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November 28, 2013

Warden Duncan McKinlay
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Dear Warden McKinlay:

I am writing to ask for your support of our request to the North Simcoe Muskoka Local Health Integration Network for funding to complete the documentation needed to move our Hospital redevelopment project forward. At this time we are required to complete the documentation entitled a "Business Case" which will outline not only the need for redevelopment but also the types and extent of hospital services that will be needed to support the South Georgian Bay area in the next 15 to 20 years. The cost of this work is likely to be over one-half million dollars.

Through the support of the Hospital Foundation we have managed to secure some funding to support this work but do not have sufficient to proceed. We are asking the LHIN to also provide financial support so that we will be able to carry out this much needed work.

As you know, our community is growing and aging rapidly. As we age, we often require more support from our Hospital. Our Hospital is currently struggling to meet the needs of patients within our given space so we know that this is only going to become a greater challenge. We need to move the process forward now in order ensure that we will be able to meet the needs of the community.

I have provided a draft letter of support for your consideration and would ask that if you are comfortable providing this, please forward it to myself (in c/o Jennifer Stevens) at stevensj@cgmh.on.ca before December 13th, 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SE Metras'.

Ms. Shiela Metras, Chair
Board of Trustees

November ____, 2013

Mr. Bob Morton, Chair
North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN
210 Memorial Avenue, Suites #127-130
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Dear. Mr. Morton:

I am writing to you to request that you support the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital's request for funds to move forward with the planning that is required in the next phase of their redevelopment.

We depend upon the General and Marine to provide safe, high quality patient care to our community. Unfortunately the Hospital is already challenged to support the growing needs of our community within its existing space and this issue will likely escalate as our community continues to grow and age.

It is very important that the next phase of planning proceed as quickly as possible and we urge you to support the Board's request for additional funding to make this happen.

Sincerely,