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**Public Notice: Call for Proposals Coming in September for the Identification of a Site for Proposed New Hospital**

*Lakeridge Health would like to thank everyone who participated and provided feedback on site selection criteria*

**Durham Region** – In June, Lakeridge Health announced the beginning of a site selection process to identify and protect land for a proposed new hospital in Durham Region; and in July, launched a public consultation to give members of the community an opportunity to provide input on what is important to them when it comes to selecting a site for a future hospital.

Durham Region community members eagerly shared their thoughts on the site selection criteria through a public survey, focus groups with subject matter experts, and a Facebook Live community townhall. The public survey had a healthy response with close to 13,000 responses received.

From accessibility and environmental considerations to anticipating population growth, the feedback received through the public consultation activities will help the Expert Panel finalize the site selection criteria that will be used to score all land proposals.

As a next step in the independent Expert Panel’s work, Lakeridge Health will be issuing a Call for Proposals for the identification of a site. The Call is expected to be issued in September and interested respondents will be asked to submit their proposal.

“We know how important it is to choose the best site for a proposed future hospital that will support all the communities of Durham Region,” said Cynthia Davis, President and CEO, Lakeridge Health. “So many community members shared their perspectives, and this input will assist the Panel in their work as they review the proposals and identify and recommend a site that truly meets our Region’s growing health-care needs.”

Lakeridge Health will be welcoming all landowners to submit their sites for consideration, and all interested parties will be encouraged to carefully review the final site selection criteria contained in the Call prior to submitting their proposals.

**About Lakeridge Health**

Lakeridge Health is Durham Region's acute care provider, offering one of the broadest and most comprehensive ranges of acute care services in the province. With five hospitals, four Emergency Departments, and more than 20 community health care locations, Lakeridge Health offers its culturally diverse community a wide range of acute care, ambulatory care and long-term care services across multiple sites. Guided by its vision of *One System. Best Health.*, Lakeridge Health is committed to delivering the highest standard of care and supporting patients and their families on their care journey with compassion and kindness.

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