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Town of The Blue Mountains  
Mayor A. Soever and Council  
32 Mill Street, P.O. Box 310  
Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

Dear Mayor Soever & Council,

Please consider this to be a letter of support of the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital's (CGMH) request for financial support of the hospital redevelopment project.

As physicians that practice in Clarksburg, we care for a significant number of residents of The Blue Mountains. We enjoy working in the community and providing care to its residents.

We have each chosen to hold admitting privileges at Collingwood General & Marine Hospital for a number of reasons. Chief among these are:

- Georgian Bay Family Health Team - one of the largest and most innovative Family Health Teams in Ontario. As members of the GBFHT we have access to ancillary OHIP covered services to support the care of our patients for example counselling, dieticians, exercise physiology, nurse practitioner lead programs to name only a few.
- The physician team at CGMH is divided into on-call groups which provides continuity of patient care after hours.
- Access to advanced technology and exceptional specialists that retain privileges at CGMH. CGMH is located within a short distance of our practice and is convenient for patients to travel to for testing, specialist visits, surgery and advanced emergency medicine.
- The innovative nature of both the medical staff and frontline staff at CGMH that consistently thinks outside of the box to deliver excellent healthcare in a less than adequate facility.

Despite the best efforts of physicians and other frontline care providers, care at CGMH continues to be affected by the aging and cramped facilities. Services such as MRI and satellite chemotherapy could be readily available to our patients if only we had a larger, more modern facility.

We hope that you will give careful consideration to the impact a new facility in Collingwood will have on sustainable healthcare for your residents. Raising the required \$80 million locally to build the facility requires each of us to provide financial support.

Thank you for considering this important proposal.

Sincerely,



Karin Euler, MD    Carola Elkhuisen, MD    Carla Murphy, MD    Krista McKee, MD

c. Corrina Giles, Town Clerk