



# NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL

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## **NEWS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Expressions of interest invited, health services building**

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Thursday, June 12, 2008** – The Board of Directors of the Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) is inviting written expressions of interest from qualified firms or individuals interested in developing a health services building. The proposed location for the building is a two-acre parcel of land adjacent to the hospital.

“The Board’s goal is to generate interest in the construction of a free-standing, 90,000-square-foot building on a two-acre parcel of land adjacent to the hospital,” said Joan Ross, NHH President and CEO. “The building is intended to fill a growing need for medical professional offices as well as administration and outpatient program space. Retail space is also encouraged.”

Announced at the May 29 Board meeting, advertisements inviting expressions of interest in the building are scheduled to run in newspapers throughout Northumberland County and beyond in the next week. The Board is inviting proposals from suitable partners to develop and/or manage the building on hospital land. Submissions expected include: ownership proposals where NHH provides required land only; development proposals for construction; and an operational model, where the hospital will commit to being a major tenant together with physician group practices.

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) approval is required for any building on hospital-owned lands. NHH will work with the developer, once secured, to obtain timely MOHLTC approval.

“There is an urgent need for NHH to address space pressures and to ensure the community remains competitive in physician recruitment efforts. We are projecting completion of the proposed building within 18 months of initial MOHLTC approval,” said Joan Ross.

For a copy of the Expression of Interest package, please contact the hospital at 905-372-6811, ext. 4004 or email [klamont@nhh.ca](mailto:klamont@nhh.ca)

The completed Expression of Interest package must be returned to Northumberland Hills Hospital by 4:00 PM on Thursday, July 10, 2008. A short list of interested firms/individuals will be invited to attend an information meeting later this summer.

For further information, or to arrange an interview, please contact Jennifer Gillard at 905-377-7757 or [jgillard@nhh.ca](mailto:jgillard@nhh.ca).

**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](http://www.nhh.ca).