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Celebrating our 5th Anniversary, October 2008

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UPCOMING hospital EVENTS

Board meeting, 5:00 pm, Education Centre, NHH

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Career opportunities at your hospital

Registered Nurses

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

Pharmacists

full- and part-time
 opportunities available now

Occupational Therapists

– full- and part-time

Many more opportunities available.

For more information and a full listing, go to the Careers section of the hospital Web site, www.nhh.ca

Interest high in proposed health services building

Earlier this spring, NHH extended an invitation for written expressions of interest from qualified firms or individuals interested in developing a health services building on hospital land. Ads ran in newspapers throughout the County and beyond and, on June 26, hospital leaders sat down with 19 individuals representing a range of potential bidders.

The proposed location for the free-standing, 90,000-square-foot-building is a two-acre parcel adjacent to the hospital. Submissions expected include: ownership proposals where NHH provides required land only; development proposals for construction; and an operational model, where the hospital would commit to being a major tenant together with physician group practices.

"The building is intended to fill a growing need for medical professional offices as well as administration and outpatient program space," says Joan Ross, NHH President and CEO. "A health services building adjacent to the hospital would be a real boost to our ongoing physician recruitment efforts, as many prospective recruits are looking for turn-key office opportunities within easy access to the hospital. We're very pleased with the high level of interest to date. If all goes as hoped we could have a completed building within 18 months of Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care approval.

The deadline for the completed Expression of Interest package is 4:00 PM today, July 31. For more information, please contact the hospital at 905-372-6811, ext. 4004.

Feedback on our hospital communications?

Please email or call our Director of Corporate Communications, Jennifer Gillard at: jgillard@nhh. ca or 905-377-7757

NHH updates Strategic Plan

A summary of NHH's recently updated Strategic Plan was distributed at the June AGM for comment from the public. The Plan, now covering 2008-2011, has been updated to reflect systemic challenges facing the hospital sector (for example, physician and other health professional shortages, lack of long-term care beds in the community) and NHH's

own priorities both in relation to the needs of the community and the Central East LHIN.

To read a summary of NHH's new Strategic Plan, go to the hospital Web site (www.nhh. ca) and look for Publications. Feedback is encouraged. Please direct any comments or suggestions to jgillard@nhh.ca or 905-377-7757.

Upcoming NHH Foundation Events

August 6, 2008 – 3rd Annual Justin Williams & Friends Northumberland Tire Charity Golf Classic

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)

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

Upcoming NHH Auxiliary Events

September 11 & 12, 2008 – NHH Auxiliary Tag Days in Port Hope and Cobourg

For more information about these events contact the Northumberland Hills Hospital Auxiliary at dhodge@nhh.ca or 905-372-6811, ext. 4630

A Message from

Sid Trevail, Board Chair & Joan Ross, President & CEO

Keeping "In Touch" with the community is a responsibility shared by management and Board alike at NHH, and our community newsletter of the same name is an important tool for us in bringing you regular, up-to-date news from your hospital.

Beginning this month, we're pleased to announce a new addition to our *In Touch* communications. In tandem with our larger-format *In Touch* publications focused on specific topics or special events, NHH has introduced this new one-page edition that will be published (as it is today) on the last Thursday of each month in partnership with the Northumberland News.

In the year ahead, watch this space for monthly news of career opportunities at NHH, patient care services, operational developments and updates on regional developments that influence health care in our area.

As always, we welcome your feedback. Our hospital Web site, www.nhh.ca, remains the "go-to place" for NHH information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This new monthly *In Touch* report aims to complement that site, and point you in the right direction for more information if so desired. Let us know what you think!

NHH Board welcomes three re-elected members, one new member at June 19 AGM, thanks outgoing directors for their service

NHH 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), was welcomed as the newest 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, General Foods and—most recently—Mother Parkers Tea and Coffee. An active Rotarian, Bill has served as the President of Big Brothers and as a campaign chairman for the United Way.

Two new ex-officio members have assumed their seats at the Board table as well. Dr. William Cross replaces Dr. Michael Barrie as Vice President of the Medical Staff, and Dale Hodge replaces Patricia Fenner as President of the NHH Auxiliary.

Gratitude was paid to four departing Board members. David Cuthbertson, a Board member from March 1999 to June 2008, was thanked at the June AGM for his expertise and leadership over the past nine years. Bill Smith, a Board member representing Ward 2 (Town of Cobourg), was acknowledged for his valued service from June 2005 to June 2008. Departing ex-officio members Dr. Michael Barrie (Vice President, Medical Staff, June 2006 to June 2008) and Patricia Fenner (President, NHH Auxiliary, April 2004 to May 2008) were also thanked.

For a copy of the 2008 Annual Report and detailed financial statements, please visit the News section of the Web site, under Publications.



NHH Board of Directors, 2008-2009

Back row (L-R): Dean Pepper, Heather Sculthorpe, John Hudson, Bill Gerber, Nick O'Nians, John Farrell, Nick Hathway, Dr. William Cross (Vice President, Medical Staff) and Tom McLean.

Front row (L-R): Julie Thompson (Chair, NHH Foundation), Robert McInnes (Vice Chair), Sid Trevail (Chair), Joan Ross (President and CEO), Dr. David Broderick (Chief of Staff), Dale Hodge (President, NHH Auxiliary) and Kaye Jackson. Missing from photo: Dr. Kathy Barnard-Thompson (President, Medical Staff) and Lynda Kay.