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G&M Hospital Board of Trustees Welcomes New Chair

Collingwood, ON

Following last week's 122nd Annual General Meeting of the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital, Shelley Wells was elected Chair of the Hospital Board of Trustees. Wells, who is CEO of Plan Wells & Associates, a development consulting firm, has a solid background in planning and development. She has a Masters Degree in Environmental Planning and is known as an excellent communicator with well developed relationship management skills.

Wells has been a member of the G&M Board of Trustees since 2005, most recently serving as Chair of the Governance & Quality Committee of the Board. She is also actively involved in the community with organizations such as the Rotary Club of Collingwood.

"Shelley is very dedicated and has the skills and capability to lead the Board in these challenging times for health care. We are undertaking a review of our strategic plan and Shelley will play a pivotal role in moving us forward," says Don Smith, outgoing chair of the Board of Trustees.

In addition to Wells' new position, Shiela Metras has become the new Vice-Chair of the G&M's Board of Trustees after having served in many roles since joining G&M Board in 2006. Metras is currently Chair of the Community Engagement Committee for the Board. Mr. George Dickson will continue in the role of Treasurer and Chair of the Finance and Human Resources Committee of the Board

"Governing in today's changing health care environment requires a well-rounded and engaged Board. The skills set of our Board members are varied and each member brings to the table a unique strength as well as a wealth of experience in his/her field. We are fortunate to have this depth of knowledge to draw on as it provides for rich discussion and sound decision making," says G&M President and CEO Linda Davis.

Newly elected Board of Trustee members are Brian Hickey and Jeffrey Shearer. Mr. Hickey brings strong marketing and financial skills from his many years as CEO and later Chairman of Harlequin Enterprises Ltd. Mr. Shearer's background is in publishing with many years spent in senior management roles with a number of Canada's leading magazines. Shearer is currently the publisher and principal shareholder of On the Bay magazine.

As trustees of the Hospital, the volunteer-based Board of Trustees are responsible for monitoring the G&M's performance standards, financial accountability and developing and delivering the strategic plan as well as the mission, vision and values.

If you have any questions about this release please contact Linda Davis, President and CEO, Collingwood General and Marine Hospital at 444.8601, ext. 8200.

Collingwood G&M Hospital (G&M) is a 72-bed hospital located in Collingwood, Ontario (approximately 90 minutes north of Toronto) that serves more than 60,000 permanent residents and 2.5 Million annual visitors to the communities of Wasaga Beach, Collingwood, Stayner, Creemore and the Blue Mountains. The G&M is an acute care hospital providing emergency care, diagnostic services including lab, imaging and cardio respiratory therapy, as well as two inpatient units (medicine and surgery). In addition, the G&M also provides care in speciality areas including obstetrics, orthopaedics, intensive care and surgery. The Hospital also provides out patient care including dialysis and a wide range of clinics including mental health and rehabilitation services. The G&M continues to provide care close to home for our community and plays a key role as an integrated orthopaedic centre for our region. For more information please visit our website at www.cgmh.on.ca and our Foundation website at www.cgmhf.com

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