

## **WLMH is seeking new CEO**

*March 2, 2010, Grimsby, Ontario* – Robert Whitenect, West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Board Chairman, informed hospital staff this morning that the Board of Directors is immediately commencing with a search for a new Chief Executive Officer.

The “Message from the Chairman” reads:

WLMH Board of Directors has been informed by CEO David Bird that after twelve years as CEO of West Lincoln Memorial Hospital, he is stepping down. His personal decision is one that the Board accepts and supports. The Board of Directors wishes David Bird well in the next stage of his career and appreciates his years of service at West Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

The hiring process for a new CEO is being commenced immediately by the Board with the assistance of HHS, which holds the service contract for senior management of the WLMH. David will remain with WLMH, assisting through a transition period.

The Board is working closely with the management team to ensure the hospital’s operations will continue uninterrupted. We appreciate the commitment of senior management, medical staff and staff of the WLMH to provide the excellent quality health care services that our community has come to know and rely on from our hospital.

Our Board’s priority remains the ongoing operations, responding to the needs of the hospital’s patients and of the community. We also are focused on advancing the new hospital building and will continue to move the building project along with the LHIN and the Ministry of Health.

To staff and all those who work and volunteer in our hospital community, should there be questions please do not hesitate to contact your manager, who will ensure your comments are responded to by the Board or appropriate member of the management team.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your on-going commitment to this hospital, its patients and the highest level of quality health care.

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