

To: HHHS Board of Directors, Corporate Members, and Community Advisory Committee Representatives

- From: Veronica Nelson, President & CEO HHHS
- Date: February 5, 2025

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Dear Trusted HHHS Partners,

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is proud to announce the launch of its *Future of Care* Master Planning campaign, a bold and transformative initiative to reimagine healthcare for the County of Haliburton. Over the next 20 years, the population in HHHS' catchment area is expected to grow by 22%, with the 80+ population increasing by 59% within the next 10 years. These demographic shifts undersc ore the importance of this historic opportunity to modernize and expand services, ensuring a healthcare system that meets the growing needs of the community for decades to come.

About the Master Plans

At this early stage, all plans and ideas are conceptual and will develop further through ongoing collaboration with the community and our design teams. Our current plans aim to keep care closer to home, including:

- Expanded access to the Urgent Care Centre, MRI services, a new unattached Primary Care Clinic, and new specialty clinics like Internal Medicine and Gynecology.
- Increased long-term care capacity, adding an additional 68 new beds to the community.
- Nearly doubling the number of inpatient hospital beds with a mix of chronic continuing care and rehab beds.
- An Emergency Department expansion with dedicated staff spaces, procedure rooms, and purpose-built airborne isolation rooms.

Be Part of This Legacy

As part of this initiative, HHHS is inviting the community to participate in the *Future of Care Forum Town Hall* series. These events, hosted both inperson and virtually, will provide an opportunity for residents to learn about early plans, ask questions, and share their feedback to help shape the vision for healthcare in the County of Haliburton.

Future of Care Forum #1: What's on the Go at HHHS

- February 19, 2025 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm
- In-person at our Minden site auditorium or join virtually Register to attend in-person: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/February19ForumRSVP</u>
 Register to attend virtually: <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/fkUVZ1evTEOyk4x7FUVXaA#/registration</u>

Future of Care Forum #2: The Future of LTC

- March 5, 2025 from 6 pm to 8 pm
- In-person at our Minden site auditorium or join virtually Register to attend in-person: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/March5ForumRSVP</u>
 Register to attend virtually: <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/rrpWVZ_1QMiyzqVVR1ortw#/registration</u>

Future of Care Forum #3: The Future of Acute Care

- March 26, 2025 from 6 pm to 8 pm
- In-person at our Minden site auditorium or join virtually Register to attend in-person: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/March26ForumRSVP</u> Register to attend virtually: <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/9xanF3UbTR2ip3JI7KVGTw#/registration</u>

Community input is essential to the success of this planning effort. The *Future of Care* campaign is about working together to ensure we create a healthcare system that reflects the needs and values of our community. **To learn more about the Master Plans or to RSVP for one of the** *Future of Care Forums,* **please visit** <u>www.hhhs.ca/Master-Planning</u>. Have Questions? We love hearing from you! Please reach out to Lauren Ernst, Communications and Employee Experience Lead at <u>lernst@hhhs.ca</u>

Sincerely, Veronica Nelson President & CEO HHHS