



Woodstock Hospital's President & CEO Announces Plan to Retire at the End of the Year

Woodstock Hospital will begin transitioning the role of President & CEO after Natasa Veljovic announced her intention to retire December 31, 2018. Ms. Veljovic has served Woodstock Hospital for 25 years. During her 22 years as President & CEO, she has led the hospital through growth, improvements and tremendous change, including the building of a new facility.

Early in her presidency, Woodstock Hospital's Board of Trustees adopted a vision to build a new facility. Ms. Veljovic led the effort through years of business planning, petitioning and promoting the concept of a new hospital to government officials, local and provincial representatives, physicians, employees, volunteers and the community at large.

"Natasa has been a champion of compassionate patient care and quality healthcare services. Under her leadership Woodstock Hospital has attained outstanding patient satisfaction scores and safety indicators. Natasa leaves a legacy of financial stewardship along with a strong leadership team, a talented and growing medical staff, wonderful and caring staff, and dedicated volunteers," said Brent VanParys, Chair of Woodstock Hospital Board of Directors.

Under Ms. Veljovic's tenure, Woodstock Hospital has:

- Attained a CT Scanner in 2003, the first hospital of its size in the province to acquire this level of technology
- Attained Nuclear Medicine, Bone Mineral Density Scanner and MRI similarly
- Expanded services including a Chemotherapy/Infusion Clinic, Dialysis Unit, Mental Health, Surgical Services, Rehabilitation Programs and Maternal Child Women's Health
- Adapted the digital patient record and invested in the technology to support it
- Secured a local share plan of \$60-million to cover capital costs of the new hospital
- Built and opened a new P3 \$685-million facility in November 2011, on time and on budget
- Brought an additional \$25-million of new equipment to the new hospital
- Achieved LEED certification, becoming the first hospital in the province to embed environmental and energy efficiencies into its building plans
- Achieved Exemplary Standing for four years from Accreditation Canada, with a compliance score of 99.5%

"I have been very fortunate to have had the opportunity to serve as the President & CEO of Woodstock Hospital for 22 years. It has been a deeply satisfying career that has allowed me to lead this organization through great progress and achievements. I appreciate the Board of Trust's confidence over my long tenure at Woodstock Hospital. The staff at this hospital are deeply committed to the patient experience and I know they will continue to provide high quality patient care in the years to come," said Natasa Veljovic, Woodstock Hospital President & CEO.

About Woodstock Hospital

Built in November 2011, Woodstock Hospital is a 178 bed, full-service community hospital, providing primary care to a population of 55,000 and specialized care to nearly 110,000 within the County of Oxford. The new facility offers a wide range of health programs including Maternal Child, Women's Health, Specialized Surgical Services, Inpatient and Outpatient Mental Health Services, Dialysis and Rehabilitation Programs, a Systemic Therapy Program and an MRI. Our full service facility works closely with our community partners to provide our patients with healthcare services, close to home.

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