

"Behold, my friends, the spring is come; the earth has gladly received the embraces of the sun, and we shall soon see the results of their love!"-Sitting Bull



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CGMH GETS THE GREEN LIGHT ON REDEVELOPMENT



Contained within Ontario's Provincial Budget last Thursday, was news that the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital has been given the green light to proceed with Hospital Redevelopment.

"This is a very exciting day for the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital and the entire South Georgian Bay community! A new hospital for our growing region of 60 000 permanent residents, 30 000 weekenders and approximately 3.5 million annual visitors, is greatly needed. We appreciate the province's support and investment in the hospital's redevelopment and our community, as we continue to provide outstanding care – for life," says CGMH President and CEO, Norah Holder.

We continue to work with the Capital Branch of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) and our five surrounding municipalities, in a collaborative and productive manner. The project still needs to follow the MOHLTC's five stage capital planning process, which will involve reviews and future approvals from the Ministry and government. Although it's still a long road ahead and it's anticipated that a new build is likely still 8 years away, we have a good momentum going!

"This is great news for our community and I am so proud of the hard work and focus our team has maintained over the past few years. We continue to advance community health through compassionate, innovative and collaborative care for our community," says Chief of Staff, Dr. Michael Lisi.

The hospital can now commence preparations for a capital redevelopment campaign. Jory Pritchard-Kerr, Executive Director of the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital Foundation also notes, "we are very enthusiastic about the announcement which brings with it a commitment to raise \$80 million as the local share of the project. A fundraising campaign of this magnitude has never been attempted in South Georgian Bay and will require a great deal of preparation before launching, but we are excited for the opportunity that lies ahead."

Have any further questions? [Click here](#) to see our Frequently Asked Questions on the Redevelopment Project.

Dr. M. Sohail Gandhi Elected New President of Ontario Medical Association



Dr. Sohail Gandhi, a family physician who practices at the Stayner Medical Clinic will become the new President of the Ontario Medical Association on May 5, 2019.

"I feel extremely honoured and privileged to be the first ever OMA President from the Georgian Triangle," says Dr. Gandhi. "I hope to be able to take much of the good work we've done locally (electronic prescriptions, emailing patients, a robust Family Health Team) and try to spread this across the Province."

During his one year term in office, Dr. Gandhi will be travelling across the province to see success stories from other areas which he will then work to implement locally. This commitment means that he will require support in caring for his patients. Part time locum physicians chosen for their high skill levels will fill in the gaps at his office over the next twelve months.

Dr. Gandhi will return to full practice status at the end of his one year term as OMA President.

Upcoming Events



The Breakdown County Boys are back on Saturday May 18 at the Collingwood Legion! This concert by Prince Edward Island's #1 Small Hall performers, Breakdown County Boys, is a Celebration of Down East Music and features award winning musicians; Léon Gallant, Rémi Arsenaul, Johnny Theodoret and Billy MacInnis, also known as Stompin' Tom's fiddle player as he spent nearly a decade on the road with the Canadian Legend. Opening performance by Collingwood Collegiate Institute's Jazz Band.

[Click here](#) to purchase tickets



Join An Evening to Celebrate and Discover on June 2 with the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital Foundation and special guest Dr. Joe MacInnis. [Click here](#) for more information and to purchase your ticket



As the golf season is fast approaching, we are pleased to announce registration is now open for this year's **Annual G&M Hospital Golf Classic, Wednesday September 11th, 2019.**

Once again we have partnered with the beautiful **Mad River Golf Club** to provide an unforgettable day of golf and camaraderie as

we come together in the spirit of sportsmanship and community giving. The Mad River Golf Club is a member-owned private equity golf course, only 15 minutes south of Collingwood, situated in a breathtaking rural setting near Creemore.

Thank you again to our title sponsor, **CC Tatham & Associates Ltd.** To register as an individual or a foursome, [click here](#)



THE EVEREST CHALLENGE IS BACK! Save the Date – October 19, 2019.

Last year we summited Everest 80 times and raised over \$350,000. This year help us summit Everest 100 times and raise over \$400,000. This year be one of 800 participants 'climbing Everest' in support of the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital Foundation.

You don't need to be a mountain climber, just a fun spirited individual looking for a challenge and wanting to make a difference.

\$50 gets you to base camp and raising \$400 in fundraising puts you over the top. To register or to make a donation visit www.everestchallenge.ca

Thank you Hospital Heroes

A big thank you to Hospital Heroes at Mucho Burrito Collingwood for donating \$700 to CGMHF! In February, Mucho Burrito hosted a 10 day fundraiser with each burrito sold, \$1 would be donated to the Collingwood Hospital. This generous donation will help support the inpatient room renovation at CGMH.



Thank you to Amanda Jerome for donating \$300 from her wedding show proceeds in February! Proceeds were donated to the Collingwood Hospital and Home Horizon Collingwood.



Thank you to Katie Pereira and her family and friends for hosting a very successful third party fundraiser at Boston Pizza on April 3. The event featured two dinner seatings with raffle prizes and a silent auction that raised \$2,045 for the Collingwood Hospital Obstetrical Unit!

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