



Niagara Health System
Système De Santé De Niagara

BACKGROUND

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

**Dr. Kevin Smith, NHS Supervisor
and the Community-Based Nominating Committee
Announce the Appointment of the Board of Directors for
Niagara Health System**

As of Aug. 31, 2011, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care appointed Supervisor Dr. Kevin Smith to the Niagara Health System. Dr. Smith, in his capacity as Supervisor, acts as the Board for the Niagara Health System.

In October, 2012, Dr. Smith struck a Community-Based Nominating Committee (CBNC) to aid in the selection of the new Board for the Niagara Health System. This committee is made up of dedicated community leaders with governance experience including:

- Mr. Gary Burroughs, Chair of Niagara Regional Council
- Mr. Art Frank, President of Casino Niagara
- Ms. Cathy Hopkins, local business owner and frequent volunteer
- Mr. John Marsh, retired CEO and philanthropist, Port Colborne
- Ms. Tamara Paton, management consultant and frequent volunteer
- Mr. Doug Rapelje, advocate for seniors and healthcare quality
- Dr. Karl Stobbe, leader of the McMaster Medical School's Niagara campus
- Mr. John Suk, retired CEO, management consultant, and governance expert

Following a call for expression of interest, the committee convened a series of meetings and undertook a thorough interview process between November and March to review the nearly 60 applications received from highly skilled and experienced individuals from across the Niagara Region. The CBNC took on the difficult challenge of striking the balance between the necessary skills and abilities along with diversity and geography against the number of exceptional candidates.

On Tuesday, April 9, 2013, Dr. Kevin Smith made a public announcement regarding the names of the twelve community individuals who as volunteer leaders from our community will be elected to the new Niagara Health System Board of Directors. The new NHS Board will also include three ex-officio members appointed consistent with the Public Hospitals Act requirements. The new Niagara Health System Board will commence a comprehensive training and orientation period during the summer months, while the Supervisor will continue to have the exclusive right to exercise all of the powers of the Board.