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## Municipal Forum replaces Municipal Representatives on Hospital Board

**CHANGE TO TOWN NAME, ON – March 12, 2018** – The five municipalities of Collingwood, Clearview Township, Grey Highlands, The Blue Mountains and Wasaga Beach, along with Grey County and Simcoe County, and the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital are currently in the process of transitioning its Mayors’ Forum to a Municipal Forum, as the hospital transitions municipal representatives from the Board of Trustees effective July 12, 2018.

Following a collaborative meeting on February 15, 2018, all agreed to build upon and strengthen the current Mayors’ Forum, which has been in place for almost three years.

Moving forward, the Municipal Forum will allow the five municipalities and the two counties to continue in an advisory capacity, with open and progressive two way conversation, and where appropriate, input into the hospital’s decision making process, on issues which could impact the communities at large.

Further details are currently being refined as to the frequency of meetings and the Terms of Reference, and should be in place over the next couple of months.

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“I think this is a wonderful opportunity and appreciate the collaboration of the municipalities and counties, as we transition to this new forum.” **Norah Holder, President and CEO, Collingwood General and Marine Hospital.**

Quote from each of the 5 municipalities and two counties