



March 11, 2019

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,

I am a resident of The Blue Mountains and the Chief of Radiology at Collingwood General & Marine Hospital (CGMH). I am writing to you both as a resident and a radiologist to ask you to support the CGMH Foundation's request for financial support of the facility redevelopment project.

I have worked in much larger hospitals over my 31 year career as a radiologist. I did some occasional coverage over the years in the area to assist what for many years was a solo practitioner here. I was attracted to relocate my practice to CGMH not just for the scenic beauty of its location but for its commitment to investing in state of the art technology and continuous quality improvement, always putting the patient at the centre of every decision. In addition it gave me the opportunity to spend more time in the Blue Mountains.

What surprised me was the wide variety of complicated medical diagnoses and acute trauma that I see at CGMH. It is really remarkable how much quality medical work is done at what used to be a small community hospital and has now become a much larger centre with many more demands on resources compared to a decade ago. This is a wonderful institution that provides excellent care to the residents of Blue Mountains and also the visitors who support our businesses.

With a higher than average seniors population and the extensive recreational opportunities that brings millions of people to the South Georgian Bay area, the physicians and staff are prepared to deal with whatever arrives at our doors. Our role is to quickly and accurately diagnose our patients, stabilize those that are in acute situations and then determine next steps of treatment – whether that be in Collingwood or at one of the many tertiary care centres across Ontario.

CGMH has become a major trauma centre and an orthopaedic centre of excellence. We are well equipped to provide exceptional care but we are severely constrained by the size and age of the facility in which we work. For example, installation of an MRI unit at CGMH would provide significant benefits to all of our patients. Unfortunately, there is no appropriate space in which to install an MRI in our existing facility or on the current site.

We serve thousands of patients who are residents of The Blue Mountains, some of whom are my friends and neighbours, as well as thousands of victims of unfortunate accidents on our ski hills, hiking trails and roadways. As a



resident of The Blue Mountains myself, I know that many of my neighbours consider CGMH as their healthcare institution of choice, especially those with family doctors in Clarksburg or Collingwood. As a taxpayer, I urge you to give deep consideration to the request made by the CGMH Foundation to support the redevelopment project. This once in a lifetime project will benefit all residents of South Georgian Bay. Please join me in supporting it financially.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Murray Miller', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Murray Miller, M.D., FRCP
Chief of Radiology, Collingwood G&M Hospital

c. Corrina Giles, Town Clerk