

March 20, 2025

Susan Walsh
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Re: Northumberland County Funding for Northumberland Hills Hospital

Dear Susan,

I hope this letter finds you well.

Northumberland County – its elected Council and our community, sincerely appreciates and values all the critical services that Northumberland Hills Hospital delivers. Northumberland County acknowledges and thanks you and your staff for the vital services that the hospital provides each and every day to our residents, businesses, and visitors.

Regrettably, due to unforeseen budgetary constraints and the need to prioritize funding allocations across multiple critical areas, Northumberland Council made the difficult decision on March 19, 2025 to discontinue the County's financial support for Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH). This decision was not made lightly; the elected officials and the County's administration recognize that funding is difficult to acquire for the capital expenditures hospitals need.

As you know, Northumberland County has provided funding to Northumberland Hills Hospital and Campbellford Memorial Hospital since 2022. Per the Hospital Capital Funding Agreement, Northumberland County resolved to provide funding to the hospitals in the amount of \$250,000 on an annual basis for a total of five years, subject to budget approval by County Council, for capital expenses. The funding was allocated with 75% going to Northumberland Hills Hospital and 25% to Campbellford Memorial Hospital. Thus, NHH was allocated a maximum of \$187,500 annually, for five years.

Over the past three years, Northumberland County provided \$562,500 to NHH. \$187,500 was provided to NHH annually in 2022, 2023, and 2024. Per the Agreement (Clause 2.2, Term and Scope), this letter serves as termination of the agreement, effective thirty days from the date of this letter (April 19, 2025).

Northumberland County Council voted to redirect these funds to the Port Hope Walk-In Clinic, as primary care is the most urgent need at this time. Supporting this clinic should alleviate some of the pressures that your Hospital experiences from people coming to the ER for non-emergency issues.

While direct financial assistance is ending, Northumberland Council and the Corporation of Northumberland County remain committed to explore ways to support your mission and the critical work you do, and to advocate for the hospital wherever possible. Personally, I look forward to continuing to work together with you for the good of our community.

Sincerely,



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c.c. Northumberland County Council