

# AHH Council – Key Areas of Focus & Progress- September 2022

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...

- AHHC participation in MAOHT Digital Working Group (on-going)
- AHHC participation in MAOHT Collaboration Steering Committee (on-going)
- AHHC now part of MAOHT Health Human Resources Working Group (on-going)

- **High-speed build-out by Bell announced for portions of Almaguin region August 2022 (details TBD)**

- **Considering further assistance for BFFHT renovations (if required)**
- **MAOHT requesting funding assistance from Almaguin region for recruiting position (HHR task force request)**
- Physician-candidate enrollment at NOSM increased for 2022 (announced March 2022)

- **Discussions held with MAHC Board chair, vice-chair and CEO regarding "local share" funding**
- **MAHC CEO to provide quarterly hospital updates to AHHC**
- Continuing efforts to extend physician catchment area in Burk's Falls to include Kearney and McMurrich-Monteith