

Hospital Board Back to Business in 2010

The Board of the Deep River and District Hospital sat down to its first meeting of 2010 this past week to review operations and ongoing business matters. During an overview of the Four Seasons Lodge long term care operation, Lianne Wheeler, Chief Nursing Officer highlighted the critical need that this facility fills in the community, the excessive wait times for new admissions, and the ongoing requirement for hospital financial contributions to its continued operation. Recent hires into the North Renfrew Family Health Team are putting this source of primary health care on firmer footing with the Ministry of Health. A summary of the initial 8 months of Hospital financial operations by CFO Stacey Mortson assured Board members that the organization would achieve all of its financial obligations and commitments within the targeted budgets set for 2009-10 fiscal year. Larry Schruder, CEO, briefed the Board on a Clinical Services Review process that is being initiated by the Champlain LHIN with all Hospitals in this Western Region, including Renfrew County. The Board also learned more about the concerns of local physicians struggling with the obligations to ensure 24 hour coverage seven days per week in the Emergency Department, and the efforts being made by Hospital Executives to address this staffing requirement.