

Health Unit Media Release



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Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Area Attracts Medical Officer of Health

The Board of Health announced that Dr. Anne Carter has accepted the position of Medical Officer of Health of the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit.

The announcement was made at the Board of Health meeting last night. The Board will then await formal approval by the Minister of Health, The Honorable George Smitherman, in three to four weeks. Dr. Carter is scheduled to start in August 2006.

“We are pleased that Dr. Carter has accepted this position,” said Ken Graham, Chair of the Board of Health for the Tri-County area, “She brings to our Health Unit much knowledge in communicable diseases and a clinical background as well as a passion for public health and health promotion.”

Dr. Carter obtained her medical degree from Queen’s University. She also holds a degree in Community Health and Epidemiology from University of Toronto. During her career, she has had experience in communicable diseases, sexual health, disease surveillance, cancer screening, injury prevention and many other areas related to public health. As well, Dr. Carter held a position as Acting Medical Officer of Health in the Niagara Region. Dr Carter is presently a Senior Lecturer at the University of West Indies, teaching the principles of Community Medicine, Evidence Based Clinical Practice and Research Methods.

“We look forward to her leadership and are excited that our Health Unit was her choice.” Graham added, “There are a lot of Health Units looking for MOHs.”

Of the 36 Health Unit in Ontario, 11 are still looking for full time Medical Officers of Health. The Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit has been recruiting only since November of 2005.