

## MEDIA RELEASE:

### RE: Patient & Family Advisory Council We Want to Hear from You

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Smiths Falls, ON: The Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital is always considering how to improve communications and the link between the patient, family and the hospital care team. One initiative that the organization has undertaken to incorporate the patient and family voice is through the Patient & Family Advisory Council (the “Council.”)

The role of the Council is to identify current and future opportunities to improve the care experience for patients, family and caregivers. By building a formal and structured partnership with the organization, PSFDH will be able to better identify and integrate the patient perspective in its planning and activities.

The goal of the Council is to listen and learn from patients, family members and/or their caregivers to embed the patient voice throughout the organization.

The Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital is currently accepting applications for upcoming vacancies (4) for the Patient & Family Advisory Council.

Council members are persons who have had a recent experience (generally within three years) of being a patient or the family member of a patient and who are willing to work with PSFDH to provide direct input into policies, programs and practices which affect patient care and services. The role of the members of the Patient & Family Advisory Council will be to keep the patient and family as the focal point of our healthcare system.

Interested candidates are asked to submit a 250-word expression of interest that answers the following questions:

- Why would you like to serve as a Patient & Family Advisory Council member?
- What are some issues of special interest to you?

Submissions will be accepted until **June 25, 2016** to the Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital office by mail and/or email to the address below. Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Attention: Michele Bellows, VP, Patient Care Services/CNE

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The Patient & Family Advisory Council will meet approximately every two months, for a period of 2 hours. A copy of the terms of reference can be provided upon request. For more information regarding the Council, please contact: Michele Bellows at (613) 283 2330 Ext. 1292

**About PSFDH:**

The Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital (the “Hospital”) is a fully accredited acute care health care organization located on two state-of-the-art sites. The hospital is situated in the heart of the Rideau Canal region and proudly provides health services to more than 44,000 people in the surrounding communities. The hospital delivers a broad range of primary and secondary services and programs such as emergency care, diagnostic imaging, obstetrics, general and specialty surgical services, dialysis as well as laboratory and infection control services.

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