

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

- AHC participation in MAOHT Digital Working Group (on-going)
- AHC participation in MAOHT Collaboration Steering Committee (on-going)
- Continued sessions with Nipissing Wellness and the discussion of "health hubs" for Almaguin region
- **Follow-up with Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) with respect to municipal / OHT involvement completed**

- **Armour Township public wi-fi / internet point-of-presence at community centre (Katrine) completed / in use**
- **High-speed fibre build-out by Lakelands announced for southern Almaguin Highlands / Highway 11 corridor**

- Funding to assist with renovations for BFFHT approved by participating municipalities
- **Resolution will be sent to all AHC-represented Councils to support increased physician-candidate enrollment at NOSM**

- Confirmed new physiotherapist to move into AHC location in January 2022
- Finalized Almaguin Highlands Health Council Terms of Reference
- Working to extend physician catchment area in Burk's Falls to include Kearney and McMurrich-Monteith
- OTN services at BFFHT re-started in December