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Hospital Board CEO Selection Committee
announces successful candidate for leadership of NHH

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Friday, August 16th, 2013 — The name of the incoming President and CEO of Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) was shared with hospital staff, physicians and volunteers earlier today by John Hudson, NHH Board Director and Co-Chair of the nine-member CEO Selection Committee.

"I am very pleased to announce the Board's unanimous approval of Linda Davis to the position of President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NHH, effective November 18th," said Mr. Hudson. "Ms. Davis is currently President and CEO of the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital (CGMH), a role she's held since 2005."

Ms. Davis is a senior executive with over 30 years of experience in the Canadian health-care sector, many of which were served within a hospital setting.

Raised in Alberta, she trained as a Registered Nurse at the University of Alberta Hospital in Edmonton. Ms. Davis nursed in Vancouver, British Columbia, in the intensive care areas of St. Paul's Hospital, before moving to Montreal where she obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and a Master's of Science, both from McGill University.

Ms. Davis focused her work and studies in geriatrics for several years before moving on to hold progressively more senior positions in hospital administration in Quebec and Ontario. She has completed the Canadian Health Services Executive Program and holds the Canadian Health Executive (CHE) designation.

While her focus remained on the health-care sector, Ms. Davis gained valuable experience outside hospitals in the late 1990s when she launched her own consulting firm. Independent and collaborative projects with larger firms such as Deloitte Consulting were her focus during that time.

Missing the teamwork that hospitals offer, Ms. Davis returned to hospital administration in the North Simcoe/Muskoka region of Ontario. She was Vice President of Patient Services at Orillia Soldier's Memorial before moving into the position of Interim CEO at the same hospital for one year prior to accepting the position of CEO at CGMH.

Ms. Davis and her husband are looking forward to making a new home in west Northumberland.

"I'm drawn to working in smaller communities and enjoy getting to know the people the hospital provides services to. I was able to experience this in Collingwood and look forward to the same community atmosphere that west Northumberland offers," said Ms. Davis.

Speaking to the recruitment process, John Hudson said: "We were very impressed with the caliber of candidates who stepped forward for this role. Many applications were received and this is a tribute to the draw of this innovative hospital and community and the skills of Promeus, the executive search firm that supported us. Linda seemed to have the exact mix of qualifications, experience and values we set out to find. Our Board was unanimous in its agreement that she was the right person for this very important job."

The position of President and CEO at NHH has been filled on an interim basis by NHH's Vice President, Patient Services and Chief Nursing Executive Helen Brenner. Recognizing Ms. Brenner for her hard work and support, NHH Board Chair Doug Mann said: "We are in debt to Helen Brenner for so capably assuming the leadership role over the past four months. Helen works tirelessly for NHH and this community and on behalf of the Board I want to publicly acknowledge her leadership skills and dedication. She will continue as Interim President and CEO until Linda's arrival."

"Please join our Board, staff, physician community and volunteers in welcoming Linda and her husband Lloyd to west Northumberland," said Doug Mann.

In addition to Co-Chairs Bob Carman and John Hudson, the Board's President and CEO Selection Committee included Jack Russell, First Vice Chair, Beth Brook, Second Vice Chair, Christine Stewart, Dean Pepper, John Farrell, Dr. David Broderick, Chief of Staff, and Dr. Haig Basmajian, General Surgeon.

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About Northumberland Hills Hospital – Located approximately 100 kilometres east of Toronto, Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) delivers a broad range of acute, post-acute, outpatient and diagnostic services. Acute services include emergency and intensive care, medical/surgical care, and obstetrical care. Post-acute specialty services (PASS) include restorative care, rehabilitation and palliative care. Mental health care, chemotherapy, dialysis and 16 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 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 approximately 600 people and relies on the additional support provided by physicians and volunteers. NHH is an active member of the Central East Local Health Integration Network. For more information, please visit www.nhh.ca.