NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL

NEWS RELEASE/PUBLIC NOTICE

Main front entrance reopens after incident this morning (August 15)

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Tuesday, August 15, 2023—Further to a news release issued this morning, the hospital's main entrance has now reopened to the public. While hospital services were unaffected by the entrance's temporary closure, patients and visitors were redirected to alternate entries while the investigation and temporary repairs could be complete.

At approximately 8:48 AM this morning, a vehicle lost control at the main front entrance to the hospital. The vehicle mounted the curb, hit the building, and proceeded through the glass enclosure immediately outside the main entrance before coming to rest against the stone wall beneath the wooden overhang. The occupants of the vehicle (two) were taken into the Emergency Department for care and no injuries were sustained by individuals inside the hospital.

"The area in and around the main entrance is now open again to the public," said Susan Walsh, President and CEO. "The main entrance is a busy place at any time of the day – it is particularly busy first thing in the morning, when this occurred, and we are very fortunate that there were no serious injuries. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as teams worked diligently to ensure that the main entrance could be secured and safely reopened. Thank you to all who supported the response."

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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 63,000 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 700 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 Northumberland. For more information, please visit nhh.ca or follow us on Facebook @northumberlandhillshosp or Twitter @NorHillsHosp.