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Subcommittee Named to Recommend Location for New Hospital Site Selection Process is Now Underway

The Steering Committee overseeing plans for a new acute care hospital received an overwhelming response to a request for help with site selection. Seventy-five individuals with a variety of backgrounds submitted applications for the Site Selection Subcommittee. Members of the Programs and Services Steering Committee individually reviewed each of the applications and together selected the volunteer community members to sit on the Subcommittee. The Steering Committee was originally looking for four individuals, but due to the quality of applicants agreed to select five.

Together with six past and present volunteer hospital board members, the 11-member Site Selection Subcommittee from Windsor-Essex will review proposals and recommend a location for a new regional acute care facility.

Co-Chair of the Program and Services Steering Committee, Windsor Regional Hospital President and CEO David Musyj, says these individuals have a very important decision to make.

"I am confident this group is up to the task and will represent the interests of all residents in Windsor and Essex County," Musyj says. "Because we had such a qualified group of applicants, we were able to put together a subcommittee with strong and diverse backgrounds and experiences that will add value to the process."

Site Selection Subcommittee members:

Robert Renaud, Chair of Site Selection Committee, is Vice Chair and incoming Chair of Windsor Regional Hospital's Board of Directors. He retired as a Vice President and a member of the Board of Directors of Chrysler Canada. Following his retirement, Robert served as Executive in Residence at the University of Windsor's Odette School of Business as well as a director on many prominent and respected not-for-profit Boards and Committees within Ontario.

Brian Bildfell is a retired management professional with 25 years experience in various roles with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. Before retiring in 2011, Brian held the very first position of Chief of EMS for Windsor and Essex County. For 11 years, following the downloading of ambulance services to municipalities, he oversaw EMS operations for the City of Windsor and Essex County, serving a population of close to 400,000. Brian has extensive experience working with land ambulance operations in both the city and the county.

Mike Ray is a retired lawyer, educator and former Chair of the Windsor Regional Hospital Board of Directors. Mike served as member of Windsor City Council and as a Member of Provincial Parliament. He currently serves as a member of the Windsor Police Services Board and the Windsor Port Authority Board of Directors.

Dr. Wilf Innerd is the former Dean of the Faculty of Education at the University of Windsor. He is the Past Chair of the Windsor Regional Hospital Board of Directors and a retired university professor with a distinguished career in education.

Victoria LaLonde used her background in architecture to launch a successful career in the field of healthcare. Right now, she is a Project Designer for the Henry Ford Health System, where she works on a variety of renovation projects. Victoria's career path, and interest in the future of regional healthcare, stem from personal experience. She spent a great deal of her childhood in all 3 Windsor hospitals visiting her father, who is a diabetic and double amputee.

Mason Leschyna feels that since the new hospital site is intended to serve the community for decades to come, it is important that youth – who will be using the facility the longest - be included in this discussion. Mason has a degree in Engineering Science and will begin his studies in the Doctor of Medicine program at the Western University's Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry, in Windsor, this fall. His volunteer experience includes work as the chair of the Town of Lakeshore's Youth Council, and board chair of the Association of Campus Emergency Response Teams of Canada.

Yvan Poulin is a member of the Windsor Regional Hospital Board of Directors and a Planner with Erie St.Clair/South West French language health planning entity. He wants to ensure the voice of the Francophone community is heard during the site-selection discussion. Yvan also worked in the banking industry where he was involved in personal relocations and branches relocation. He is looking forward to adding his past experiences to this very important decision making process.

Suzanne Semeniuk spent her career working as a teacher and social worker, and continues to serve the region as an active and dedicated volunteer. Suzanne has been a member of the Board of Directors at the local chapters of the United Way, Big Sisters and is currently the family representative on the Board of Directors of the CMHA. She says she has had many positive experiences at Windsor Regional Hospital and is looking forward to helping the new hospital "find its place in our community."

Bert Serre is no stranger to the process of site selection. He participated in several site selection committees during his decades of work in the automotive industry. Bert held many high profile positions with Ford Motor Company in Canada, the United States and Australia. He also served as VP of Corporate Relations for the Lear Corporation. Having spent time in all three of the city's hospitals this part year, Bert is also very familiar with the city's medical system.

Pam Skillings retired as the Principal of the John McGivney Children's Centre School Authority 7 years ago. Now she teaches part time at St. Clair College in the Educational Assistant Program. In addition, she sits on several not-for-profit boards of directors including Windsor Regional Hospital, where she has served since 2012, the House of Sophrosyne and Family Respite. Pam feels this is a "big deal" for our community and wants to bring a community consumer point of view to the process.

Lynne Watts is a retired community college administrator who worked for many years at St. Clair College. As Vice President, Administration, at Centennial College in Toronto, she played a key role in the building of a new campus. Lynn has been on the Windsor Regional Hospital Board of Directors for 7 years and is the incoming Vice Chair. She

feels Windsor “needs and deserves” this new facility and is looking forward to contributing to the project in any way possible.

Each of the above members has signed an agreement indicating they do not have a conflict of interest and if one develops they will disclose it when and if it arises.

The Site Selection Subcommittee is now awaiting the finalized criteria and weighting from the Capital Planning Steering Committee. That will be available after the community has had a chance to provide feedback. Remember to visit www.windsorhospitals.ca to provide your feedback on the draft criteria. Comments and feedback will be accepted on the criteria until Sunday June 8, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Once the criteria has been finalized the next step will be for the Site Selection Committee to prepare a “Request of Interest” to the community for landowners or representatives of landowners wanting to offer property they feel meets all or some of the criteria that will be used for site selection. That RFI will be advertised and posted on the www.windsorhospitals.ca website when it is issued early this summer.

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