

AHHC – Key Areas of Focus & Progress – February 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 Centre (AHHC) committee...



Ontario Health Team Application

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.



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 future healthcare options.



Attract & Retain Healthcare Professionals

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.



Coordinate Healthcare Services to Serve Entire Region

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.

Progress: Items in red and bolded below are new this month...



- **Currently updating our Ontario Health Team (OHT) application, for completion by end of February 2021**
- **Created draft Patient Vision (“Patient’s Voice”) for OHT application – to be confirmed by AHHC committee February 2021**
- **Reached out to Muskoka Algonquin OHT for potential future partnership discussion**



- **Took part in annual ROMA general meeting, with particular focus on high-speed connectivity**
- **Met with Muskoka Parry Sound MP to obtain further background on federal programs for high-speed**



- Assisted the Burk’s Falls FHT with a physician visit in mid November (November 16/17)
- Attended Magnetawan Council meeting on November 4 to request assistance with on-going municipal funding



- **Adding access to BFFHT on-line booking system to AHHC web site (February 2021)**
- Worked with EMS to secure mobile COVID testing, housed at the AHHC
- 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)