

PUBLIC NOTICE

NHH hosting community information meetings June 9 and June 10 to provide update on Hospital Improvement Plan progress

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Friday, May 27, 2016 – Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) will host information meetings again next month to share updates on the team's progress on priorities identified in the multi-year Hospital Improvement Plan (HIP).

Meetings were hosted at area public libraries by the hospital in February shortly after the HIP was finalized, and a commitment was made at that time to return to the community with an update in the spring.

Approved by the Central East Local Health Integration Network (Central East LHIN) in January, the hospital's 53 HIP initiatives, when complete, are expected to realize \$5 million in annualized savings for the hospital which has been dealing with an operating shortfall for several years. <u>All local hospital services will continue. Changes with regard to how certain services are performed are necessary in order to achieve the efficiencies required.</u>

President and CEO **Linda Davis** will co-host the meetings in Cobourg and Port Hope, together with **Jack Russell**, Chair of the NHH Board of Directors. Included will be an update on all HIP initiatives, as well as feedback from staff involved in the implementation of the initiatives accountable for the bulk of the 2016/17 savings. A Q&A period will also be provided.

The first meeting will take place Thursday, June 9th, at 7:00 PM, at the **Port Hope Public Library**. The second meeting will be held the following afternoon at the **Cobourg Public Library**. Full details, including addresses for both locations, are shown below. For background, please <u>click here</u> to view the original January 18, 2016 news release summarizing highlights of the NHH Hospital Improvement Plan. To see the full HIP report on the hospital's website, <u>click here</u>.

Port Hope Public Library 31 Queen Street, Port Hope, L1A 2Y8 Thursday, June 9 7 PM

Cobourg Public Library 200 Ontario Street, Cobourg, K9A 5P4 Friday, June 10 2 PM Questions? Contact Jennifer Gillard, Director, Communications and Community Engagement, at 905-377-7757 or <u>jgillard@nhh.ca</u>.

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 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 <u>www.nhh.ca</u> or follow us on Twitter <u>@NorHillsHosp</u>.

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