



SAVE SOUTH MUSKOKA HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

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Attention: Lori McDonald, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

Dear Ms. McDonald:

RE: Request for Delegation to Appear Before Bracebridge Town Council

On behalf of the Save South Muskoka Hospital Committee, I am formally requesting an opportunity to appear as a delegation before the Bracebridge Town Council at an upcoming meeting. We would like to present critical information regarding our ongoing effort to advance change to the Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC), "Made in Muskoka", Stage 1.3 submission. This submission is currently under review by the province. Our concerns focus on the preservation and enhancement of healthcare services at the future South Muskoka Memorial Hospital.

Our presentation will outline the importance of maintaining equitable, accessible and sustainable healthcare services in our South Muskoka region, address the serious and grave impacts that the current MAHC plan will cause to local healthcare, and seek Council's support in advocating for the continued presence of a robust, acute care hospital in South Muskoka that will meet the demands of a growing community, with care close to home. We believe that Council's engagement is crucial to ensure that the voices of our community are heard and that necessary actions are taken to safeguard healthcare services for residents and visitors alike.

We kindly request to be scheduled at a Council meeting within the next four to six weeks to correspond with an anticipated meeting that is now set to be scheduled with the Ministry of Health on this issue. We would appreciate your guidance on any submission requirements or procedures we should follow in advance of our delegation. Please let us know the preferred meeting date, time, and any additional documentation that may be required to facilitate our request.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to the opportunity to present to Council and work collaboratively towards preserving vital healthcare services in our community.

Yours truly,

Jason Cole
Chair – Save South Muskoka Hospital Committee

cc: • Archie Buie, Councillor • Barry Hammond, Councillor • Rick Maloney, Mayor