



Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee Notes Municipalities of Brockton and South Bruce

January 14, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.
Meeting held by Zoom Media Communications

Attendees: Kelly Fotheringham, Brian Currie, Kym Hutcheon, Lindsay Nelson, Dr. Kyle Scheuerman, Taylor Holdsworth, Ryan Fullerton, Christine Brandt, Dr. Paul McArthur, Dr. Mitchell Currie

Regrets: Elaine Stirrat, Jeff Goetz, Stephanie Pegelo, Trish Serratore

(Acting) Secretary: Sarah Johnson, Municipality of Brockton Deputy Clerk

A Special Meeting was called to order at 2:44 p.m. to discuss tomorrow's, January 15, 2025, new patient sign up with Dr. Mitchell Currie.

Lindsay Nelson advised that three (3) representatives from CBC have reached out to the South Bruce Grey Health Centre. Ms. Nelson has provided reporters with Dr. Paul McArthur's statement and advised that no cameras are allowed in the building due to confidentiality.

The Committee discussed the potential approach of CBC's article given the Province-wide healthcare concerns. The Committee discussed whether the media will pursue interviewing individuals in line at the patient sign up.

Ms. Nelson informed the Committee that South Bruce O.P.P. and emergency services are involved to maintain the safety and security of pedestrians given the predicted crowd for this event. Pylons will be collected from the Municipality to maintain pedestrian safety.

Dr. Paul McArthur entered the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

Ms. Nelson will reach out to businesses/companies to inquire about parking availability due to the limited parking at the Walkerton Legion, and increased crowds. Concerns have been raised surrounding accessibility for fire and emergency vehicles to access the roadway, especially given the bridge construction. Ms. Nelson is arranging for signage to be posted and will follow up with South Bruce O.P.P. regarding the plan for the event. Two (2) O.P.P. officers and EMS will be stationed at the event.

Ms. Nelson provided an overview of the plan to communicate with residents on the approximate wait time, and outlined the process of providing ticketed numbers to residents and confirming the number of individuals being signed up to the patient list. Once the first 500 residents have been added to the list for Dr. Currie, an additional 500 will be registered for [REDACTED] (Physician #24).

Kelly Fotheringham will reach out to the Minister at Sacred Heart Parish to determine whether their parking lot could be made available.

The Committee discussed Dr. Currie's frame of mind given the community feedback surrounding the event.

Ms. Nelson will arrive at 9:00 a.m. to set up for the event, and noted the 120 capacity inside the Legion.

The Committee discussed whether Dr. McArthur's statement should also be advertised on signage at the event.

Ms. Nelson advised that residents must be within 100 km to be registered with Dr. Currie.

No parking signage will be posted along McNab Street to allow emergency vehicle access.

It was noted that the doors will open at 10:00 a.m. and the crowd control will be as efficient as possible, ensuring that residents are provided with an estimated wait time.

Ms. Nelson informed the Committee of the plan for registering residents, including the number of staff involved in the patient sign-up.

Elaine Stirrat entered the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

Ms. Nelson advised that packages and enrollment forms will be distributed to residents on the patient sign-up list.

The Committee discussed neighbouring patient sign-ups including Mount Forest, Palmerston and Harriston, and having a poster available with the other patient sign-ups to inform residents of other opportunities.

The Committee discussed information to be shared on social media, including the 100 km radius, surrounding neighbourhood sign-ups, parking restrictions, weather conditions, and a reminder to be patient.

Mr. Fotheringham confirmed that Sacred Heart Parish parking lot would be available, if needed.

Volunteers were asked to arrive at 9:30 a.m. Ms. Nelson will share her contact information with volunteers.

Action: Taylor Holdsworth will create a poster of patient-sign up events and provide it to Lindsay Nelson.

Dr. Mitchell Currie entered the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

The Committee discussed the feedback from the community, and encouraging a positive welcome for Dr. Currie.

Ms. Nelson advised that MPP Lisa Thompson provided a response regarding the event. The Committee suggested obtaining permission prior to posting the response.

The meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.