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HONOURING A TRUE LEADER

It was a fitting honour for a special gentleman. On November 25th, Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) unveiled a plaque to recognize Gordon MacNabb and his tireless efforts on behalf of the Hospital. Gordon's wife Lorna, as well as their six children and several grandchildren, were on hand for the celebration.

Gordon has made numerous contributions to CPDMH, including his 15 years on the Board of Directors and his significant role on the Capital Projects Committee. He worked tirelessly over many years to help design, craft and deliver CPDMH's proposals to the government for the new Emergency Department - and was instrumental in getting the final approval to build.

"I certainly can't do Gordon's contributions justice in just a few minutes," noted Board Chair Rob Clayton. "His commitment and dedication to this hospital comes from a family legacy dating back to when our hospital was opened. A love for the community and this hospital was certainly passed down to him and still continues today."

"Gordon has served the Board in so many ways, always providing thoughtful ideas and solutions," added Rob. "In his role as Chair of the Redevelopment Committee, I don't think any of us can comprehend the amount of effort he put into this role from the very beginning, writing and reviewing documents, working with the architects and engineers on plans and drawings, making presentations locally and frequent trips to Toronto to meet with government officials. It is thanks to Gordon's spearheading of this work that we can say that we will have a new Emergency Department built here in Carleton Place. It will provide exceptional care to the patients that walk through the doors!"

Nurse Manager Jennifer Lindsay also spoke about the impact that the new Emergency Department will have for patients, staff, and physicians. "Our current space is very crowded, especially as the number of patients coming to Emergency keeps growing. It will be exciting to have a bigger space that has been carefully designed so that we can provide the very best care for our patients."

Throughout his career which began in 1954, Gordon has been committed to his volunteer and community work. His list of accomplishments is impressive. He has been awarded all three Queen Elizabeth Jubilee medals - silver, gold and diamond - and has received 11 honorary degrees from various post-secondary institutions in Canada, as well as countless other awards and recognitions.

Board Chair Rob Clayton summed it up on behalf of the entire hospital community: "Thank you, Gordon. We are, and will be forever, grateful for your dedication to our hospital and the patients we serve!"

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Cutline: Gordon MacNabb (left of the plaque), his wife Lorna and their six children.