

AHHC – Key Areas of Focus & Progress – October 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:



- Collected and analyzed data from a 1,000-respondent 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



- Attended Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) Career Fair in Sept/19
- Inspired municipalities to provide financial incentives to assist with healthcare professional on-boarding and retention incentives
- Engaged Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED) as an active recruitment participant



- Upgraded and continually maintained the building where healthcare services are delivered in Burk's Falls
- Fully re-vamped our web site (almaguin-health.org) and created social media presence via Facebook
- Assisted with protection of Ontario Tele-medicine Network (OTN) services at the Burk's Falls Family Health Team
- Continue to support and maintain patient transportation services