



Community Safety and Well-Being Newsletter – Issue 4 September 2025

This newsletter contains news and information on events relevant to the Timiskaming district including Temagami, updates on working groups, and reports & funding opportunities related to [Timiskaming's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan](#). If your municipality has anything to promote and would like to include it in upcoming issues, or you would like to subscribe to this newsletter, please contact us at cswb@neph.ca.

Previous issues of the newsletter can be found [here](#).

News and Events

Senior's Active Living Fair



The Temiskaming Shores Seniors Active Living Fair will be taking place on Tuesday, October 7th, 2025 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Northern College Gymnasium, Haileybury Campus. Guest speakers will be presenting on diabetes prevention, mobility aids, and the city's Strategic Plan. There will be over 15 exhibitor booths, with free parking and free lunch provided as well as free transportation available. For more information or to register, please contact Alex by September 30th at 705-647-5709 or email at alexandra.levaille@temiskamingshores.ca.

Live Regional Concussion Webinar

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Hosted by Northeastern Public Health

Stay informed and prepared.
Learn about the latest concussion management updates and what they mean for return to play decisions, safety protocols and supporting athletes' post-injury.

 **HEADS UP!**
CONCUSSION AWARENESS
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Who should attend:

- Club coaches,
- Parents/caregivers of athletes under 18,
- School and league administrators, and
- Athletic trainers, volunteers and safety coordinators.

Webinar Dates
Each session includes a live Q&A:

- Wednesday, September 24, at 7:00 PM
-- offered in English
- Thursday, October 2, at 7:00 PM
-- offered in English
- Tuesday, October 7, at 7:00 PM
-- offered in French

What You'll Learn:

- How to recognize and recover from a concussion.
- The ins and outs on the return to play and school strategies.
- How you can support players, parents and coaches' post-injury.
- How to implement safe and compliant sports programs.

For more information, email:
Alexandria.Paquin@neph.ca

Register online at: phu.ty/headsup



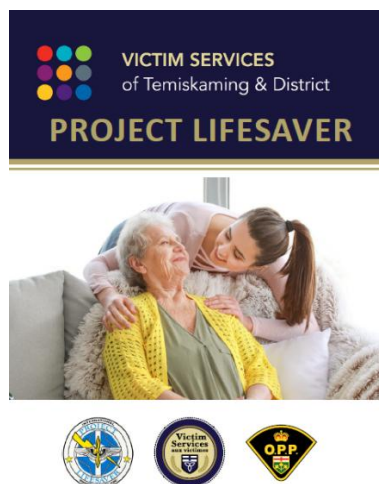




Northeastern Public Health is hosting a live regional concussion webinar, thanks in part to Heads Up! Concussion Awareness. Learn about the latest concussion management updates, how to recognize and recover from concussion, how to support players, parents, and coaches post-injury, and how to implement safe and compliant sports programs.

Perfect for coaches, parents/caregivers of athletes under 18, school and league administrators, and athletic trainers, volunteers, and safety coordinators. For more information, contact Alexandria Paquin at alexandria.paquin@neph.ca. Register via the QR code above or click [here](http://phu.ty/headsup).

Project Lifesaver



Project Lifesaver is an initiative to better protect at-risk individuals who are prone to the life-threatening behaviour of wandering, such as those living with dementia, autism, down-syndrome, acquired brain injury, or other cognitive conditions. There is an initial cost to lease the transmitter and a monthly fee for transmitter batteries. You can find out more or

pass on the information to your municipal constituents through this [link](#). For more information, contact Victim Services of Temiskaming and District at 705-647-0096 or 705-568-2154, or email at ed@tdvictimservices.ca.

Planet Youth Timiskaming Update



Communities across Timiskaming District are using local data to set priorities and take action together to support youth. Read the latest Planet Youth Timiskaming update [here](#), now available in **English and French**. For more information, contact Erika Aelterman at erika.aelterman@neph.ca, visit them online at www.TimiskamingYouth.ca, or find them on Facebook at facebook.com/PlanetYouthTimiskaming/

New Liskeard Fall Fair Goes Voluntarily Smoke Free



Congratulation to the City of Temiskaming Shores for requesting all users of the fairgrounds in New Liskeard to not smoke or vape on the property. 2025 was the first New Liskeard fall fair to be voluntarily smoke and vape free resulting in a noticeable reduction in exposure to second hand smoke and vape. The Temiskaming region has the highest rates of smoking and vaping according to [Public Health Ontario's Smoking Snapshot](#).

A Note From Suzanne Lajoie, Manager of Environmental Health at NEPH

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Northeastern Public Health is committed to support emergency management planning, readiness and mitigation, response, and recovery from public health risks with our networks of health sector and community partners. Public health emergencies could include risks from communicable disease, extreme temperatures, flooding, wildfire smoke and poor air quality, and food- and waterborne illnesses. As part of our role, we maintain a 24/7 on-call system for receiving and responding to timely reports in the health unit area. Outside of regular business hours, emergencies can be reported by calling 1-877-442-1212 and selecting '1' for an emergency. An answering service attendant will take your contact details and the nature of your call, and an on-call Public Health Inspector will be contacted for response.

We also strive to share relevant emergency alerts and surveillance information through our websites and social media platforms. Community partners and municipalities are encouraged to follow us and share notices that are applicable to the clients that you serve. This helps to spread public health messaging and personal guidance information for the vulnerable, high-risk and equity deserving populations in our communities.

Northeastern Public Health has a website ([Home | Northeastern Public Health](#)) that currently directs visitors to the legacy health units ([Timiskaming](#) and [Porcupine](#)) and we will continue using our existing social media platforms

(Timiskaming: [Bilingual](#) and Porcupine: [English](#) / [French](#)). Follow us on our channels for emergency alerts and important updates when we roll out new platforms for Northeastern Public Health.

Work Group Updates

The CSWB has 3 working groups to support implementation of the plan. Here is a summary of items they are working on. If you are interested in becoming part of a workgroup or would like more information, contact cswb@neph.ca.

- Timiskaming Ontario Health Team is looking to onboard community citizen representatives, especially from the rural areas of the district. Click [here](#) for more information or to sign up.
- The Get To Know The Timiskaming Ontario Health Team webinar took place in June and the link has been shared. It can be found [here](#).
- A Homelessness Education Campaign has been launched, focusing on increasing awareness, respect, and dignity of homeless people as well as dispelling myths. It is currently running on radio, newspaper, billboards, social media, and bus shelter advertising as well as through posters distributed across the district. You can find more information on the webpage [here](#).
- The initial stages of collaboration between the CSWB and the Far Northeast Training Board have begun, including an invite to the 2025 Working Together Conference on October 2nd in Timmins (click [here](#) for more information on this conference).
- Anna McPherson from the Kirkland Lake Multicultural Group presented on the Learning to Gather report as part of the Community Safety workgroup's focus on cultural safety in our communities.

Reports & Funding Opportunities

REPORTS

[The Timiskaming District Vital Signs Report: The Temiskaming Foundation](#)

Vital Signs® is an evidence-based report used to measure the health and well-being of communities across Canada. It identifies trends, starts conversations, and helps communities act on local priorities. The goal of Vital Signs® is to offer a readable and engaging report that encourages dialogue and action from all segments of a community, including residents, organizations, institutions, and political leaders. Vital Signs® is proudly supported by the Community Safety & Well-Being plan.

[Gender-Based Violence Situational Assessment Report](#)

Northeastern Public Health recognizes the devastating immediate and long-term consequences of gender-based violence. To successfully protect and promote population health, the Ontario Public Health Standards recommend that Health Units perform comprehensive situational assessments on topics of public health importance. The purpose of this situational assessment is to explore contextual factors that may be influencing this topic in the former Timiskaming Health Unit area. If you would like to view the webinar presentation, you can see it [here](#).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Indigenous Youth Roots creation grants: Grassroot youth groups/collectives (comprised of Indigenous youth ages 15-29) are eligible to apply for funding to support community programs and projects while receiving innovative mentorship, training and capacity-building opportunities. Funding will be provided to projects/groups that seek to create impactful community change and increase the wellness, resiliency and engagement of Indigenous youth. Applications are accepted between October 1st and 31st.

[Creation Grants - Indigenous Youth Roots](#)