

# AHH Council – Key Areas of Focus & Progress- June 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...

- **Presented AHHC status update to several Councils in May/June (Armour, McMurrich/Monteith, Perry)**
  - **Presented AHHC status update to Sundridge and District Medical Centre Committee in May**
  - **Patient Family Caregiver Partners (PFCP) advisory group rep for Almaguin Highlands officially announced; first meeting June 24**
  - **Sundridge & District Medical Team signed on as full MAOHT partner; BFFHT continues to participate / assessing partnership**
- Investigating various options for “community-based access points” for internet / wi-fi – in progress
  - New high-speed initiative, mostly funded by federal gov't, announced for Emsdale to South River corridor
  - New towers for high-speed access now approved for Magnetawan area
- Working with BFFHT on potential building enhancements to house additional future staff
  - Re-engaged activities with Sundridge physician
- Added access to BFFHT on-line booking system to AHHC web site (April 2021)
  - Added “Wellness Centre” for one-day-a-month ‘vitals clinic’ in COVID office through paramedicine program
  - Active participant in the Almaguin Community Safety Program (due July 2021)