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**Report from Susan Fraser
Chair, Board of Directors
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Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC) is your hospital. That's why I am extremely pleased by the level of input you – the members of our community – have provided to help shape its future.

The Strategic Plan 2020 is a blue print that will guide our activities and decision-making at TBRHSC for the next five years. It will touch the lives of thousands of patients and families. Everyone has an opportunity to contribute. Already, we have engaged hundreds of people in focus group sessions, and we continue to receive additional input through our on-line and printed surveys.

I encourage you to take part. What should TBRHSC focus on to:

- Ensure a quality patient experience that responds to the needs of the population of Northwestern Ontario?
- Enhance the care provided to an aging population?
- Enhance the delivery of clinical services (such as surgery, cardiac care and cancer care)?
- Enhance culturally appropriate care?
- Enhance acute mental healthcare?

Please visit <http://tbrhsc.net/2020healthytogether> to provide your feedback.

I also encourage members of the community to consider becoming representatives of our 5 Partners in Health. As community representatives, you will have the opportunity not only to help determine TBRHSC's strategic priorities, but also to monitor and guide our progress over the next five years. The commitment requires two meetings this coming March, then one annual meeting annually. Please email lindseyl@tbh.net or call (807) 684-6010 if you are interested in learning more.

By working together, we can ensure that the care provided meets the needs of this community.

I would like to close by congratulating TBRHSC for its recent celebration of National Non-Smoking Week. The occasion provided an excellent opportunity for those who have quit to celebrate their successes and for those who smoke to learn how they can quit. The smoke-free grounds policy at TBRHSC puts the health of our patients and families first.

TBRHSC strives to provide a healthy, smoke-free, and tobacco-free hospital environment and to ensure that those who work, visit, learn or receive care are not exposed to the health risks associated with second-hand smoke. I thank you for your continued support.

We are Healthy Together.

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