



alPHA Symposium

Friday, February 14, 2025 - **Draft as of January 30th**

Note: Meeting is hosted via Zoom Webinar

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - All times are Eastern Standard Time (EST)

Public Health Video Showcase Log on early to get set up and check out the latest public health videos from across the province. Don't miss this opportunity to see what public health units are doing to communicate, reach out to, and engage their communities!	8:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Call to Order, Welcoming Remarks, Land Acknowledgement and alPHA Update Robin Jones, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and Trudy Sachowski, Chair, Board of Directors, alPHA	8:30 a.m. - 8:40 a.m.
Building A More Connected Canada Where Everyone Thrives Speaker: Pete Bombaci, Founder & CEO, GenWell Moderator: Dr. Charles Gardner, Past Chair, Board of Directors, alPHA GenWell works to build knowledge that is rooted in science, empowering people with tips, tools and ideas, providing permission and serving as a catalyst for action. Pete will show how we can meaningfully improve the long-term health and wellbeing of people, reduce costs to the healthcare system, increase social cohesion and inclusivity, and drive economic and community benefit. Come and hear from Pete about the importance of healthy human connection.	8:40 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
We've Merged! So, What's Next?! Speakers: Dr. Ethan Toumishey, Deputy MOH, South East Health Unit and Susan Stewart, Director, Merger Office, South East Health Unit Moderator: Paul Sharma, Affiliate Representative, Board of Directors, alPHA As of Jan. 1, 2025, Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health, Hastings Prince Edward Public Health and Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit merged to form the South East Health Unit. Come and hear about the challenges and opportunities, along with what to expect next, as the newly merged health unit moves forward.	9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

alPHa Strategic Plan – Happy First Anniversary! Speaker: Maria Sánchez-Keane, Principal, Centre for Organizational Effectiveness Moderator: Dr. Hsiu-Li Wang, Vice Chair, Board of Directors, alPHa alPHa actively represents all of Ontario’s boards of health, medical officers and associate medical officers of health, and senior public health managers. The association is a unified voice and a trusted advisor on public health, advances the work of local public health through strategic partnerships and collaborations, supports the sustainability of Ontario’s local public health system, and delivers member services to local public health leaders. alPHa’s Strategic Plan was launched a year ago and acts as a foundational document to achieve the organization's goals and objectives. Come and hear how your association is implementing the Strategic Plan.	10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Break The morning break features videos from the Symposium Co-Host, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit!	10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
So, Still Can’t Sleep at Night? Speakers: Sabine Matheson, and John Perenack, Principals, StrategyCorp Moderator: Loretta Ryan, Chief Executive Officer, alPHa The political landscape that local public health operates in is increasingly complex and volatile and leaders are challenged more than ever with anticipated elections in 2025. The need to be prepared has never been greater. Come and hear the latest about what to expect regarding the public policy climate and key political issues impacting public health agencies and their local boards of health. <i>Attendees will have an opportunity to pose questions in advance and at the symposium. Please send advance questions to communications@alphaweb.org on or before February 7th.</i>	11:00 a.m. - noon
Lunch Break The lunch break features videos from the Symposium Co-Host, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit!	Noon -1:00 p.m.
Section Meetings <i>Boards of Health Section Members are asked to stay with the Zoom Webinar platform for the afternoon. Affiliate members are also invited to participate in this meeting.</i> <i>COMOH Section members will join a different Zoom meeting. Agendas are provided separately.</i>	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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