

Waterdown Resident Appointed to Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN Board of Directors

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Laurie Ryan-Hill, Acting Chair of the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network (HNHB LHIN) is pleased to announce the three-year appointment of Waterdown resident Saqib Cheema to the Board of Directors.

Mr. Cheema, a Certified Management Accountant who has also earned his Chartered Professional Accountant designation, brings technical knowledge, financial expertise and a corporate governance background to the board. He currently serves as Partner with BCM Partners LLP, an accounting and financial services firm providing business advisory services to small and medium sized enterprises. Mr. Cheema's financial background also includes time spent as Chief Financial officer with Specialty Data Systems Inc. and Senior Financial Analyst with Specialized Media Sales Inc.

Mr. Cheema has previous governance experience in the non-profit sector, having served as Board Chair of the Compassion Society of Halton. He has also received Chartered Director designation through the Conference Board of Canada and Degroote School of Business at McMaster University's Directors College. Mr. Cheema is active within the community having volunteered with Futurpreneur Canada as a mentor for young entrepreneurs, and as Treasurer with Toastmaster's International District 86. He is a member of the Canadian Association of Management Consultants and the Institute of Corporate Directors.

This three-year appointment was made February 2, 2017 by the Lieutenant Governor in Council and endorsed by the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins.

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"I am very pleased to welcome Saqib to the HNHB LHIN Board of Directors. With his accounting background, executive experience and Chartered Professional Accountant designation, he brings a unique and highly valued skill-set to the LHIN board.

- Laurie Ryan-Hill, Acting Chair, Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN

"Our health system is in the process of undergoing significant change that will require strong leadership and prudent decision making as we continue to meet the needs of patients and families. I look forward to working with the board and contributing to the future direction of health care planning and funding for communities across our LHIN."

- Saqib Cheema, Board Member, Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN

QUICK FACTS

- Members of the HNHB LHIN Board of Directors are responsible for directing the LHIN's affairs, its direction and policies and providing oversight in accordance with applicable legislation, approved strategic and business plans, and accountability agreements with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.
- The Chair and the Directors are appointed based on their expertise, experience, leadership skills and the needs of the LHIN and, through the Chair, are accountable to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.
- The HNHB LHIN's highly engaged and well respected Board of Directors includes:
 - Laurie Ryan-Hill, Acting Chair
 - Mervin Witter, Vice Chair
 - Bill Thompson, Director
 - Dominic Ventresca, Director
 - Madhuri Ramakrishnan, Director
 - Janine van den Heuvel, Director
 - Paul Armstrong, Director
 - Saqib Cheema, Director
- With a budget of more than \$2.9 billion, and covering Hamilton, Niagara, Haldimand, Brant, Burlington and most of Norfolk, the HNHB LHIN is home to a diverse population of more than 1.4 million people. The HNHB LHIN plans and funds the local health care system by working with more than 200 providers.
- The HNHB LHIN is committed to dramatically improving the patient experience through quality, integration and value while supporting our vision to create a health care system that helps keep people healthy, gets them good care when they are sick, and will be there for our children and grandchildren.

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