

June 2, 2025

Port Colborne City Council  
The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne  
66 Charlotte Street  
Port Colborne, ON L3K 3C8

**RE: Decision Requested - Partnering for the future of healthcare in South Niagara, Dec. 3, 2024**

Dear Mayor Steele and Council,

Thank you once again for the opportunity to present a potential unique partnership between the City of Port Colborne, local primary care providers and Niagara Health, as well as our request for a local share commitment to the South Niagara Hospital.

Given recent discussions at Port Colborne City Council, we would respectfully ask for a decision on our proposed partnership by **September 12, 2025**, including:

1. Financial support for a South Niagara Hospital local share commitment of \$6.2 million; and
2. The purchase the Port Colborne Site for municipal use once the property is vacated by Niagara Health in 2028

Our local leaders have a unique opportunity to champion the new hospital. While construction is well underway, one critical piece remains - ensuring our community meets its local share commitment. Without it, we risk construction delays, and more importantly, we jeopardize Niagara's ability to secure future provincial healthcare funding. Municipalities that fail to step up now could be undermining their own future healthcare needs.

If Council decides not to purchase the Port Colborne Site in connection with a local share contribution, Niagara Health will sell the Port Colborne Site in order to fulfill its local share contribution.

Our goal remains to work together to achieve a solution that best serves the needs of Port Colborne residents, while ensuring the long-term sustainability of hospital services in our region as we transition to our three-site hospital system model. This is a moment for local leaders to step up and show their support and demonstrate to the province that healthcare is a priority for Niagara.

We look forward to hearing your decision on our request.

Sincerely,



Lynn Guerriero  
President and CEO



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