



SAVE SOUTH MUSKOKA HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

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**Attention: David Uffelmann, Chair, Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC)
Marni Dicker, Capital Redevelopment Chair, MAHC Board Member
Board of Directors, MAHC (copy)
Tammy Tkachuk, MAHC Board Liaison (copy)**

Dear Chair Uffelmann and Ms. Dicker:

RE: Urgent Appeal to Address Significant Public Concerns with the “Made in Muskoka” Redevelopment Plan

The Save South Muskoka Hospital Committee (SSMHC), on behalf of thousands of residents across South Muskoka, remains deeply concerned about the future of healthcare services in our community posed by MAHC’s Made in Muskoka hospital redevelopment plan.

Recently, through several Freedom of Information requests, our committee has obtained access to MAHC’s Stage 1.3 submission to the province as well as related site selection materials. Upon review of this information, SSMHC identifies that the community’s concerns with the Made in Muskoka model are reasonable, legitimate and justified. **Most concerningly, we have identified significant gaps between public representations made by MAHC and the details contained in the Stage 1.3 submission to the province, particularly around obstetrical services in South Muskoka. An urgent response from MAHC leadership is required.**

MAHC and SSMHC share the common goal of building a hospital in South Muskoka that is sustainable over the long term with future growth potential. This goal cannot be achieved without public confidence, trust and support for the hospital redevelopment, which presently, all remain sorely lacking. SSMHC calls upon MAHC leadership for additional transparency to address these needs and to ensure that healthcare in South Muskoka is secured for the future.



To this end, we enclose a list of questions compiled by SSMHC on behalf of the community. These questions pertain to the numerous issues that have been identified in the hospital redevelopment plan, either through inclusion or omission: service and bed distribution, patient safety, continuity of care, transportation support, fiscal responsibility, site selection, site cost feasibility, doctor recruitment, and long-term planning for growth. These many issues go to the very heart of the community's desire for equitable healthcare access for the residents of South Muskoka.

We request that detailed written responses to each question be provided within thirty (30) days of this letter. In an effort to address public confidence, we would intend to make the answers provided public.

The community deserves transparency and MAHC is required to restore public confidence and support before any further formal steps are taken on this project. Delays in responding risk further eroding public confidence. SSMHC is eager to support a hospital redevelopment plan that is consistent with past promises to the community, that is demonstrated to meet good healthcare planning principles, and that supports the needs of our local healthcare providers.

We consider this request an urgent appeal. We thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. We are available to meet at your earliest convenience should you wish to discuss these issues.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Cole', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jason Cole, Chair
Save South Muskoka Hospital Committee

cc: SSMHC Executive; Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP (Hon. Graydon Smith); Bracebridge Mayor (Mayor Rick Maloney); Gravenhurst Mayor (Mayor Heidi Lorenz); District Chair, District Municipality of Muskoka (Chair Jeff Lehman)

Encl. Chart - Questions for MAHC