

**Quinte Health Care Board of Directors**  
June 27, 2017- Wellington Community Centre  
Board Meeting & Annual General Meeting Summary

**PECMH Redevelopment project:**

The QHC Board of Directors unanimously approved the existing hospital site as the recommended location of a future new Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital. The existing hospital site scored highest in the site options evaluation and is also the clear preference of the vast majority of community members, the PECMH staff and the physicians represented by the Prince Edward Family Health Team. The Board will recommend the existing site to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care as part of the 'stage 1b' submission—the next step of the capital planning approval process, expected to be submitted to the MOHTLC by the fall.

**Advisory Council restructure:**

The Board voted in favour of reducing the size of QHC's Advisory Council from 52 to 32 members – including a minimum of six Patient Experience Advisors, a new role on the council. Patient Experience Advisors are people who have recently been a patient, or the loved one of a patient, at one of our four hospitals. Their perspective can assist patient care areas improve the patient experience. The proposed Advisory Council composition supports a balance between increased patient perspective and continued community involvement in decision-making and priority-setting.

**Bed capacity:**

While bed capacity pressure has somewhat decreased when compared to the winter season, the demand has not returned to 'baseline' levels. Over the past few months, our hospitals have been operating at about 10 to 12% above the funded volumes. Unfortunately, these capacity challenges can impact the length of time that people wait in the emergency department. We are implementing strategies such as a 4-bed rapid admission unit for October to March, plus staffing to open four additional beds during the peak flu months.

**Improvement efforts:**

Grassroots improvement efforts continue. From June 19 to 22, over 40 staff and physicians from the Emergency Department (ED) and other supporting areas committed 4 full days to examine the work flow of the Emergency Physicians. Several process improvements were identified and are being implemented to save time and be more efficient to better serve our patients and improve the work life for our staff and physicians.

***Annual General Meeting:***

**Delegation:**

OurTMH Chair Mike Cowan addressed the QHC Board of Directors, thanking the board for a year of collaboration.

**Year at a glance:**

Annual reports were presented by Board Chair Doug McGregor, President and CEO Mary Clare Egberts, and Chief of Staff Dr. Dick Zoutman. The video section of the President and CEO's annual report can be [viewed online](#) as well as her introductory message is included in the "Year at a glance" tent cards. The Board Chair's address is included in this package. Representatives from the foundations supporting QHC provided verbal reports.

**Financials:**

Treasurer David MacKinnon presented an overview of the audit report conducted by KPMG. QHC completed the year-ended March 31, 2017 with a topline surplus of just over \$1-million dollars.

**New Board Members:**

The nominating committee will recommend the following new nominees be elected to the QHC Board of Directors: Peggy Payne, Kimberley Woodhouse, Peter Dudding and Jessica Anderson. The bios of all Board of Directors, including the new members are [available by clicking here](#).