/COVID-19).
- The risk of severe outcomes from RSV infection is highest among infants under six months of age and children under 24 months of age with chronic conditions such as chronic lung disease, congenital heart disease, compromised immune systems, or neuromuscular disorders.
- All Ontarians should stay up to date on their immunizations, especially children. Talk to a health care provider or public health unit if you are unsure if your child has missed routine immunizations or if you are unsure about which immunizations they have received.
- Vaccines in Ontario’s routine immunization schedule are provided free of charge if you meet the eligibility criteria.
- Visit [Health811 online](#) or call 811 (TTY: [1-866-797-0007](tel:1-866-797-0007) toll free) for health advice and information 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### Quotes



"Sanofi applauds the Government of Ontario for its robust offerings to protect against influenza and RSV, including Fluzone® High-Dose for seniors and Beyfortus® for newborns and infants. These initiatives reflect our shared commitment to public health driving us forward in protecting the health of Canadians through innovative solutions. Beyfortus® availability for all infants marks a significant milestone in safeguarding against RSV and providing support to families and the healthcare system."

**- Delphine Lansac**  
**General Manager, Vaccines, Sanofi Canada**

"We appreciate the efforts of the Ontario government in promoting vaccination and prioritizing the health and wellness of Ontarians during the fall and winter season when respiratory illnesses are more common. Vaccination plays an important role in preventing illness and reducing the burden on our healthcare system. We are committed to working closely with our partners to ensure that vaccines are readily available and accessible to all individuals in Ontario."

**- Najah Sampson**  
**President, Pfizer Canada**

"The Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) thanks the Government of Ontario for its commitment to keeping Ontarians safe and healthy throughout the respiratory illness season. Ontario's hospitals encourage people to access the flu shot, COVID-19 vaccine, and RSV immunization to keep themselves and their loved ones healthy in the fall and winter months. Not only does vaccination keep people from getting sick, but it also helps hospitals by reducing the number of avoidable emergency department visits and hospital admissions."

**- Anthony Dale**  
**President and CEO, Ontario Hospital Association**

"Convenient access to care, including critical vaccinations and timely treatment, is vital to the health and well-being of our communities. Ontario's pharmacy professionals are committed to working together with our government and health care partners this respiratory illness season to ensure Ontarians have the support and services they need to stay healthy."

**- Justin Bates**  
**CEO, Ontario Pharmacists Association**

#### **Additional Resources**

- To learn more about the flu shot, visit [Ontario.ca/flu](https://ontario.ca/flu)
- To learn more about Respiratory Syncytial Virus, visit [Ontario.ca/rsv](https://ontario.ca/rsv)
- To learn more about COVID-19, visit [Ontario.ca/COVID-19](https://ontario.ca/COVID-19)
- Learn about eligibility for [COVID-19 antiviral treatment](#)

- [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#)

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