



Report of the Governance Committee  
To the Annual General Meeting  
Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital  
June 26, 2018

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Good morning. Thank you for the opportunity to report to you about the activities of the Governance Committee of the Perth and District Hospital. The Governance Committee is broadly responsible for:

- Ensuring that the Board members have the necessary skills and competencies to fulfill the mandate of the Board in these rapidly evolving times;
- Implementing, as necessary, the process to select new Board members
- Reviewing and proposing amendments or changes to the Board's policies and by-laws, which ensure currency of application, reflect best practices, and changes in applicable legislation; and,
- Ensuring consistency and alignment of activities with the Board's objectives, such as reviewing Board Committee work plans to reflect requirements and build on success and to reflect the Hospital's Strategic Plan.

The first part of our year focussed on ensuring that PSFDH, from a governance perspective, was fully prepared for the Accreditation process. Based on our results, we certainly were, thanks to the outstanding efforts of Hospital leadership, staff and physicians.

As in previous years, the Governance Committee continued to undertake a scheduled review of corporate policies.

The most labour-intensive piece of work related to the complete re-write of the PSFDH corporate by-laws. Largely established in the mid-1990s, over the years changes were made as needed mostly on an ad hoc basis. Nothing wrong with this approach, of course, but we were due for a major study of the by-laws in their entirety. Full credit for this work goes to Cheryl Beckett, who's legal background and sheer tenacity resulted in a set of guidelines that members will shortly be asked to approve. Thank you, Cheryl,

In conclusion, I would like to thank members of the Governance Committee for their work and support this year. They are Gardner Church, Donna Howard, John Hewitt, Cheryl Beckett and

our CEO/President Bev McFarlane. Equally importantly, we need to thank Karen Kelly who provides outstanding support to the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wayne Johnson  
Chair, Governance Committee 2018/2018