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## County of Simcoe provides funding support to Collingwood General & Marine Hospital

**Midhurst/August 9, 2010** – On behalf of Simcoe County Council, Warden Cal Patterson presented a cheque for \$307,993 to Shelley Wells, Chair of the Board of Trustees for Collingwood General & Marine Hospital.

Funding from the County of Simcoe will cover almost half the cost of the renovation and expansion project now underway at the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital. The Phase 1 Clinical Redevelopment project is the first step in the Hospital's plan to address the severe space shortage in the existing facility.

"The County of Simcoe is continuing to honour our financial commitment to health care," said Warden Cal Patterson. "This is just one of many significant investments in regional hospitals through the Simcoe County Hospital Alliance that County Council will be making to ensure our residents have access to high quality health care here at home."

In 2007, County Council committed \$30 million in funding to the Simcoe County Hospital Alliance (SCHA) over a 10 year period to provide support for hospital capital projects. This SCHA is comprised of all the hospitals in the area which provide care for county residents.

"We are pleased to have our Phase 1 Clinical Redevelopment project underway that will see expansion to several clinical areas including the Emergency Room Triage and reception area, Dialysis, the Operating Room, Endoscopy suite, and the Sterile Processing Department. This expansion would not be possible without the partnership of the County of Simcoe and the Collingwood G&M Hospital Foundation," says Shelley Wells, Chair of the CGMH Board of Trustees.

Linda Davis, President & CEO of CGMH continues, "It is our hope that we will receive a planning grant from the Ministry of Health which will allow us to begin to plan for a major expansion to the G&M. This longer term project will be designed to meet the needs of our communities over the next 25 years."

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