

HOSPITAL

PUBLIC NOTICE

NHH hosting community information meetings on Hospital Improvement Plan

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Wednesday, February 3, 2016 – Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) will host information meetings this month to discuss the multi-year Hospital Improvement Plan (HIP) approved by the Central East Local Health Integration Network (Central East LHIN) in January.

President and CEO Linda Davis will host the first two meetings in Cobourg and Port Hope, together with representatives from the NHH Board of Directors. Included will be a presentation detailing the specific HIP initiatives as well as an opportunity for attendees to ask questions. 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. All local hospital services will continue, however, changes with regard to how certain services are performed are necessary in order to achieve the efficiencies required.

The first meeting will take place the evening of Wednesday, February 17 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. Please <u>click here</u> to download and view a news release summarizing highlights of the Hospital Improvement Plan and the full report on the hospital's website, <u>www.nhh.ca</u>.

Port Hope Public Library 31 Queen Street, Port Hope, L1A 2Y8 Wednesday, February 17 7 PM

Cobourg Public Library 200 Ontario Street, Cobourg, K9A 5P4 Thursday, February 18 2 PM

Questions? Contact Jennifer Gillard, Director, Communications and Community Engagement, at 905-377-7757 or joillard@nhh.ca.

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 www.nhh.ca or follow us on Twitter @NorHillsHosp.