

# **Community Advisory Council**

*an independent community advisory group to the Supervisor of Quinte Health Care*

NEWS RELEASE

## **Public response to board recruitment shows confidence in QHC**

**BELLEVILLE, September 14, 2009** – More than 40 residents from throughout the region served by Quinte Health Care have applied for appointment to the hospital's new Board of Directors.

"Last week was the advertised deadline for applications and we are gratified by the response to our recruitment process and impressed with the qualifications among those wishing to serve on the new Board," said Lyle Vanclief, spokesperson for the six-member Community Advisory Council (CAC) that will recommend 12 directors, including a chair of the new board.

"We are confident that with the diverse and impressive qualities and skill sets of the applicants we can create a new board whose members will work together as a team to provide leadership and oversight and meet the challenges and opportunities of Quinte Health Care as one hospital with four vital and interdependent sites," said Mr. Vanclief.

"The response to our recruiting process represents a vote of confidence in QHC and its future. It also speaks highly of the willingness of our fellow citizens to come forward to volunteer their talents, time and expertise to help meet the health care needs of our community and its citizens," CAC member Gord Allen said.

The CAC, a group of community leaders appointed last April by QHC Supervisor Graham Scott, was mandated with recommending a new governance structure for the four site hospital and recruiting and recommending members for a new Board of Directors. Members of the CAC are: Gord Allan, Ross McDougall, Maureen Piercy, Glenn Rainbird, Dr. Michael Shannon and Lyle Vanclief.

The CAC's Phase One Report, released July 24, 2009, recommended that a new 12-member Board of Directors be put in place and set out a range of qualities, required skills and expertise for its individual members and collectively as a board.

“ The CAC will now begin the process of interviewing and nominating candidates for the new Board and I look forward to receiving those recommendations,” said Mr. Scott, who is responsible for appointing the new Board.

Candidates have been advised that interviews will begin Sept. 24. The CAC’s goal is to present its recommendations for a 12-member Board, including a chair, to Mr. Scott by early next month.

Following its appointment, the board will undergo an extensive orientation process on its roles and responsibilities. One of its first duties will be to establish a process for recruiting a new Chief Executive Officer and President for QHC. Bruce Laughton, the current CEO and president, announced last month that he will retire next April after serving 11 years as the hospital’s chief administrator.

“The appointment of a new Board of Directors will mark another step forward in QHC’s journey as a truly exceptional institution working in partnership with the Quinte community and serving the people who live here,” said CAC member Maureen Piercy.

In addition to recommending members of the Board of Directors, the CAC will also determine the process for appointing 54 non-voting Advisory Members as an important part of QHC’s new corporate structure and increased emphasis on improving two-way communications with the public.

Under the new governance model, 18 Advisory Members will be appointed by the Municipal /County Councils of the six primary areas served by QHC (Bancroft, Belleville, Brighton, Hastings County, Prince Edward County and Quinte West).

In addition, 18 members will be appointed by QHC’s “volunteer partners” consisting of the Prince Edward County, Trenton and Belleville Hospital Foundations and the North Hastings Development Committee and 18 members at-large will be elected through a process to be established jointly by the municipal/county councils and the volunteer partners.

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