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New operating room completed and in service at NHH

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NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Wednesday, November 11, 2026—Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) and NHH Foundation are very pleased to share that construction of the new operating room (OR) is now complete and this expanded OR service is fully operational.

Construction began in March of 2025 and was one of the main capital projects supported by the NHH Foundation's '*Exceptional Community, Exceptional Care*' campaign.

A key milestone in the early phases of construction was the installation of the air handling unit on the roof of the hospital that allows the new OR to function as a negative pressure space. This controlled space will enable NHH to expand Respirology services and enhance the Medical/Surgical team's ability to perform procedures such as bronchoscopies.

"The completion of construction of the new OR is part of NHH's commitment to enhancing our core services, while laying the groundwork for the additional capacity that our community will need in future," says NHH President and CEO Susan Walsh. "I would like to extend my thanks to NHH's Medical/Surgical Team for their hard work throughout this important project and for their creativity in minimizing the disruption to patient care during the renovation. Thank you to our Procurement, Project Management, Facilities and Environmental Services teams, whose coordination and expertise ensured the successful completion of this complex construction project conducted within the context of a working hospital. I would also like to recognize the exceptional work of our NHH Foundation who focused awareness and support to this project, and to our generous community, whose support of this very large capital renewal project is helping to ensure NHH is able to meet the rising needs of a growing community."

“We are immensely grateful to Bill Humphries and the Trustees of the Radlett Foundation for playing a leading role in funding the new OR,” shares Rhonda Cunningham, NHH Foundation CEO. “This is a full circle moment when the Hospital’s vision, powered by the generosity of our community, makes an extraordinary difference in the level of care provided to west Northumberland patients.”

“The future of our surgical program is an exciting one,” said Dr. Paul Ketov, Chief of Staff, NHH. “The successful addition of this operating room outfitted with new and advanced technology, is a major step forward for NHH. This expansion will help the hospital attract and retain talented medical professionals who are looking to work with the latest and best technology, increase our local and regional surgical capacity, and create an opportunity for us to explore bringing new surgical services to this area.”

Benefits of NHH’s new operating room include, but are not limited to:

- An increase in local and regional surgical capacity and, by extension, a reduction in wait times for surgical procedures.
- New negative pressure space that provides an opportunity for the expansion of Respirology services, such as bronchoscopies and the ability to use negative pressure to treat infectious disease patients during outbreaks.
- Introduction of lithotripsy procedures to break down stones in the kidney, or ureters.

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About Northumberland Hills Hospital – Located approximately 100 kilometres east of Toronto, NHH delivers a broad range of acute, post-acute, outpatient and diagnostic services. Acute services include emergency and intensive care, medical/surgical care, obstetrical care and palliative care. Post-acute specialty services (PASS) include restorative care and rehabilitation. Mental health care, cancer and supportive care, dialysis and other ambulatory care clinics are offered on an outpatient basis through partnerships with regional centres and nearby specialists. NHH offers a full range of diagnostic services, including magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT) and mammography. The hospital serves the catchment area of west Northumberland County. A mixed urban and rural population of approximately 67,000 residents, west Northumberland comprises the Town of Cobourg, the Municipality of Port Hope, Alderville First Nation and the townships of Hamilton, Cramahe and Alnwick/Haldimand. NHH employs more than 850 people and relies on the additional support provided by physicians, midwives and volunteers. NHH is an active member of Ontario Health (East)—formerly the Central East Local Health Integration Network—and the Ontario Health Team of

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About the Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation – The mission of the Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) Foundation is to inspire generous giving to support exceptional patient care at NHH. With a dedicated team of enthusiastic volunteers and staff, the NHH Foundation is passionately committed to improving health care and the quality of life for people living in west Northumberland. Since 2002, the NHH Foundation has raised over $88.5 million to build and equip NHH. This support comes from generous community support through a variety of programs including major gifts, planned giving, signature and third-party events, direct mail and commemorative giving. For more information, visit: www.nhhfoundation.ca or follow us on Facebook @NHHFoundation or Instagram @NHHFoundation