

NEWS RELEASE

Ligaya Byrch re-elected Chair of OSMH Board, 4 new Directors welcomed

(Wednesday, June 28, 2023 - Orillia, ON) – Ligaya Byrch has been re-elected to a second term as Chair of the Board of Directors of Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital (OSMH). Byrch was re-elected on Tuesday, June 27th at the Board's inaugural meeting that was held immediately after the Corporation's Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at the Orillia Recreation Centre. Originally elected to the Board in 2018, she served 3 years as Vice-Chair before taking the helm in 2022.

"We continue to make tremendous progress as an organization as we emerge from the pandemic and build on the strength of community partnerships," said Byrch, who has held senior leadership roles in health system planning.

"With community growth outpacing expectations, the Board's top priority over the coming year will be to advance approvals and planning work for a new hospital in Orillia," said Byrch.

The Vice-Chair positions on Board will remain the same with Lawrence Pietras re-elected as 1st Vice-Chair and Peter Caldwell remaining as 2nd Vice-Chair.

At the AGM, four new Directors were approved by the corporate membership, including Kelly Brownbill, Dr. Janice Burrows, Terri McKinnon, and James Williams. Brownbill had joined the Board midway through last year, filling an existing vacancy. Incumbent Directors, Peter Caldwell, Dr. Sheila Clark, and Ryan Spurgeon were all re-appointed to new terms.

The Corporation also took time to salute outgoing Directors Leigh Popov (past Board Chair), Mario Benedetto, Ted Markle and Mark Lemieux.

A complete list of the new Board is available below and on the hospital's website, www.osmh.on.ca.

About Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital

Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital (OSMH) is located in Orillia, Ontario (just 114 kilometres north of Toronto) and serves more than 440,000 residents in North Simcoe Muskoka. OSMH provides a comprehensive range of programs and services, including medical, surgical and emergency care, dialysis, obstetrical and paediatric care, mental health and rehabilitation services. For more information please visit our website at www.osmh.on.ca.



Photo Caption: (L-R) Director Terri McKinnon, Director Dr. Janice Burrows, Chair Ligaya Byrch, Director Kelly Brownbill, Director James Williams

OSMH Board of Directors

(As of June 27, 2023)

Elected Voting Members

Ligaya Byrch, Chair
 Lawrence Pietras, 1st Vice-Chair
 Peter Caldwell, 2nd Vice-Chair
 Kelly Brownbill
 Ken Brownlee
 Dr. Janice Burrows
 Dr. Sheila Clark
 Sheila Marner
 Terri McKinnon
 Brian Sirbovan
 Ryan Spurgeon
 James Williams

Ex-Officio Voting Members

Mayor Don McIsaac, Representative, City of Orillia
Vacant, Representative, Royal Canadian Legion
 Glenna Tinney, Representative, Nurses Alumni

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members

Carmine Stumpo, President and CEO, Secretary
 Dr. Melanie Colpitts, President, Medical Staff Association
 Dr. Gabrielle Salmers, Vice President/Secretary-Treasurer, Medical Staff Association
 Dr. Lindsay Alston, Chief of Staff
 Jill Colin, Chief Nursing Executive



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