**Whereas,** the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (NBPSDHU) has supported a motion to indicate their intention to proceed with an application to the Ministry of Health to merge with the Board of Health for the Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU); and

**Whereas,** a Joint Merger Working Group is needed to assist with the development of the voluntary merger business case to be submitted April 2, 2024, as well as continue to assist with transition activities after submission of the business case; and

**Whereas,** the Joint Merger Working Group will be dissolved on December 31, 2024, to be replaced by a new group, appointed by the Board of Health for the new Public Health Unit entity; and

**Whereas,** the membership of the Joint Merger Working Group will be two (2) members of the senior management team each from RCDHU and NBPSDHU and three (3) Board of Health members each from RCDHU and NBPSDHU, with the respective Board of Health Chairpersons, and two (2) Members At Large from each health unit; and

Whereas, the terms of reference for the Joint Merger Working Group will be approved by the Working Group and will be shared with the Boards of Health for both Health Units within five (5) business days of the Terms of Reference being approved.

**Therefore Be It Resolved,** that this Board appoint, in addition to the Board of Health Chairperson, Marianne Stickland and Jamie Lowery to the membership of the Joint Merger Working Group; and

**Furthermore Be it Resolved,** that should a Member at Large from the North Bay Parry Sound District Board of Health at any time resign from the Joint Merger Working Group, that this Board appoint a new Member at Large within ten (10) business days of the receipt of the notice of resignation.