

## **NEWS RELEASE/FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Are you interested in supporting local hospital service? Consider volunteering with the NHH Board as a Community Member!**

***Meet current volunteers and learn more at the Virtual Board Volunteer Open House on Tuesday, March 18 at 7PM***

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Thursday, January 23, 2025** – The Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) Board of Directors is inviting expressions of interest from local individuals who have an interest in volunteering with the Board as Community Members.

If you're interested in local health care delivery, this rewarding volunteer opportunity may be right for you.

Meet current volunteers and learn more at the Board's next Virtual Board Volunteer Open House on **Tuesday, March 18 at 7:00 PM** via Zoom.

### **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, Governance, and;
- Facilities and Campus Development

In addition, Community Members attend and participate 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. Board business is 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."

"We are pleased to once again host our annual Virtual Board Volunteer Open House and highlight the many rewarding volunteer opportunities available with NHH's hospital board," said Cyndi Gilmer, NHH Board Chair, in extending the 2025 call for interest. "Over the past three years, we have been able to connect with and recruit many talented and dedicated residents through these virtual open house opportunities. Our aim is to raise awareness and interest. If you or someone you may know is passionate about making a meaningful difference in the quality and service of health care in west Northumberland County, we'd love to hear from you. Prior to the open house, we encourage attendees 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](http://nhh.ca). While we intend to coordinate the next intake of new Community Members by mid-June 2025, in time for the introduction of new Members at the Board's Annual Meeting on June 25, expressions of interest from Community Members are always welcomed at any time of the year."

## **Virtual Board Volunteer Open House login details – Tuesday, March 18, 7PM**

The Zoom link and login details are provided below and at [nhh.ca](http://nhh.ca). All welcome!

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87939072585?pwd=vawJgFqtQW0XVuRaQHBC3nLPDChrxw.1>

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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 67,000 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 850 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](http://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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