



NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL

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Northumberland Hills Hospital Board of Directors announces appointment of new President and CEO

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Friday, June 25, 2021—Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) is pleased to announce the appointment of **Susan Walsh** as the Hospital's next President and CEO, effective August 3rd, 2021.

"Following a thorough recruitment process supported by an external search firm, the Board's CEO Recruitment Committee—and entire Board of Directors—unanimously endorsed Susan as our successful candidate," said Pam Went, Chair, Northumberland Hills Hospital Board of Directors, in an internal announcement to staff and key partners earlier today.

"An integral member of NHH's Senior Management Team since November, 2017, Susan Walsh has proven herself to be a skilled senior healthcare leader committed to quality patient- and family-centred care, collaborative multi-disciplinary teams and organizational excellence grounded in evidence."

A resident of Port Hope since 2017, Susan Walsh's work at NHH as Vice President, Patient Services, Chief Nursing Executive and Chief Clinical Information Officer has built on her previous expertise which spans an acute academic hospital, a national community care organization and a leading social sector agency.

A former Chief Operations Officer with the Geneva Centre for Autism in Toronto and Vice President, Operations Innovation for the head office of Saint Elizabeth, Susan Walsh began her career as a Registered Nurse. She holds a Master of Science degree from the University of Toronto's Faculty of Nursing and a Master of Business Administration from the Rotman School of Management. A surveyor with Accreditation Canada since 2008, she is well versed in the principles and practices of continuous quality improvement and brings a passion for and knowledge in digital clinical information transformation.

"Passionate about Northumberland Hills Hospital, Susan will build on the legacy of our outgoing CEO, Linda Davis," said Went. "I am confident she will continue to lead Northumberland Hills Hospital toward the vision of *exceptional patient care, every time* for every patient and family we serve. When she moves into the President and CEO position on August 3rd, Susan will bring with her not only a strong knowledge of the organization but also a unique combination of community and hospital expertise. Please join me in congratulating Susan Walsh on her appointment and, again, thanking Linda Davis for her exceptional service to NHH and the community we exist to serve."

“NHH has a rich history, built by strong leaders and a generous, engaged community, and it is an honour to be entrusted by the Board with this new opportunity to carry that work forward at such an exciting time in NHH history, with a truly wonderful team, and a trusted network of partners,” said Susan Walsh.

“I feel a strong personal alignment with the NHH values (integrity, quality, respect, compassion and teamwork) and I look forward, humbly, to becoming NHH’s next President and CEO in August,” she added. “Linda Davis has left a strong and lasting legacy at NHH and I want to take this opportunity to personally recognize and say thank you for all she has done for this hospital, this community and for me, as a member of her senior management team.”

Susan Walsh will begin her new role at NHH on August 3rd, 2021.

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, 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 more than 700 people and relies on the additional support provided by physicians and volunteers. NHH is an active member of Ontario Health (East) – formerly the Central East Local Health Integration Network. For more information, please visit www.nhh.ca or follow us on Twitter [@NorHillsHosp](https://twitter.com/NorHillsHosp) or Facebook [@northumberlandhillshosp](https://facebook.com/northumberlandhillshosp)

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