

A Fond Farewell!

After more than decade at Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital, CEO Toni Surko is retiring - and staff, physicians, volunteers and the community are taking the time to wish her well and say thank you for her leadership of our local hospital. Several events have been held, including a retirement celebration on August 25th. At the event, several well-wishers paid tribute to Toni. Here are some excerpts:

Toni is a skilled leader, balancing the competing demands in managing a hospital in a small close-knit community with aplomb.

She always takes the “high road” and has been a credit to our organization.

Needless to say I am somewhat in awe of the dedication, work ethic, and her adept ability to perform her duties.

I have been Chief of Staff or Medical President for almost a third of my time at CPDMH. So I have gone through a number of CEOs. Toni was by far our brightest light and the easiest to work with. She changed my job from a chore to something pleasant. I thank her.

Her personal touch was a glue that kept the hospital “machinery” together and working in rhythm.

On behalf of the Foundation, both staff and volunteers, present and past, it has been an absolute pleasure to work with you Toni. You helped to develop and foster a positive, honest and productive relationship between the hospital and the Foundation

Toni should feel very proud that she is retiring on several high notes - wonderful standing for the hospital from Accreditation Canada, the newly created Mississippi River Health Alliance, and the heartfelt thanks from all of her hospital team for creating a wonderful working environment in trying budgetary times.

Thank you Toni for your time, your effort and above all your smile and amazing positive manner. We all wish you nothing but clear seas ahead.

