

AHH Council – Key Areas of Focus & Progress- January 2024

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...

- AHC participation in MAOHT Collaboration Steering Committee, Digital Working Group, Health Human Resources Working Group and Home and Community Care Working Group (on-going); Joined Palliative Care Task Force (May 2023)
- Burk's Falls FHT now full partner of the Ontario Health Team, joining Sundridge Medical Team

- Additional high-speed announcements for Almaguin Highlands confirmed – April 2023

- BFFHT renovations completed
- Provided letters of support from across the region for additional Primary Care funding – BFFHT and Sundridge Medical Team
- MAOHT “recruitment funding” complete

- Forecast funds raised by AHC municipalities as of 1-Sep-2023 - \$4,518,000 (MAHC Local Share) and \$1,253,000 (Almaguin)
- MAHC hospital build now a 'go' with Local share confirmations – **Bracebridge site now selected (December 2023)**
- On-going discussions and investigations regarding potential new Health and Wellness Centre for Almaguin Highlands