



## **Board of Health Meeting March 28, 2024**

### **Summary**

#### **Voluntary Merger**

The Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Board of Health voted in support of the intent to merge with Kingston, Frontenac, and Lennox & Addington Public Health and Hastings Prince Edward Public Health to create the South East Health Unit at its March 28, 2024 meeting.

All three Boards approved moving forward with an intent to voluntarily merge and submitted a business case to the Ministry on April 2, 2024.

Consultants Sense and Nous were contracted to prepare a feasibility study and business case to explore impacts of a voluntary merger and collaborated with each health unit to develop these reports.

#### **Feasibility Study**

The Merger Feasibility report was developed to assist in the decision-making process that outlines strategic opportunities and challenges associated with the proposed merger among the three health units. [Merger Feasibility Summary Report](#)

#### **Update from Tri-Board Merger Committee**

During the month of March, Chair Peter McKenna, Vice Chair Robin Jones, and Dr. Li gave presentations to municipal councils regarding the merger exploration and further communication will take place in the coming weeks.

Guiding principles were developed at the Tri-Board to articulate a collective vision in merger explorations with fluid principles that transition as the organization matures.

#### **Business Case Overview**

The Business Case Brief summarizes the rationale and key proposals to be considered by the Ministry along with opportunities to strengthen public health and the supports needed to merge. [Business Case Brief](#)

Dr. Li gave a business case summary presentation outlining the provincial strategy to optimize capacity, stability and sustainability in public health with the goal of improving services overall, empowering organizations to thrive and retaining a local and rural focus.