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Local Public Health Unit Board Looking for New Members

Public health programs touch everyone in the community through a variety of services such as prenatal classes, parenting support, information on ticks, immunization clinics, restaurant inspections, wells, beach water sampling and much more.

Community members have a unique opportunity now to participate in these public health programs as the Board of Directors will have four provincial representative vacancies for community members over the next year. The Board also has seven municipal representatives.

Potential provincial representatives are recommended by the Board and appointed by a provincial Order-in-Council for a term of up to three years, subject to renewal. Prospective candidates must be at least eighteen years of age and live in the one of the municipalities of Lanark County or the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville.

The Board is looking for individuals with a wide variety of interests such as child health, nutrition, physical activity, dental health, health equity, communicable disease, environmental health, finance, business/management, information technology, human resources, law, and/or communications. Previous board/governance experience is not required but would be welcomed.

Retiring Board members Janet Lousley from North Grenville, and Jack Butt from Maitland have valued the contribution they have made as Board members to promote and protect the health of residents in the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark region.

"It has been a privilege to participate on the Health Board - to work with people from a variety of backgrounds with a similar interest in healthy living," says Lousley, "As a retired dietitian, I have strong feelings about disease prevention and the mandate of LGLDHU is to promote & help provide information & services to do this. It has been great supporting the staff in this endeavour."

"Being the Chair of the Board of Health for the past five years has given me first-hand experience with the wonderful work done by our local public health unit staff for the residents of Leeds, Grenville and Lanark," says Butt. "I encourage you to consider adding your voice to the Board."

For more information about this exciting opportunity and the application form please go to the Public Health Unit website <http://www.healthunit.org/aboutus/boh/boh.htm> or call the Health Action Line at 1-800-660-5853. The application deadline is August 15, 2014.

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