





AHHC – Key Areas of Focus & Progress – November 2020

This summary provides the information related to the key areas of Focus and Progress as outlined in June 2019 for the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre (AHHC) committee...

 Ontario Health Team Application	 High-Speed Internet Throughout Almaguin Highlands	 Attract & Retain Healthcare Professionals	 Coordinate Healthcare Services to Serve Entire Region
<p>Communicate the specific healthcare needs of the entire Almaguin Highlands through an application for an Ontario Health Team (OHT). The goal is to provide a voice and local decision-making regarding healthcare services in our region.</p>	<p>Ensure that high-speed internet, a key component in the future of healthcare delivery, is available to every resident of the Almaguin Highlands. The goal is to help level the playing field and ensure our residents can access future healthcare options.</p>	<p>Deliver excellent healthcare to our region through continuous efforts to both attract new professionals and retain the ones we have. The goal is to build an exceptional team of healthcare professionals, working together across the region.</p>	<p>Advocate for new and expanded healthcare services and help influence decisions which protect our region. The goal is to maintain an eye on continually meeting the healthcare needs of our community.</p>

Progress: Items in red and bolded below are new this month...

- Collected and analyzed data from a 1,000-responder healthcare survey
 - Completed and delivered a community-based Ontario Health Team (OHT) application to the Ministry of Health
 - Collaborated with the Near North Health & Wellness OHT on partnership possibilities
- Advocated awareness of high-speed internet deficiencies in our region with local Municipal Councils
 - Received support from dozens of municipalities across the province; resolutions sent to provincial and federal governments
- **Assisting the Burk's Falls FHT with a physician visit in mid November**
 - **Attended Magnetawan Council meeting on November 4 to request assistance with on-going municipal funding**
- Reviewing potential upgrades and improvements to building
 - **Worked with EMS to secure mobile COVID testing, to be housed at the AHHC**
 - **Investigating potential "Wellness Centre" to set up one-day-a-month 'vitals clinic' in COVID office through paramedicine program**
 - **Raised awareness of AHHC activities through a number of recent news articles**