



NEWS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Interested in local health care? Consider joining the NHH Board as a Community Member
Learn more, ask questions, at Virtual Board Volunteer Open House Thursday, April 28

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Wednesday, April 20, 2022 – 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 or caregiver, please consider this unique and rewarding volunteer opportunity.

About the Northumberland Hills Hospital Board

The Board of Directors is composed of volunteers from around west Northumberland County (the area served by NHH). Each volunteer brings a unique mix of skills and work/life experiences which 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 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 key Board Committees. Six different working committees report to the Board and Community Members currently serve on four of these, in addition to participation in full Board discussions.

Time Commitment

The annual time commitment may vary from year to year. 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. Participation throughout the pandemic has been virtual but it is expected that Board business will in time return to in-person meetings—generally early morning and early evening. Community Members can serve a maximum of five one-year terms.

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 are matched with the Board needs at the time, as is the longstanding tradition at NHH – as documented in Board Bylaws – of ensuring representation from across the west Northumberland region that NHH serves.

Wondering if you would make a good Community Member?

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 with that in mind the Board is looking forward to welcoming new Community Members who share these values and who have a commitment to the shared purpose of the hospital: *“Exceptional patient care. Every time.”*

“We recognize that life is busy,” said Pam Went, NHH Board Chair, in extending the call for interest. “This work is rewarding and important. We sincerely hope that you or others you know may be encouraged to take the time this month to learn more about volunteer opportunities with the NHH Board. An **Expression of Interest** form and a related **Frequently Asked Questions** document is available now [in the Board section of the hospital’s website](#). Please consider completing an Expression of Interest, and join us for a short **Virtual Board Volunteer Open House on Thursday, April 28 at 7PM** to learn more, meet current Board and Community members and ask any questions you may have. While the latest intake of new Community Members is scheduled to be completed by mid-June, 2022, in time for the introduction of new Members at the Board’s Annual Meeting on June 28th, the Board welcomes interest from Community Members at any time of the year.”

Virtual Board Volunteer Open House login details – Thursday, April 28, 7PM

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81721349839?pwd=bUdoOFZFcGkySE43M25QcHIMU0ZmUT09>

Meeting ID: 817 2134 9839 and Passcode: 901657

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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, 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 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. For more information, please visit www.nhh.ca or follow us on Facebook [@northumberlandhillshosp](https://www.facebook.com/northumberlandhillshosp) or Twitter [@NorHillsHosp](https://twitter.com/NorHillsHosp).