

**Board Meeting
Highlights
March 2021**

Deep River and District Hospital
Four Seasons Lodge
North Renfrew Family Health Team

Education Sessions

- Shafique Shamji, Executive Vice-President & Chief Information Officer from The Ottawa Hospital provided an education session regarding the “Atlas Alliance and the EPIC Journey”
- William Willard, Vice President of Operations & Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation highlighting the “2021/22 Budget Development”.

COVID-19

- COVID Clinical Environment and Supports
 - Set up of the enhanced trailer from CNL continues, with electrical work underway and an accessible ramp being set up shortly.
 - This enhanced trailer will eventually replace the current construction trailer used for VTAC swabbing clinic, and will support additional capacity for clinical care, assessment, and swabbing.
- COVID-19 Vaccination Distribution
 - Regional distribution of COVID-19 vaccine is well underway with clinics for Phase 1 priority groups occurring across the County and clinics now moving into Phase 2 of community vaccinations.
 - Working with multiple partners, including Canadian Nuclear Laboratories, Algonquin College, North Renfrew Long Term Care Center and local pharmacies, two off site clinics were completed as part of Phase 1 targeting healthcare workers, LTC staff and essential caregivers. A total of 330 vaccinations were administered at the first two clinics, resulting in the majority of high and very high healthcare workers, physicians, LTC essential caregivers, and medical responders in North Renfrew receiving a vaccine.
- Community COVID-19 Vaccinations
 - Renfrew County continues to move through priority groups in the provincial framework. At the time of the Board Meeting, those eligible to receive a vaccine thus far have included:
 - Retirement Home residents
 - Retirement Home essential caregivers.
 - Residents in the general population who are 80 years of age and older.
 - Indigenous residents (on or off reserve) who are 55 years of age and older.
 - Clinics are being held to provide vaccines for eligible groups. Planning for increasing vaccine numbers in the coming weeks, as additional vaccine becomes available, is underway in alignment with the regional planning table.
- Health System Surge & Capacity Planning
 - Provincial direction was provided for hospitals to review and increase capacity ahead of a potential surge in need for hospital beds and care. Additional equipment has arrived at the organization, and Clinical Care Assistant positions are now posted. Added equipment to be used in case of health system need include:
 - CADD pumps (Computerized Ambulatory Delivery Devices that are used to deliver medication)
 - Vital signs monitoring equipment
 - Commodes
 - Beds and mattresses
 - Stethoscopes
 - The need for regional hospital bed capacity continues to remain high across the region, with daily reporting and monitoring occurring. Over the past weeks, the inpatient unit has experienced a surge up to 142% influenced by regional bed pressures across the

region. Ongoing participation in regional and local patient flow calls will occur to manage local and regional capacity issues.

- Rapid Antigen Testing
 - The Four Season's Lodge continues to use a combination of PCR (lab based) and rapid antigen testing, with regular staff being tested twice weekly using a combination of both methods.
 - Essential Caregivers of Four Seasons Lodge residents are now participating in the rapid antigen testing onsite, with Essential Caregivers being tested every other day when visiting at the home.
- Variants of Concern (VOC) and Enhanced Patient Safety measures
 - In alignment with recent recommendations regarding the COVID-19 variants, patients are now required to mask whenever they will come within 6 feet of another person (when medically able to do so).

Auxiliary

- 12 Auxiliary Members are receiving Ontario Volunteer Service awards for their long-standing service.

Foundation

- The Foundation continues to move towards the completion of the "Focused on You" major campaign. The Foundation stands at 98.4% completion of the campaign, which includes a number of outstanding pledges.
- The online Catch the Ace raffle lottery, now in its twentieth-eighth week provides the most tangible revenues to the Major Campaign with weekly revenues now topping \$1,200 each week the lottery continues. The progressive jackpot stands at \$16,575.

Health Campus Updates

Accountability Agreements

- HSAA and LSAA agreements have been signed and are extended to March 31, 2022.
- All other terms and conditions remain in full force and effect.

Budget 2021/22

- Reviewed at Special Resource and Audit Committee meeting on March 11, 2021.
- Board approved tentative budget for 2021/22 with a small deficit.

Building Services

- Reception in Emergency
 - Renovations completed to address issues with desk identified through Joint Health and Safety inspection.
- Annual fire system testing
 - Completed in March 2021.

Capital Updates

- Surge Planning
 - 10 beds have been successfully delivered and moved to the Physio room (part of surge preparedness plan).
 - Medical equipment (CADD pumps, vitals machines) purchased to stand up surge capacity has arrived at the organization.
- Electrical Service Upgrades
 - Tender has closed with successful bidder notified.
 - Kick-off meeting with contractor and engineer has occurred and work started March 8, 2021.
- ER Department Negative Pressure/Redesign (CMA Foundation Community Hospital Fund)
 - Tender package has been sent to shortlisted vendors. On-site visit from bidding contractors (staggered times to comply with COVID-19 restrictions) scheduled for the week of March 15. Tender closing date is March 26, 2021.

IT Services and Systems

- Maintenance and upgrades

- Monthly maintenance and upgrade schedule has been established.
- Maintenance days have occurred (last Saturday of the month) updating security, patching and installing updates as required.
- All Board member laptops have been reviewed and updated.
- Upgraded backup system purchased and installation underway. This system takes a full system backup and stores 'offline.'

Regional Updates

LTC Bed Announcements

- As part of a provincial announcement, the Ministry of Long-Term Care announced approval of Deep River and District Hospital's plan to build a new 96-bed Long-Term Care Home in Deep River.
- MPP John Yakabuski was on-site at the Deep River and District Hospital (DRDH) on March 19 to make the announcement locally. Mayor D'Eon of Deep River, Mayor Reinwald of Laurentian Hills, Mayor Sweet of Petawawa, and Mayor Grills of Head, Clara, and Maria also spoke at the event to express their enthusiasm for these much-needed Long-Term Care beds for the North Renfrew community.
- Expanding on our campus of care, this 96-bed Long-Term Care Home will consist of 86 new beds, as well as the redevelopment of the existing 10 beds within the Four Seasons Lodge. The new development is planned to be located at the Deep River and District Hospital health campus at 117 Banting Drive.

Ontario Health Teams

- The planning table of the temporarily named "Network 24" OHT group continues to work towards submission of a full application with the aid of a facilitator. A letter of engagement outlining the intention to submit a joint full application between the three teams (Upper Ottawa Valley (Pembroke), North Renfrew (Deep River and Area) and Highway 60 (Renfrew & Barry's Bay) has been submitted to the provincial program.
- Sector specific focus group sessions have been held, and working groups are forming to develop the joint full application submission, with next steps to complete a draft submission by March 31, review with all partners throughout April and achieve a completed submission with signatures from all partners by April 30.