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Hospital Board Approves New Capital Equipment Plan

Deep River, ON, May 21, 2010- The Board of Directors have approved the ongoing 5-year Capital Equipment Plan for the Hospital including approximately \$280,000 in expenditures for the current fiscal year to add or replace critical health care equipment in several Hospital departments. Slightly more than half of these funds are being invested in the emergency department, with other significant investments in the Lab, Medical Unit and Physiotherapy. It was noted that, although the Ministry of Health does not fund capital equipment acquisition or replacement, it was hoped that through ongoing community donations and renewed support for the planned fundraising efforts of the Hospital Foundation, sufficient community funds will be available to support these critical expenditure needs.

The Board approved the organization's highest priority goals for delivery this current fiscal year, consistent with the strategic directions in the Hospital's three-year Strategic Plan.

There was also extensive review and approval of a revised corporate section of the Corporation's Bylaws based on the most recent recommended best practice prototype bylaws from the Ontario Hospital Association. The bylaw changes will be presented for ratification at the Annual General Meeting scheduled for June 21 at the Deep River Library.

The Board also reviewed the progress on the renovations on the Lab department, waiting area and front entranceway to the Hospital to enhance service quality and patient safety. The funds for this work and for the recent paving upgrade to the parking lot area were made available through special infrastructure renewal funds (HIRF) from the Ministry of Health which is supplemental to the operating funds for the Hospital.