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2008-2009 Board of Directors holds first meeting following June 19 AGM – Incumbents McInnes and Sculthorpe re-elected in Port Hope, Gerber (Cobourg) and Pepper (Hamilton, Cramahe and Alnwick/Haldimand) acclaimed

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Friday, June 20, 2008 – Northumberland Hills Hospital held its Annual General Meeting on Thursday, June 19. Of the three Wards represented on the community hospital Board, incumbents Robert McInnes and Heather Sculthorpe were re-elected in Ward 1 (Municipality of Port Hope) and Dean Pepper (also a returning member) was acclaimed in Ward 3 (representing the townships of Hamilton, Cramahe and Alnwick/Haldimand).

Bill Gerber, acclaimed in Ward 2 (Town of Cobourg), is the sole new elected member of the NHH Board. A resident of Cobourg, Bill has worked for over 30 years in the manufacturing business for companies such as Gains Pet Foods and General Foods. He most recently served as Vice President of Manufacturing at Mother Parkers Tea and Coffee, a role he held for 16 years. Bill has served as the President of Big Brothers and as a campaign chairman for the United Way. He is an active Cobourg Rotarian.

Two new ex-officio members took their seats at the Board table last evening. They are: Dr. Bill Cross, who replaces Dr. Michael Barrie as Vice President of the Medical Staff, and Dale Hodge, who replaces Patricia Fenner as President of the NHH Auxiliary.

Dr. Jenny Ingram, a Peterborough-based specialist in Internal Medicine and Geriatric Medicine, delivered the keynote address. Titled “Re*thinking the Future of Health, of Care and of Health Care,” Dr. Ingram’s remarks focused on the issues related to dementia, a condition she described as a side effect of the rising percentage of seniors in our communities or “the silver tsunami.”

NHH Board Chair Sid Trevaill paid special thanks to four outgoing Board members.

David Cuthbertson, a Board member from March 1999 to June 2008, was thanked for his expertise and leadership over the past nine years. Serving as Chair of the Operations Committee and the Audit Committee as well as a member of the Governance

and other special committees of the Board, David completed his third three-year term on the Board last night. This is the maximum term permitted under Board bylaws. David served as a Board member for Ward 3. In line with a Board motion passed in 2006 to reduce the overall size of the NHH Board from 15 to 12 members, David Cuthbertson's seat in Ward 3 will not be filled.

Bill Smith, a Board member representing Ward 2 (Town of Cobourg), was acknowledged for his valued service from June 2005 to June 2008. "Bill has provided both executive and business expertise to the Board and to committees of the Board," said Sid Trevail, "and we thank him for his contributions."

Patricia Fenner, former President of the NHH Auxiliary, served on the Board as a representative of the Auxiliary from April 2004 to May 2008. Board Chair Sid Trevail thanked Patricia for her "expertise, candor and humour" during her service for the hospital.

Finally, Dr. Michael Barrie was acknowledged for his service as a Board member from June 2006 to June 2008. As noted above, Dr. Barrie served on the Board as Vice President of the Medical Staff.

A new feature at the 2008 AGM was a DVD highlighting the year in review. Thanks to the generous donation of the skills and equipment of TV COGECO, the 15-minute DVD combined messages from the Chair of the Board together with messages from President and CEO Joan Ross, Chief of Staff Dr. David Broderick and Foundation and Auxiliary leaders, Julie Thompson and Patricia Fenner. Also featured were images of the year's key achievements, including the delivery of the magnet for the new Magnetic Resonance imaging service and the recent public launch of the NHH's Foundation's Care Close to Home capital campaign.

Produced by TV COGECO's Mark Rockburn, the DVD was well received by the audience. It will serve multiple purposes in coming months, as a useful tool for recruitment and new staff orientation.

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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.