

Grimsby Resident Appointed Vice-Chair of HNHB LHIN Board

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Janine van den Heuvel, Chair of the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network (HNHB LHIN), is pleased to announce the appointment of Bill Thompson as the new Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors effective May 31, 2017 up to and including May 12, 2018.

Mr. Thompson, a resident of Grimsby, first joined the LHIN Board as a Director in May 2015. He possesses extensive experience across a variety of sectors including health care, the local food and wine industry and as a director and senior financial officer with community credit unions. He served as Senior Financial Officer at Hamilton Health Sciences until 2012 and prior to that had held senior financial roles with TMF Food (Stoney Creek) and Vineland Estates Winery (Vineland).

In addition to his financial background, Mr. Thompson is very involved with his community and is currently Chairman of the Grimsby Museum, and a Director of the Halton County Radial Railway Museum. During his career he has served on many community organizations including Past President of the Niagara Falls Chamber of Commerce, Director with the St. Catharines Grape & Wine Festival and President of the Niagara Falls Red Cross. From 1977 to 1980 Mr. Thompson also served as a Town of Grimsby alderman.

In addition to being Vice-Chair, Mr. Thompson is also Chair of the HNHB LHIN Audit Committee as well as a member of the Board's Nominating and, Quality and Safety Committees.

This three-year appointment was made by the Lieutenant Governor in Council and endorsed by the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins on May 13, 2015.

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"Bill has been a strong and vocal leader since joining the HNHB LHIN Board of Directors and is a natural choice to fill the role of Vice-Chair. His financial background and business acumen provide a unique perspective that is highly valued among our diverse group of board members."

- Janine van den Heuvel, HNHB LHIN Board Chair

“I am honoured to be appointed as Vice-Chair during this important time of change and evolution for the HNHB LHIN. I look forward to continuing to support the implementation of a high-quality and sustainable healthcare system that meets the needs of residents across our region”

- Bill Thompson, HNHB LHIN Vice-Chair

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:
 - Janine van den Heuvel, Chair
 - Bill Thompson, Vice-Chair
 - Dominic Ventresca, Director
 - Madhuri Ramakrishnan, Director
 - Paul Armstrong, Director
 - Saqib Cheema, Director
 - William Chopp, Director
- With a budget of more than \$3 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 as well as delivering and coordinating home and community care for more than 85,000 people across the LHIN.
- 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.

For more information on the HNHB LHIN and the Board of Directors, please visit:

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