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## ***SOUTH HURON HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION HAS NEW BOARD CHAIR***

EXETER, ON – The South Huron Hospital Association (SHHA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Christina Godbolt to Chairperson of the Hospital Board of Trustees. Ms. Godbolt has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 2010. “It’s a great honour to be part of an institution that plays such an important role in ensuring the health and well-being of our community,” said Ms. Godbolt. “My journey with SHHA over the past 6 years has been truly inspiring. It fills me with great pride to lead the Board and I look forward to this new chapter.” The role of the Chair is to assure the integrity of the Board's process, and to represent the Board within the hospital and to outside parties. The position also plays a critical role in ensuring the health care needs and priorities of the residents of Exeter and the immediate catchment area are fully represented and reflected in all decision-making at the Board level. Prior to becoming Board Chair, she was the Chair of the Board Quality Committee, was instrumental in leading the Quality Committee, and developing a best-practice Board quality and risk plan.

Former Board Chair John McNeilly has completed his term as Chair, but will continue on as a member of the Board of Directors. The hospital thanks Mr. McNeilly for his selfless contributions and dedication over the past 6 years. “In my time as Chair of the Board, I’ve worked closely with Christina and found her commitment and dedication inspiring,” said

McNeilly. “As I step down from my role as Chair, I hold great optimism for the future of this hospital. I know that Christina will provide exceptional leadership to SHHA as the Board continues to represent the changing needs of our community.” In thanking Mr. McNeilly for his service, Ms. Godbolt notes “John’s tremendous leadership, great energy and commitment were second to none and our organization benefited immensely from his leadership. It is a daunting challenge to follow in the footsteps of John McNeilly, who has made such an outstanding contribution to SHHA.”

Ms. Godbolt graduated from the University of Waterloo with an Honours Bachelors degree in Chemical Engineering. Before moving to Exeter with her husband Fred, she worked with Suncor Energy, PriceWaterHouse Coopers and Maple Leaf Foods in Process Engineering, Continuous Improvement and Project Management roles. She currently works at Godbolt, Ciufo Insurance & Financial Services managing the operations and has become the Group Benefits Specialist for the firm.

SHHA Board Chair Christina Godbolt stated “Over the past year, I have witnessed a great deal of positive activity underway and it is a privilege to be part of this tremendous team of caring staff, physicians and volunteers. As we look to the future, the Board recognizes the incredibly onerous role of representing the broader public interest. To accomplish this, we understand a systems approach is required, and leveraging existing partnerships and cultivating new ones with other providers will be key. We want to be a leader and catalyst in moving toward a shared community healthcare vision.”