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York Central Hospital Announces New Board Chair and Vice Chair

York Central Hospital's Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the appointment of Dina Palozzi as the new Board Chair and John Mills as the Vice Chair of the Board, effective immediately. Elected by their board colleagues through a process in keeping with Board by-laws, both leaders bring extensive professional expertise and volunteer experience that will help the Hospital achieve its vision 'to be the finest community hospital in Canada'.

Ms. Palozzi is a resident of Vaughan and President of Paladina Management Consulting Services. Dina has worked in a number of portfolios for the Government of Ontario including Deputy Minister, Revenue and Financial Institution; Deputy Minister, Correctional Services; Assistant Deputy Minister, Education and Chief Executive Officer of the Financial Services Commission of Ontario. After leaving the Ontario Public Service, Dina was Chief Privacy Officer at BMO Financial Group. Dina holds a Master of Business Administration from York University and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Toronto. She has obtained her ICD.d designation as a member of the Institute of Corporate Directors. Dina also serves as Vice-Chair of CAA South Central - Ontario Board and as a member of the Vaughan Health Care Foundation Board, and is a past board member of the Providence Healthcare Foundation and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario.

John Mills is a resident of Richmond Hill. He is currently a Vice President with Pelmorex Media Inc. (The Weather Network) and was formerly the Regional Director General, Environment Canada, Ontario. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Memorial University and he is a certified meteorologist. John has served on a number of other Boards including the Dean's Advisory Council for the Environmental Program at York University and the Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Research. He was appointed to the Board in 2004 and has served as Chair of the Strategic Directions Committee of the Board and Treasurer of the Hospital. John is currently a member of the Board's Planning and Development Committee.

Quotes

"It is an honor to be elected by my colleagues to lead the board through such an exciting and important time. Thanks to the recent funding announcement of \$12.11 million from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, and the tremendous progress on the Hospital's Phase One Redevelopment Submission, York Central Hospital continues to significantly increase its ability to meet the growing health care needs of the people of Southwest York Region," says Ms. Palozzi.

"I am pleased to have the opportunity to serve on behalf of the people of Southwest York Region as York Central Hospital plans for a bright future that envisions two full-service hospitals under one administration including the further development of the existing York Central Hospital in Richmond Hill, and the building of a new hospital in Vaughan," says Mr. Mills.

"I look forward to working with Dina and John, both of whom have already proven to be very capable leaders who act in the best interests of our community in advancing our mandate of delivering quality healthcare to the people of Southwest York Region," says Altaf Stationwala, York Central Hospital President and CEO.

Individual photos available upon request

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About York Central Hospital

Opened in 1963, York Central Hospital is a large community hospital (472 beds) located in Richmond Hill providing Emergency, Inpatient, Ambulatory, Continuing and Long-Term Care services to a community of over 500,000 residents in Southwest York Region. In addition to the services it provides locally, York Central Hospital is the District Stroke Centre for York Region and is home to a number of regional services including: the York Region Chronic Kidney Disease Program, York Region Domestic Assault and Sexual Assault Care Centre, and the York/Simcoe Behaviour Management and Autism Programs. For more information visit www.yorkcentral.on.ca