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## **Ingersoll and Tillsonburg Hospitals Exploring Closer Partnership**

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For over a decade Alexandra Hospital Ingersoll (AHI) and Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital (TDMH) have been on a journey of partnership and integration, beginning with the appointment of a joint Chief Executive Officer in 2009. The Boards followed suit establishing a Joint Venture Agreement in 2013 and the Joint Board of Directors in 2014. Each of these deliberate and bold steps to work together enhanced their ability to serve our communities better.

Today nearly all leadership positions are integrated as are many departments including finance, information technology and human resources. Recently, given the unprecedented challenges and change in the health care system, including the movement to Ontario Health Teams, the Joint Board of Directors voted unanimously to enter into Phase I of an integration process that focuses on intentionally exploring a voluntary integration of the two organizations.

“As a natural extension of the close partnership that already exists between these two organizations, we will build on the legacy of exceptional care provided at both AHI and TDMH, using the unique resources in each community to provide a wider range of accessible services to our residents, while maintaining two hospital sites and their local identity,” states Sandy Jansen, CEO of both hospitals. In addition to maintaining each hospital site, each hospital and community will continue to have their own local hospital Foundation and will actively continue their local community fundraising priorities. The overall goal is to provide improved quality care in each hospital for the communities each serves, now and into the future, truly partnering to keep healthcare close to home.

The work is being led by a Joint Integration Steering Committee (JISC). There will be opportunity for community members, hospital staff, volunteers and physicians to be involved through all phases of the process. “Through this work, a detailed analysis of the benefits and risks of the proposed voluntary integration will be conducted. Also, fulsome staff, physician and community engagement will be undertaken to ensure all perspectives are understood and inform this important decision,” explains Don Campbell, Chair, Board of Directors, Alexandra Hospital Ingersoll.

“We will continue to regularly communicate updates on this exciting integration opportunity with our teams and partners in the coming months. As we see healthcare moving to a provincial model of



# Alexandra Hospital Ingersoll Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital

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increased cooperation, this is a chance to consider how working more closely together could benefit the people of Southwest Oxford County,” shared Ruby Withington, Board Chair, Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital.

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