

Media Release

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KGH announces new Board of Directors

Kingston General Hospital today announced the appointment of a new Board of Directors under the leadership of new Board Chair Bill Richard.

The Board is in the midst of a governance renewal process as recommended in the recent *Investigator's Report*. That renewal included the development of revised roles and responsibilities of the Board of Directors and individual Directors and a new set of selection criteria focused on candidates with skills in financial literacy and analysis, human resources, law and health quality improvement and performance measurement and candidates that would bring a broad regional perspective to the Board

Fifteen applications were reviewed by a Selection Committee and a short list of candidates was recently interviewed. The new Directors were approved at a meeting Oct. 9.

The KGH Board of Directors now includes five new Directors:

- Maureen Ball, a partner with the law firm Cunningham Swan Carty Little & Bonham, a resident of Kingston
- Tom Buchanan, Manager of the Financial Centre at Sun Life, a resident of Leeds & Thousand Islands
- Timo Hytonen, Senior Vice President Strategy, Human Resources and Corporate Initiatives with Empire Life, a resident of Kingston
- Jan Montgomery, legal assistant with the firm Kenneth W. Smith Professional Corporation, a resident of Perth, Ontario
- Donna Segal, former executive director of the Health Council of Canada, a resident of Kingston

The new Directors are joined by existing Board members Mohamed Bayoumi, Annette Bergeron, Carol Clemenhagen, Chris Cunningham, Dick Fleming, Elaine Forshaw, John Trousdale and Peter Tucker. Ex-officio members include Barry Blay, Chair of the Audit Committee; Dr. Paul Belliveau, President of the Medical Staff Association; Janet Davidson, Interim President and CEO; James Holsworth, President of the KGH Foundation; Janet Swaine, President of the KGH Auxiliary; Dr. David Walker, representative of the Principal, Queen's University; Dr. David Yen, Vice President of the Medical Staff Association; and Dr. David Zelt, recently appointed Interim Chief of Staff.

The Selection Committee was comprised of Supervisor Graham Scott, KGH Board Chair Bill Richard, Chair of the Governors' Nominating Committee John

Hudson, Board member Elaine Forshaw and community members Toby Abramsky and Chris McElvaine.

“We are extremely pleased with the breadth of professional skills and expertise as well as the exceptional personal attributes of all the applicants,” said Board Chair Bill Richard. “We feel we have assembled an impressive and dynamic Board that is committed to balancing fiscal responsibility with KGH’s mission of patient care, teaching and research.”

The new Board will begin its orientation within the next few weeks. The Board will resume its full oversight responsibilities once the Supervisor term ends.

Affiliated with Queen’s University, Kingston General Hospital is a 456-bed specialized teaching and research hospital that serves more than 500,000 people in southeastern Ontario and is the community hospital for the Kingston area. KGH provides an array of specialized acute and ambulatory clinical services including trauma, cardiac, stroke, pediatric, perinatal, end stage renal and stem cell transplants. Home to the Cancer Centre of Southeastern Ontario, KGH is dedicated to compassionate, high quality health care in a dynamic academic research environment. It features a robust research program and provides hands-on skill training for close to 1,900 health-care students annually. For more information, visit the web site at <http://www.kgh.on.ca> .

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