

November 13, 2025

Mayor Redekop and Members of Council
Town of Fort Erie
1 Municipal Centre Drive,
Fort Erie, ON, L2A 2S6

Dear Mayor Redekop and Members of Council,

On behalf of Niagara Health, I am writing to formally request the Town of Fort Erie's consideration of a \$10.5 million contribution toward the local share requirement for the new South Niagara Hospital. Further to our correspondence of June 20, 2025, please accept this letter as Niagara Health's formal request to the Town of Fort Erie for its local share contribution. This contribution is an essential part of ensuring Niagara residents — including those in Fort Erie — will benefit from a stronger, more modern healthcare system.

As you are aware, in 2013, Council passed a motion committing \$3 million toward the South Niagara Hospital project to demonstrate its commitment to the project and to the province. Since that time, Council has chosen to withhold that commitment and is now actively pursuing a plan for the future of Niagara Health's Fort Erie Site, including the use of funds from the original commitment to engage a consultant. Given these developments, timing is critical to determine Council's current position regarding its local share contribution, which will in turn inform Niagara Health's planning and decisions related to the future ownership of the Fort Erie Site.

Niagara Health understands that the Town of Fort Erie has ambitious plans to continue providing comprehensive healthcare services at the Fort Erie Site. Niagara Health believes there is significant potential for the Town to identify future healthcare uses for the site that aligns with community needs and enhances the overall health and well-being of Fort Erie residents. However, advancing those plans will be premature without Council first clarifying its intentions regarding the local share commitment, which remains intrinsically tied to the future ownership and long-term planning of the property.

Niagara Health is seeking local share participation from all South Niagara municipalities on a consistent and equitable basis. A commitment from the Town of Fort Erie will signal continued regional partnership and ensure that Fort Erie residents share fully in the economic and health-system benefits that this once-in-a-generation project will deliver.

As part of this opportunity, Niagara Health is pleased to extend to the Town of Fort Erie the first right of opportunity to acquire the existing Fort Erie Site on mutually agreeable terms. Should Council choose to participate in the local-share contribution, this would allow the Town to purchase the property for a nominal value in recognition of that partnership. Niagara Health remains committed to transparency and will keep the Town informed of any next steps regarding the site's future should timelines or circumstances change.



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We trust that you and Council will give full consideration to this request and kindly provide a response with your decision by January 31, 2026, recognizing the lasting benefits the South Niagara Hospital will bring to the people of Fort Erie and to the healthcare system across Niagara.

Sincerely,



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President and CEO
Niagara Health



Harpreet Bassi
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Niagara Health



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