

# AHH Council – Key Areas of Focus & Progress- December 2021

This summary provides the information related to the key areas of Focus and Progress as outlined in June 2019 for the Almaguin Highlands Health Council...



## Ontario Health Team Partnership

Document and communicate the specific healthcare needs of the entire Almaguin Highlands in order to create our vision of people-centred care within our own community. Establish partnership with OHT (or OHT's) which aligns with and supports our vision.



## High-Speed Internet Throughout Almaguin Highlands

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 existing and future digital healthcare options.



## Attract & Retain Healthcare Professionals

Ensure 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.



## Coordinate Healthcare Services to Serve Entire Region

Advocate for new and expanded healthcare services and help influence decisions which protect our region. Continually partner with our healthcare providers in support of the specific healthcare needs of our community.

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

- AHHC participation in MAOHT Digital Working Group underway
- AHHC participation in MAOHT Collaboration Steering Committee continues
- **Completed provincial “lessons learned” exercise to assist other provincial OHTs (Patient / Family / Caregiver)**
- **Follow-up sessions with Nipissing Wellness and their OHT application; discussion of “health hubs” concept for Almaguin region**

- **Armour Township public wi-fi / internet point-of-presence at community centre (Katrine) in progress**
- High-speed fibre build-out by Lakelands is in progress for Emsdale to South River Highway 11 corridor

- Funding requests to assist with renovations for BFFHT sent to several municipalities
- **Funding requests to provide rental relief for new Physiotherapist expected to be approved by most / all Councils**

- **Confirmed new physiotherapist to move into AHHC location in January 2022**
- **Finalized Almaguin Highlands Health Council Terms of Reference**
- **Working to extend physician catchment area in Burk’s Falls to include Kearney and McMurrich-Monteith**
- **Note that Sundridge has now filled the physician vacancy, as of 15-Nov-2021**