

# “Hub”ubaloo:

## Muskoka Community Health Hubs Update

**Definition:** A big excitement or commotion caused by a source of awesomeness to the highest extent! (urban dictionary)

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### What's the Long-Term Vision for Muskoka's Community Health Hubs?

A key goal of the Muskoka Community Health Hubs project is to strengthen the link between local primary care services and the broader system of community and social services that supports the needs of the population – everything from social services, public health, mental health, seniors' supports, children's programs, recreation & leisure and much more.



As the Health Hub sites open, we encourage each community to establish a local Advisory Committee to support development of a broader Community Hub. Committee members would help identify local community needs and social services priorities, and then help recruit programs and services to become part of a broader Community Hub.

The Health Hubs would become part of those broader Community Hubs, focusing on the delivery of primary care to the community through the leadership and oversight of the associated Family Health Team. The Health Links Steering Committee is committed to building capacity in community to support better health and wellness outcomes, and is eager to provide support to Advisory Committees to develop a local Community Hub.

### Health Hub Site Updates

#### Port Carling Site:

Cottage Country Family Health Team is pleased to announce that Nancy Beauregard will join the team as Administrative Assistant / RPN at the Port Carling Hub site. Nancy looks forward to working with Linda Kowitz, the Nurse Practitioner – Primary Health Care to serve Port Carling and the surrounding community!

**Welcome Nancy!**

The temporary library site continues to transform and an official opening date will be confirmed soon.



Site preparation is underway for construction of the permanent location.



The community was thrilled to receive notice from Employment and Social Development Canada that it has been successful in its application to the Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF). This grant funding of \$50,000 will support installation of a lift in the permanent location!

#### Dorset Site:



- The Dorset Site also received notice that it has been successful in its application to the Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF). This grant funding of \$40,000 will support installation of a lift and automatic doors at the Dorset site.
- Window coverings are being made and donated by local cottager, and other community donations continue to flow in – thank you to the Dorset community for their continued generosity
- Initial interviews begin next week for the Nurse Practitioner position and the Algonquin Family Health Team continues to accept applications. [Click Here for a link to the Job Posting](#)

**Wahta Site:**



**The site is open and all are welcome!**

The opening of the Wahta Site was recently celebrated in Jack Hutton’s weekly column in What’s Up Muskoka. The article was a wonderful tribute to the community partners all those who have worked hard to make the Hub a reality [Click to read the article](#)



The Nurse Practitioner Dana Strength at the Wahta Site has been hosting several students this summer. Pictured here is Nurse Practitioner Student Shan Mai and her Husband Sean.

**JULY / AUGUST HOURS OF OPERATION:**

Monday 9 – 4  
 Tuesday 9 – 4  
 Wednesday 1 – 7  
 Thursday 9 – 4  
 Friday 9 – 12

**Closed Statutory and Holidays**

Location: 2350 Muskoka Rd. 38, in the community of Wahta.

Telephone: 705-762-1274



**Satellite Location for Port Severn In Development!**



Work continues toward the coordination of a site in Port Severn for service.

The Health Hub Implementation Committee continues to plan operation options and meetings are being scheduled to discuss Service Level Agreements between the Township of Georgian Bay and Cottage Country Family Health team.

**Other Committee News:**

- **Mobile Unit Planning:** We have some exciting options for the mobile unit on the table and the Muskoka Community Health Hub Implementation Committee will be reviewing them next week.
- **Information Technology:** We have confirmed phone services for each Hub Site will be provided through Extel communications, a local Muskoka telecommunications company. We have also confirmed purchase of EMR software and IT support through Telus.
- **Service Level Agreements** Service Level Agreements have been presented to each community partner and negotiations between all parties continue with hopes to finalize agreements in coming weeks.
- **Hubapalooza!** Planning is underway for very special event across the District this fall to officially launch all elements of the project and celebrate the hard work and generosity of all of our community partners. **Stay tuned for a “save the date” for late October.**



Branding for the Muskoka Community Health Hubs is coming together. Watch for more marketing (flyers, brochures, etc.) in coming weeks and help us spread the word!

**The Muskoka Community Health Hubs Implementation Committee is comprised of the Algonquin Family Health Team, Cottage Country Family Health Team, North Muskoka Nurse Practitioner Led-Clinic and the District Municipality of Muskoka.**

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