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CPDMH BOARD VOTES TO ADVANCE BEST PRACTICE IN BOARD SIZE AND COMPOSITION

At its March 30th meeting, the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) Board voted to advance best practice in Board size and composition. The Board size will be reduced from 22 to 17 members. The decision will now go to a CPDMH members' meeting in late April.

“Our goal is to create a board with diverse and complementary skills. It needs to be large enough to manage the Board’s workload, but not so large as to impede effective discussion,” explains Marcel Pinon, Board Chair. “The Board is moving away from ‘representational’ membership, and instead, will elect 12 members based on skills required. We appreciate the role that the ex-officio members have played on the Board and we will continue to engage them.”

There are many opportunities for community members to have a voice in local health care. For example, local councillors remain on the Redevelopment Advisory Committee. The Auxiliary will remain at the Board table to provide feedback to the Board and share their report. CPDMH has also created a new Patient and Family Advisory Committee.

As well, anyone wishing to serve on the CPDMH can do so by applying during the annual application process. A nominating committee, comprised of a cross-section of current Board members, reviews each application using a skills matrix. The full Board then votes on the selected candidates.

These changes reflect Accreditation Canada and the Ontario Hospital Association’s recommendations for optimal Board function and structure. In fact, 14 of the 16 acute care hospitals in the region have already made this change.

“We are committed to meaningful dialogue and connectivity with all of our valued stakeholders, including our local Councils,” sums up Pinon. “We want the entire community to be involved in helping to shape local health care close to home.”

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