



NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS  
HOSPITAL

*inspiring strength, dignity and compassion*

Celebrating our 5th Anniversary, October 2008

# keeping you in touch

WITH YOUR COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

**UPCOMING hospital EVENTS**  
 TONIGHT- Thurs., August 28 – Board meeting, 5:00 pm, Board Room, NHH  
 Thurs., September 25 – Board meeting, 5:00 pm, Board Room, NHH  
 Monday, September 29 through Friday, October 3 – Health and Wellness Speakers Series, NHH Education Centre [see Events on [www.nhh.ca](http://www.nhh.ca) for Thurs., October 2 – 5th anniversary celebration showcase, NHH]

## Career opportunities at your hospital

Diabetes Educator/  
Dietitian  
– full-time

Medical Radiation  
Technologist, Mammography  
– part-time

Medical Radiation  
Technologist, Magnetic  
Resonance Imaging  
– temporary part-time

Occupational Therapists  
– full- and part-time  
opportunities available now

Respiratory Therapist  
– part-time

Registered Nurses  
– various, full- and part-time,  
including shift team leaders,  
ICU nurses, Emergency  
nurses and RNs for Complex  
Continuing Care

*Many more opportunities  
available. For more information  
and a full listing, go to the  
Careers section of the hospital  
website, [www.nhh.ca](http://www.nhh.ca)*

## Feedback on our hospital communications?

Please email or call our  
Director of Corporate  
Communications,  
Jennifer Gillard at:  
[jgillard@nhh.ca](mailto:jgillard@nhh.ca)  
or 905-372-7757

## Hospital parking rates set to rise September 2

While the NHH parking lot may be one of the only pay-per-use lots in the community, at a flat rate of \$4 the hospital has the distinction of operating one of the lowest priced hospital parking lots in the whole Central East LHIN (CE LHIN).

In line with commitments made to the CE LHIN in the recently signed Hospital Service Accountability Agreement, NHH is expected to maximize all forms of revenue generation to achieve a balanced budget in the years ahead. One of these revenue streams is patient and visitor parking.

Effective September 2, 2008 (the Tuesday following the long weekend), paid parking will be increased at NHH to \$5 upon exit. This is the first increase since October 2003 and, as President and CEO Joan Ross points out, a level that would "still keep NHH among the lowest of our peers."

The September increase represents Phase 1 of a multi-phase parking plan going forward for Board consideration this month. Further details will follow later this year.

## NHH to celebrate 5th anniversary week of September 29 with presentations on healthy living and Community Showcase October 2

It seems hard to believe, but 2008 will mark the 5th anniversary of the opening of NHH, proving that time does fly.

To mark the occasion, five days of events are in the works. With an emphasis on healthy living, the celebrations will begin September 29 and take the opportunity to showcase NHH's programs and services while, at the same time, demonstrate the important role we all play in doing our best to maintain good health.

Guest speakers will deliver free presentations daily with a Celebration Showcase planned for Thursday, October 2 in a tent on the south lawn. All are welcome. Those with young children will want to note that teddy bears in need of "medical" attention can be brought to the

Showcase tent on October 2 for a Teddy Bear Clinic! Cake will be served to all at 4:00 PM! For full details, including a list of free presentations, go to [www.nhh.ca](http://www.nhh.ca), News and Events.

## Upcoming NHH Foundation Events

**October 4, 2008** – 5th Annual Meg's Ride - A Women's Only Motorcycle Trail Ride

**November 8, 2008** – "Cirque Fantastique" - 8th Annual Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation Gala ([www.nhhgala.ca](http://www.nhhgala.ca))

**Recently Completed** – 12th Annual Fisher's Foodland "Golf for Health" Tournament - over \$34,000 raised!

**Recently Completed** – 3rd Annual Justin Williams & Friends Northumberland Tire Charity Golf Classic - over \$25,000 raised!

For more information about these events contact the Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation at 905-372-6811, ext. 3065

## Upcoming NHH Auxiliary Events

**August, all month** - Petticoat Lane Summer Sale - 50+% OFF  
**September 11 and 12** - Tag Days for NHH

## A Message from

**Sid Trevail, Chair,  
NHH Board of Directors**

The President and CEO Selection Committee of the Board met earlier this month to conduct interviews with short-listed candidates put forward for consideration by Ray & Berndtson, the agency assisting us in our search.

The Committee will bring forward its recommendations for the Board's review and endorsement tonight (Aug. 28).

As planned, the Committee will then be in a position to negotiate employment details during the month of September and approve the name of the successful candidate at either a special or scheduled meeting of the Board.

We've been very pleased with the variety and caliber of individuals interested in the position and the Committee remains confident that a successor to retiring President and CEO Joan Ross will be found within the necessary timeline. Joan will say farewell to NHH in November, after 12 years of exceptional service.

## Hospital welcomes the return of Dr. David Moorsom to west Northumberland, internist specialized in palliative medicine and elder care

Though opportunity led him to several diverse regions around the globe, including England, Montserrat, and Kosovo, Dr. David Moorsom never forgot his brief stint as a General Practitioner in west Northumberland in the 1970s.

Earlier this summer, Dr. Moorsom returned to the area to put down new roots and share some of the expertise gathered throughout his interesting career as an internist specializing in palliative medicine and elder care.

What type of practice does Dr. Moorsom want to build?

"I'm going to let the community needs dictate that," he replies. "I am offering internal medicine consultation for palliative medicine and geriatric medicine for in-patients at NHH, local long-term care homes and in the community. I'm not at all averse to going

directly to the homes of patients as it is often the more appropriate environment in which to 'sort things out'. I am also happy doing some primary (general medicine) care as well. Many Canadian specialists today are super specialists... they look at one organ system. Patients—as a result—float among these specialists. Given the many inter-related problems that people tend to have later in life, I prefer to take a more holistic approach to my patients. I like to consider, in consultation with the GP, the whole person, and try, with them, often in the later stages of their life, to come up with realistic care that is right for that individual."

Patients seeking a consultation with Dr. Moorsom require a referral from their family physician. A letter was recently issued to community physicians with the necessary contact details at the hospital: 905-372-6811, ext. 3063.

