



# NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL

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### **NHH Board of Directors shocked by attempt to jeopardize future of Hospital**

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Friday, June 11, 2010** – The Board of Directors of Northumberland Hills Hospital today expressed its profound disappointment that the Citizens for Alternative Solutions (CAS) is engaging in tactics that clearly fail to fulfill its stated intent to work with the Board for the benefit of the community.

The Board met with representatives of the CAS earlier this week in a good-faith effort to receive their proposals for the betterment of the Hospital.

During the meeting, CAS members acknowledged they agreed with the majority of the service changes approved by the Central East Local Health Integration Network in the Hospital's 2010/11 Budget and Service Plan.

The following day the Hospital received a formal requisition signed by 43 members of the Hospital that seeks the removal of the current Board of Directors.

The requisition was hand delivered by CAS chair Frank Farago.

“This action is anything but evidence of good faith on their part,” said John Hudson, Chair of the NHH Board of Directors.

“What it clearly illustrates is that CAS members have no intention of working with us but, in fact, are only interested in advancing their own special-interest agenda.”

“The Board firmly rejects the Citizens for Alternative Solutions approach.”

NHH's legal counsel has reviewed the Hospital's By-laws and the Corporations Act and confirmed the following: The members do not have the right to requisition for such a meeting, nor is it within their purview to remove the Directors. A formal letter stating such is en route to these members today.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Gillard at 905-377-7757 or [kgillard@nhh.ca](mailto:kgillard@nhh.ca).

**About Northumberland Hills Hospital** – The Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) is located approximately 100 kilometres east of Toronto. The acute care hospital delivers a broad range of services, including emergency and intensive care, medical/surgical care, complex/long-term care, rehabilitation, palliative care and obstetrical care. A variety of ambulatory care clinics are also offered at NHH. In addition to these, 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 close to 600 people and relies on the additional support provided by physicians and volunteers. NHH is an active member of the Central East LHIN. For more information, please visit [www.nhh.ca](http://www.nhh.ca).

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