



**Liaison Committee Annual Report
June 26, 2018**

This year the Liaison Committee once again benefitted from the appointment of a representative of the Patient and Family Council. The Committee undertook several initiatives in addition to its ongoing role of tracking key community issues.

Under the direction and determined effort of Richard Laing, the hospital's first quarterly report was prepared and a plan to produce such reports on an ongoing basis was developed. In 2018/19, it is expected that we will have in place a sustainable system for composing and distributing quarterly reports which highlight key undertakings, achievements and results of the hospital operations. The goals of this activity are to enhance our accountability to the community and build a better dialogue with our community.

In conjunction with the Finance Committee, discussions were held with the two hospital foundations focussing on the need to find new approaches to capital financing of the hospital. 100% of hospital equipment and core capital funding is provided by the community through donations to the two foundations. The ten year capital plan, completed under the direction of the Finance Committee this past year, demonstrated that current donations are falling about \$1.6 million short of annual capital needs in each of the next ten years. It was widely recognised that the current fundraising activities are not sufficient to meet this need.

Two strategic responses to the need for greater core capital funding have been undertaken. Under the direction of a sub-committee headed by Bruce Rigby, a request has been issued to each of the ten municipalities whose residents are the primary users of the hospital to consider contributing to the hospital's core capital needs. The amount requested is a function of the number of hospital users in a municipality, the total potential benefitting population of a municipality and its equalised assessment. Presentations to councils over the next few months are being led by Mayor Fenik of Perth and Mayor Pankow of Smiths Falls, both members of the Hospital Board and the Liaison Committee. It is hoped that new councils will include funds for the hospital capital needs in their 2019 municipal levy or budget.

The second response to the need for greater core capital has been the formation of a Capital Alliance among the two foundations and the Hospital Board. This alliance will develop a plan of action to broaden and deepen the donations to the hospital and its foundations by stretching the area covered by fundraising to reflect the full service area of the hospital and by identifying new approaches to fund raising. Both of these initiatives will occupy the Liaison Committee in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Gardner Church, Chair
Liaison Committee