

Headwaters hospital celebrates an exceptional year

Headwaters Health Care Centre celebrated and highlighted many achievements from the past year at its annual general meeting recently

The AGM provided an opportunity to share the year's highlights through videos, special presentations and a new annual report. Attendees heard several illustrations of Headwaters using innovation and partnerships to transform health care and bring care closer to home for patients in its community.

"It is through innovation that we find new ways of working together with health care providers in the community in order to drive change in the health care system," said Board of Directors Chair Rob Hamilton. "Thanks to the remarkable teamwork and efforts of staff, physicians, volunteers and community partners, we have made tremendous progress toward our Vision ? Exceptional Experience Every Time. By building on our past accomplishments and working together with our partners, we will achieve our goals and most importantly, our Vision to benefit patients and families in our community."

Last August, Headwaters helped to create a cross-sector partnership that is first of its kind in Ontario and that brought together the non-clinical or administrative support (?back office?) functions of the Central West Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) and William Osler Health System with Headwaters. The Boards of the three organizations have also formed a Strategic Partnership Committee to exchange ideas to improve access to health care services, explore partnerships and find common ground to promote efficiency and align performance.

Headwaters is also continuing to evolve and redevelop its facilities to meet growing demand for services, both in volume and complexity of care, and is eagerly waiting to break ground on a new 8,200 square foot expansion. Construction is expected to begin this fall.

"Our hospital is evolving and growing to meet the health care needs of our community," said Headwaters President and CEO Liz Ruegg. "This expansion will help us create a modern space for the patients and families we serve in the areas of chemotherapy and oncology, for minor procedures like stitches or a biopsy, and infusion clinics."

During the meeting, Headwaters' also offered gratitude and congratulations to the winners of the prestigious Dr. David Scott Award for leadership and contributions to the health and well-being of the community ? Dr. Amy Catania and the Dufferin Area Physician Search Committee.

The first ever Chair's Award was also presented to local leaders, John "Doc" Gilles and Dr. David Scott for their impact and many contributions to Headwaters Health Care Centre.

To learn more about the highlights from Headwaters' past year, check out the online annual report, which is available at www.headwaterstransforms2014.ca or www.headwatershealth.ca/annualreport



Headwaters Board Chair Rob Hamilton and Dr. David Scott flank Dr. Amy Catania, recipient of the Dr. David Scott Award.