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**Report from Nadine Doucette  
Chair, Board of Directors  
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I am pleased to present my final report of 2015.

It has been a good year, highlighted by the development of our Strategic Plan 2020 and provincial support for a new cardiovascular program here at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC). Of course, it has been a challenging year, with our continued overcapacity issues. But it is a testament to the dedicated staff, physicians and volunteers that we continue to accomplish our work with excellence.

Largely through the work of its research arm, the Thunder Bay Regional Research Institute, TBRHSC was again recognized as one of the top 40 research hospitals in Canada, moving up two notches to number 35 this year. A look at the list makes it clear that our community and our hospital are punching above our weight in this area, which is ultimately essential to patient care.

We also had the opportunity to host one of Canada's leading kidney cancer researchers, Dr. Anil Kapoor, who spoke of recent cutting edge research into drugs to treat and cure kidney cancer. This raised local awareness of the potentially deadly disease that is neither easily screened for, nor detected.

TBRHSC is participating in the Aboriginal Career Experience program with Dennis Franklin Cromarty (DFC) High School. Thirty-six DFC students will be exploring our hospital and careers available here and in health care in general. This is an exciting initiative as a significant aspect of our Aboriginal Health strategic direction is increasing the number of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people employed at our hospital.

Also exciting, last week the combined heat and power co-generator arrived on site. This co-gen project will allow TBRHSC to produce two megawatts of its own power and then recycle the heat generated during this process to produce hot water. This will save the Hospital millions of dollars over the coming years, will reduce our carbon footprint and will increase the security of our power supply, giving us access to our own power even in the event of an extended power outage. This important project is a huge credit to the work of our physical plant and operations team.

This is my last report to the Board before the new year. I want to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Board members for their dedication to TBRHSC. We are vital to the life and health of our community and I am grateful that they volunteer their time and expertise to ensure we remain on course in our mission.

I also want to wish all our staff, physicians, volunteers and donors a Safe and Happy Holiday Season. It has been another challenging year but it has also been a year of great successes, thanks to your work and commitment. I look forward to 2016 and further challenges and successes as we continue to build our vision of the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre.

We are Healthy Together.

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