



**Report from Susan Fraser
Chair, Board of Directors
June, 2015**

Recently, TBRHSC celebrated those who retired last year from a variety of areas. Our retirees provided decades of dedicated service, supporting and contributing to our growth and success. I thank them for their commitment to healthcare and to our Health Sciences Centre.

Nurses Week provided an opportunity to thank and recognize the devoted, talented and compassionate nurses who work at TBRHSC.

A media event celebrated the launch of a new Regional Stroke Unit. Patients who receive Stroke Unit Care are more likely to survive, return home, and regain independence as compared to those who receive less organized conventional care. According to the Ontario Stroke Network, early access to a Stroke Unit is an effective, proactive approach that saves lives and improves patient outcomes.

This is our first Board Meeting with our interim President and CEO, Dr. Bill McCready. We look forward to working with him as he leads the Health Sciences Centre through the transition period.

Progress continues on the TBRHSC 2020 Strategic Plan. The draft Strategic Plan is anticipated to be approved at the June 11th Board of Directors meeting and will first be presented to the Corporate Members at the June 25th Annual General Meeting. During the month of June, the action plans for the five approved Strategic Directions will be developed. These plans will assign accountabilities for each activity level. The Annual General Meeting of the Corporation is scheduled on Thursday, June 25, 2015. Four vacancies will be filled this year.

A CEO Search Committee has been formed consisting of Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre, Thunder Bay Regional Research Institute and Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation Board members, Physicians, a Patient Family Advisor and other Partners. Promeus has been selected as the search firm for the recruitment of the President and CEO. A kick-off meeting with the CEO Search Committee members and the Promeus team was held on June 1, 2015. Members of the Promeus team will be in Thunder Bay on June 23-24 to begin the stakeholder engagement phase of the process. It is anticipated that interviews will begin in the Fall, 2015.

This is my last report as Chair of the Board of Directors for TBRHSC. I take this opportunity to also extend my sincere gratitude to my fellow Board members, the TBRHSC leadership team, the dedicated physicians, staff, volunteers and donors. Together, they form a cohesive team working together to achieve the important common goal of world-class Patient and Family Centred Care for the people of our community. They have made it an absolute pleasure to serve as Chair. I will always value their support and the many lessons I learned from them. Healthcare in Northwestern Ontario has the brightest of futures.

We are Healthy Together.

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