

# “Hub”ubaloo:

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

## Muskoka Community Health Hubs Update

July 6, 2015 Edition

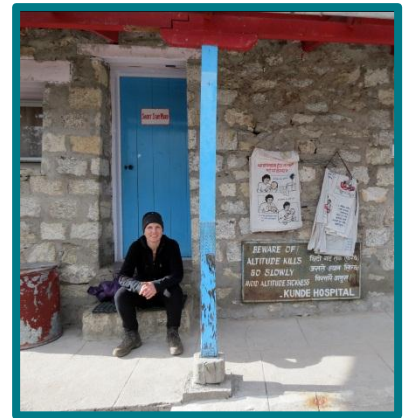
### SUMMER IS HERE!

School is out and Muskoka is busy welcoming visitors, family and friends for another busy summer season. Please share our “Hub”ubaloo newsletter on your websites, message boards or post around town to help us spread the word about these great new community resources that are available to anyone living, working, or visiting in Muskoka!

#### Port Carling Site:

- Cottage Country Family Health Team is pleased to announce that Linda Kowitz, PHCNP is the successful candidate selected to serve as Nurse Practitioner for the Port Carling site. Visit <http://www.muskokacommunity.ca/key-initiatives/muskoka-community-health-link/muskoka-community-health-hubs> to learn more about Linda and the wealth of experience, skills and passion she brings to serve Port Carling and the surrounding community!
- A collaborative Physician arrangement for the Port Carling site will be facilitated through the Cottage Country Family Health Team as the host organization. This relationship will support the work of the Nurse Practitioner as the primary care provider to the patients in the Health Hub.
- The Administrative Assistant interviews have taken place and we hope to have a successful candidate announced in the coming weeks.
- The temporary library site will begin to transform throughout July as equipment and supplies are delivered and an official opening date is confirmed. We look forward to providing health care to the community of Port Carling.

#### Welcome Aboard Linda!



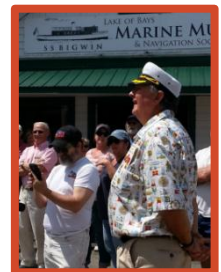
#### Dorset Site:



Volunteer builders worked in the teaming rain to have the deck finished in time for the tours on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

- The windows and doors are being installed, and the wiring and plumbing contractors will begin work shortly.
- The Nurse Practitioner position has been advertised by the Algonquin Family Health Team and we are starting to receive applications!

- The Dorset Community Partnership hosted tours of the Dorset site on June 13<sup>th</sup> as part of a fundraising campaign in concert with the Bigwin waterfront initiative.
- The turnout was spectacular, with lots of dignitaries present including ‘Captain’ Mayor Bob Young.

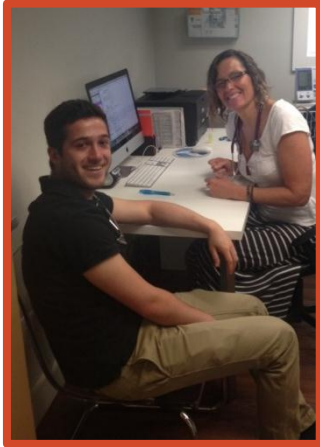


#### Thank you!

TELUS is the official corporate sponsor of the Muskoka Community Health Hub – Dorset Site. Telus made a generous \$20,000 donation to kick off the June fundraising event.

**Wahta Site:**

The site is open and all are welcome!



Nurse Practitioner Dana Strength hosted a Student at the Wahta Health Hub during Rural Medicine Week. David Croitoru, 2<sup>nd</sup> year Medical Student at the University of Toronto.

**WAHTA SITE  
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**



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



The Health Hub Implementation Committee is working toward the coordination of a site in Port Severn for service to be delivered on a scheduled rotation.

The proposed operating details are not available yet, but planning is well underway to provide services in the community in the near future.

**Other Committee News:**

- **Mobile Unit Planning:** The Muskoka Community Health Hub Implementation Committee continues to invest important time in analyzing options for the mobile service and the final design will be confirmed soon. The committee is working hard to make sure these valuable mobile health care services are available as soon as possible and that they are designed to be sustainable and successful.
- **Information Technology:** We are still working with IT suppliers to hammer out the best package and pricing for to meet our project’s needs.
- **Service Level Agreements** Service Level Agreements are in the final phase of development and will be presented to each community partner in the coming weeks.
- **Equipment, Furniture and Supplies:** All quotes for furnishings, disposable supplies, medication equipment, and pharmaceuticals have been received. Procurement for each site will proceed once hub staff is in place to make sure each community has the equipment and supplies they need. Thank you again to each community for your continued fundraising efforts in support of these important resources and to help stretch the project’s limited operations budget.

**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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