



## Report of the President & CEO to the Board of Directors

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**A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken. James Dent**

I am confident a lot of you had the opportunity to take a couple of weeks of vacation over the summer to enjoy time with your families and loved ones.

The 2011-2012 Board of Director's official term starts back up in September after officially not meeting as a full Board for the months of July and August. However, as we all know, healthcare does not take a summer vacation.

The next few months for Windsor Regional Hospital will be exciting.

Next week – September 13-15, 2011, a Work Well Audit will be conducted by WSIB at Windsor Regional Hospital. This audit is meant to help us identify weaknesses in workplace health and safety programs and practices, to strengthen them and improve the safety of our largest asset – our staff.

In November we are planning on accepting our first patient into the new Specialized Mental Health Hospital at the Western Campus. If you have not had an opportunity to visit the campus, I ask that you do. It is truly an amazing transformation. With the expected completion of the Western Redevelopment in June 2012, we are nearing the end stages to a dramatic physical transformation of that campus. Finally the physical structures will match the amazing care and compassion that we provide to our patients on a daily basis at that campus. Expect to hear about some grand openings over the next few months and into 2012.

In December, Accreditation Canada will be on-site at Windsor Regional Hospital to conduct their week long peer review process of the operations of our organization. As always, we look forward to having a “set of external eyes” look at the strides we have made with respect to patient safety and quality.

In January 2012, we will be re-examining our Strategic Plan and developing a New Strategic Plan for the 2012-2015 periods. Similar to the last Plan we will be calling on hundreds of staff to participate in developing the Plan that will guide our operations for the next three years and beyond.

In the midst of all of this is a Provincial election in October 2011. Needless to say, whatever happens in that election, it will greatly impact healthcare in Ontario. Since healthcare makes up close to 50% of the Provincial budget – and growing- the next government, whomever that might be, will have to specifically address healthcare issues over the next four (4) years. No matter what your political beliefs are, I ask that you pay close attention to this election. I also ask that you continually ask the following question: “If you are recommending a change because you claim something is not working what is your solution? What are you changing it to?”. Get the politicians to clearly articulate their plan and just not stop at “we will be making changes”. Most importantly – then get out and vote.

On a side note, I have had enormous and positive response to *Undercover Boss*. I have thoroughly enjoyed my experiences to date and from the feedback it seems to be mutual. Again, if you want me to shadow you for a couple of hours and show me the outstanding care and compassion you provide to our patients and visitors, please email at [david\\_musyj@wrh.on.ca](mailto:david_musyj@wrh.on.ca), or call my cell 519-995-2966, my office extension 56018 or even my home 519-726-5617 to arrange a mutually agreeable time and date.