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Mayor Nelson Santos
Town of Kingsville
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Your Worship:

On behalf of our Executive Director, Terry Shields, Board Chair, Bill Orawski and myself, we would like to thank you and CAO Peggy Van Mierlo-West for meeting with us on February 7th and 24th. The purpose of our meetings was to carry on discussions that would outline a proposal to see the Leamington and Area Family Health Team (LAFHT) in Kingsville, move from 59 Main Street at the end of the lease in November 2017, to the new proposed Medical Facility development. The move to the new Medical Facility would intend to occupy 4200 sq. ft., providing enhanced primary care service with augmented urgent hours and additional new physicians joining our team.

Background

The Town of Kingsville is deemed as an “Under-Serviced Area” for physicians. As a result the Town of Kingsville has chosen and is permitted to support Kingsville residents with funding subsidy for the recruitment and retention of physicians for not-for-profit primary care. This support has currently been allocated to maintain the retention of LAFHT physicians at 59 Main St. The lease at 59 Main St. in Kingsville ends in November 2017. LAFHT is recruiting new physicians, and 59 Main St. will not be adequate to facilitate the addition physicians.

Family Health Team Services Provided

We are a primary health care organization that includes a team of family physicians, nurse practitioners, chiropract, dietitian, nurse educators, pharmacist, social workers along with nursing and reception staff at 4 sites in Leamington and Kingsville to provide primary health care to these communities. As a team, we work together with our patients to reach their health goals. Our services include regular health monitoring, medication reviews, footcare, chronic disease management, counselling, memory clinic, smoking cessation and nutrition counselling with added programs for the community when required. We collaborate with community partners to help our patients navigate the health care system.

Proposal

With a supporting motion from the Board, Leamington and Area Family Health Team is requesting funding to cover the lease extended to the new Medical Facility in Kingsville subsidising 4200 sq. ft. for five years. And further, that the current subsidy provided for 59 Main St. be extended beyond the end of the November 2017 lease until the opening of the new Medical Facility is ready to be occupied.

Leamington and Area Family Health Team is proposing to provide the following enhancement to our Primary Care Allied Health Care service for the residents of Kingsville.

- **Additional Physicians**

- 3 LAFHT Physicians currently provide health services to rostered patients with 59 Main St. Kingsville.
- 1 New Physician Alexis Taylor has been recruited and is planned to start at 59 Main the week of April 17th. The current waiting list of patients in Kingsville and area will be rostered. Recruitment of new patients will be promoted.
- 1 Additional Physician will be recruited to LAFHT Kingsville to coincide with the opening of the new Medical Facility.
- 5 LAFHT Physicians will compliment the new Medical Facility in Kingsville
- 8 LAFHT Physicians will service Kingsville residents including 3 Physicians currently at 273 Main St. East

- **Increased Urgent Hour Service**

- With the addition of the new physicians, LAFHT will phase in Urgent hour service during the week as demand requires.
- New Urgent hour schedules will be presented to administration at the Town and advertised to all rostered patients and to the community.

- **Enhanced Reporting to Town of Kingsville Administration/Council**

- Biannual reporting to Kingsville administration and council on LAFHT Kingsville primary care provision of services

Leamington and Area Family Health Team are very thankful for the support currently provided to facilitate our Physicians and Allied Health team to support the residents of Kingsville. With our planned growth proposal to the new Medical Facility in Kingsville, LAFHT will be able to serve more residents of Kingsville with additional hours of care.

We thank you for your deliberation of this proposal to enhance healthcare for the residents of Kingsville. We are available to present directly to Council should this be required.

With appreciation,



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