



## SAVE SOUTH MUSKOKA HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

### **PURPOSE AND KEY POINTS OF ADVOCACY STATEMENTS**

#### **PURPOSE STATEMENT**

**Save South Muskoka Hospital Committee (SSMHC) demands significant change to the Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) capital redevelopment hospital plans** to achieve two equitable, complementary acute care hospitals in Muskoka with sufficient acute care beds and departments at the South Muskoka Hospital site to service the projected population and demographics of South Muskoka.

SSMHC is guided in its advocacy by established healthcare planning principles, including fostering sustainable healthcare, close to home, to support the expansion of healthcare and better patient outcomes in South Muskoka.

#### **KEY POINTS OF ADVOCACY STATEMENT**

The SSMHC is committed to:

1. Ensuring two equitable, complementary acute care hospitals are built in Muskoka - i.e. a South Muskoka site and Huntsville Site
2. Strong and unwavering support of our healthcare professionals including our Doctors, Nurses, Paramedics and various MAHC employees and employee groups
3. Supporting the 'Care Close to Home V2' Model and a minimum 60 acute care beds for the future South Muskoka Hospital site with accessible services to include emergency, obstetrics, surgical services, ICU, and other departments.
4. Rejecting MAHC's Made in Muskoka (Stage 1.3) submission of November 2024 and advocating this position with the Ministry of Health and other provincial officials.
5. Re-evaluating the site selection for the future South Muskoka Hospital site with respect to the process applied by MAHC, site suitability, potential for growth, and cost saving in the redevelopment process
6. Advocating for Hospital Board reform to provide for increased transparency, public accountability, and composition by elected, direct representation
7. Strong, effective, informative and escalated advocacy actions to oppose MAHC's Made in Muskoka model (Stage 1.3) which is detrimental to the health, safety and well being of South Muskoka residents