

Media Release: Board of Health Update for March 2025

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The South East Health Unit (SEHU) Board of Health met today in Belleville for their regular monthly meeting. The [agenda package is available online](https://www.hpepublichealth.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/X-BOH-OPEN-Agenda-Pkg-March26-2025.pdf?x52591&x52591) (<https://www.hpepublichealth.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/X-BOH-OPEN-Agenda-Pkg-March26-2025.pdf?x52591&x52591>).

Merger update

An update on the progress of merger activities was provided to the Board and can be reviewed in the [agenda package](https://www.hpepublichealth.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/X-BOH-OPEN-Agenda-Pkg-March26-2025.pdf?x52591&x52591) (<https://www.hpepublichealth.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/X-BOH-OPEN-Agenda-Pkg-March26-2025.pdf?x52591&x52591>). The update includes, but is not limited to, the development of a change management strategy, strategic planning by Corporate Services, creation of new branding options based on the results of engagement sessions with key groups, and a consolidated IT platform for enhanced communication among staff.

Board meeting schedule

At the February Board meeting, there was a discussion about the frequency and timing of Board meetings. Board members stressed the importance of in-person meetings to build relationships and facilitate discussions and decision-making; and having meetings across the SEHU region, at sites in Belleville, Brockville and Kingston. It was also noted that, given the geographic size of SEHU, travel time to attend in-person meetings could range anywhere from one to five hours.

In light of these considerations (and [others as outlined](https://www.hpepublichealth.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/X-BOH-OPEN-Agenda-Pkg-March26-2025.pdf?x52591&x52591) (<https://www.hpepublichealth.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/X-BOH-OPEN-Agenda-Pkg-March26-2025.pdf?x52591&x52591>)), the Board reviewed three options for meeting and agreed to hold monthly hybrid meetings (option to attend in person and virtually), to rotate meeting sites, and to begin meetings at 10 a.m. The meeting schedule will be revisited in the new year.

Please refer to the [agenda package](https://www.hpepublichealth.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/X-BOH-OPEN-Agenda-Pkg-March26-2025.pdf?x52591&x52591) (<https://www.hpepublichealth.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/X-BOH-OPEN-Agenda-Pkg-March26-2025.pdf?x52591&x52591>) for additional information about the options that were presented.

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