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Interested in serving your local hospital? Consider joining the NHH Board as a Community Member!

Meet current volunteers and learn more at the Virtual Board Volunteer Open House on Wednesday, March 20 at 7PM

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Wednesday, February 21, 2024 – The Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) Board of Directors is inviting expressions of interest from local individuals interested in volunteering with the Board as Community Members.

If you're interested in local health care delivery, and you have experience as a patient, caregiver, or both, this unique and rewarding volunteer opportunity may be something to consider.

There will be an opportunity to meet current volunteers and learn more next month, at the Board's third annual Virtual Board Volunteer Open House. Hosted on Zoom, the Virtual Open House will take place on Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 PM.

About the Northumberland Hills Hospital Board

The Board of Directors is composed of volunteers drawn from around west Northumberland County (the area served by NHH). Each volunteer brings a unique mix of skills and work/life experiences which, together, help enable the Board to meet the responsibilities expected of it in the Province of Ontario. These responsibilities include:

- providing strategic direction to the Hospital's management team;
- selecting the Chief Executive Officer and Chief of Staff and evaluating performance;
- providing oversight to the physician credentialing process; and
- monitoring the operational and financial performance of the hospital.

About the unique Community Member role

As a key part of its commitment to providing meaningful opportunities for public input into the NHH Board's decision-making processes, and as a method of succession planning for the Board, the NHH Board of Directors regularly recruits Community Members to serve on the following Board Committees—Quality and

Safety, Finance and Audit, Governance and Facilities and Campus Development—in addition to participation in full Board discussions.

Expected time commitment

Community Members serve up to five one-year terms. While the individual time commitment may vary from year to year and committee to committee, as a general practice the expectation for Community Members is participation in one Committee meeting and one full Board meeting (approximately two hours each, or four hours in total) every other month, from September through June. While participation throughout the pandemic was virtual, Board business is now being conducted with a mix of virtual and in-person meetings which generally fall in the early morning and early evening.

What comes after Community Member service?

Community Members may be appointed to the Board as a Director when a vacancy occurs. The skills, interests and lived experience of each Member will be matched with the Board needs at the time and—as documented in Board Bylaws—with an aim to ensure representation from across the west Northumberland region that NHH serves.

Wondering if a Community Member role is right for you?

The NHH Board is committed to the NHH core values of integrity, quality, respect, compassion, and teamwork. Diverse teams lead to better decision-making and the Board is looking forward to continuing to welcome new Community Members who share these values and who have a commitment to the hospital's shared purpose of: "People First."

"Volunteering with a hospital board is an opportunity to have a meaningful impact on the quality and service of health care in your community," said Beth Selby, NHH Board Chair, in extending the 2024 call for interest. "This is our third year hosting a Virtual Board Volunteer Open House and we are looking forward to once again talking with residents interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities with the NHH Board. In addition to learning about the Community Member role, there will be a chance to speak directly with current Board and Community Members and ask questions. Attendees are encouraged to review the **Expression of Interest** form and related **Frequently Asked Questions** document, both of which can be found [here](#) in the Board section of the hospital's website at nhh.ca. While we have planned to coordinate the next intake of new Community Members by mid-June 2024, in time for the introduction of new Members at the Board's Annual Meeting on June 26, the Board welcomes expressions of interest from Community Members at any time of the year."

Virtual Board Volunteer Open House login details – Wednesday, March 20, 7PM

The Zoom link and login details are provided below and at nhh.ca. All welcome!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83852894266?pwd=eHN3NDVOOWx4WHJJOekVsWi9XWkovUT09>

Meeting ID: 838 5289 4266

Passcode: 259761

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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](https://www.facebook.com/northumberlandhillshosp), X/Twitter [@NorHillsHosp](https://twitter.com/NorHillsHosp), and LinkedIn [Northumberland Hills Hospital](https://www.linkedin.com/company/northumberland-hills-hospital)

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