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Committee members named by NHH Board to lead recruitment for next hospital President and CEO, executive search firm selected

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Friday, March 28, 2008 – The new President and CEO Selection Committee met for the second time this week at the Northumberland Hills Hospital. An ad hoc committee of the Board of Directors, the President and CEO Selection Committee is the group responsible for leading the actions necessary to secure a replacement for President and CEO Joan Ross prior to her retirement this fall.

At a news conference in February, Northumberland Hills Hospital Board Chair Sid Trevail announced that Joan Ross had confirmed plans for her retirement in November 2008.

NHH's seven-member President and CEO Selection Committee will be chaired by Board Vice Chair Robert McInnes. Other members are: Dean Pepper; Dr. Frank Marrocco; John Farrell; John Hudson; Kaye Jackson and (Board Chair) Sid Trevail.

The first task for the Committee was completion of their selection of an external executive search firm specialized in the health care sector. Qualified firms were invited to express their interest last month and at the Board meeting last evening (March 27) a motion was passed to hire Ray & Berndtson for the role. A recognized firm in Canada with a proven track record in the health care sector, Ray and Berndtson will play a key role in the recruitment process and bring forward a short list of candidates for the Committee's review against the core competencies and experience previously identified by the Board for the President and CEO position. The President and CEO is the Board's sole direct employee and the recruitment of the next candidate will be a major responsibility for the Board in coming months.

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“With the approval yesterday of an executive search firm, the process is well on track. I am hopeful that candidates will begin to be brought forward by Ray & Berndtson by the end of April,” said Robert McInnes. “We aim to have the name of our preferred candidate in the Board’s hands for approval by late August. Qualified candidates from inside and outside the organization will be considered.”

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About Northumberland Hills Hospital – The Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) is located approximately 100 kilometres east of Toronto. The 137-bed acute care hospital delivers a broad range of core services, including medical/surgical care, complex/long-term care, rehabilitation, palliative care, obstetrical care and intensive care. NHH also sponsors a Community Mental Health Centre and an Assertive Community Treatment Team. The hospital serves the catchment area of west Northumberland County. A mixed urban and rural population of approximately 60,000 residents, west Northumberland comprises the Town of Cobourg, the Municipality of Port Hope and the townships of Hamilton, Cramahe and Alnwick/Haldimand. NHH employs over 500 people and is an active member of the Central East LHIN. For more information, please visit www.nhh.ca.