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Mr. Rob MacIsaac, CEO
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SENT VIA EMAIL: rob.macisaac@hhsc.ca

Dear Mr. MacIsaac,

RE: TOWN OF LINCOLN COMMITMENT IN PROVIDING A LOCAL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO REBUILD WEST LINCOLN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

This is to confirm that at the May 25, 2020 Special Council Meeting for the Town of Lincoln, the following resolution was adopted with respect to the above noted matter:

That Report AD-02-20 be received for information; and

WHEREAS Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS) has a critical and urgent need to rebuild West Lincoln Memorial Hospital (WLMH) in order to continue providing safe, high-quality hospital services for all residents of West Niagara;

AND WHEREAS Hamilton Health Sciences received approval from the Ontario government on December 19, 2019, to proceed to Stage 2 of the government's capital planning process for a new hospital in order to rebuild WLMH;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario's cost share policy for hospital capital projects provides a provincial investment of 90% of the capital construction costs, conditional upon commitment from local fundraising partners to contribute both a 10% local share of financing for the capital construction cost, plus a 100% share of financing for the cost of all furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) and any required parking infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS approval from the Ontario government to proceed with Stage 3 planning for the rebuilding of WLMH requires the timely submission by HHS of a financial plan in Stage 2 outlining the contributors to the local share of financing for the new hospital;

AND WHEREAS HHS is engaged in a dialogue with three west Niagara municipalities, Niagara Region and the WLMH Foundation to determine how the local area municipalities may assist with fulfilling the needed commitment to the local share of financing, and provide a commitment by June 1, 2020, in order to satisfy the Province of Ontario's requirements to proceed with the next stage of planning for a new West Lincoln Memorial Hospital;

AND WHEREAS the respective Chief Administrative Officers from Lincoln, West Lincoln and Grimsby, together with the Regional Chief Administrative Officer have had preliminary conversations on past practices of the Region in supporting hospital redevelopment projects;

AND WHEREAS Councils' of the contributing municipal governments would like staff to further investigate, determine and finalize the financing model to fund, together with the WLMH foundation an estimated, collective \$60,000,000 contribution to the total required local share of financing towards the rebuilding of West Lincoln Memorial Hospital, with a commitment to provide the required funds to HHS upon substantial completion of construction of the new hospital:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the three local Municipalities, made up of the Towns of Lincoln and Grimsby and the Township of West Lincoln, together with the WLMH Foundation, hereby commit to providing an estimated contribution of \$60,000,000 to the capital project costs to be raised by the community for the rebuilding of West Lincoln Memorial Hospital;

That staff from the Towns of Lincoln and Grimsby and the Township of West Lincoln, in conjunction with the WLMH foundation, continue to have formal conversations with the Regional Municipality of Niagara to determine next steps and options for considerations pertaining to funding support from the Region;

That the Town of Lincoln CAO, report back to Council, by or before December 1, 2020 with further details, including the financing options and recommended financing models for the individual municipal contribution;

That the Town of Lincoln, in conjunction with the WLMH Foundation, continue to work with Hamilton Health Sciences on the next phase, Stage 3 and subsequent stages expeditiously to ensure the completion of the WLMH redevelopment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

If you have any questions, please contact Legislative Services, Town Clerk at extension 225.

Regards,

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