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Dear Community Partner,

To strengthen public health across the Northeast region, I am sharing that the Boards of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit (PHU) and for the Timiskaming Health Unit (THU) are moving towards a voluntary merger.

While several reports over many years have recommended a merger between our health units, recent events including the COVID-19 pandemic have confirmed the benefits of a merger to increase staff capacity to deliver local public health programming and to respond to surges and emergencies.

Programs and services will continue as is in local health unit offices in both regions during the merger.

Throughout this process, including pending final government approval, the PHU and the THU will reach out to you and your staff to ensure that our local voices and our stong connections are maintained as we continue to work together to promote the health and well-being of all of our communities in the Northeast.

Sincerely,

Dr. Glenn Corneil, MD, CFPC, FCFP Acting Medical Officer of Health/CEO