

“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

October 29, 2015 Edition

The fall season is flying by and there is so much to celebrate about our Health Hub demonstration project! Planning and startup activities for each of the Health Hub sites and Mobile Hub unit are either complete or in the final stages and communities across Muskoka are beginning to experience improved access to primary care!

The project now shifts its main focus to tracking the success of the health hub model. Our goal is to demonstrate to the Government of Ontario that Muskoka has truly created an effective and sustainable model for primary care delivery in rural communities that is integrated with the larger health care system. We hope you will contact us with your suggestions and ideas for improvement as we continue to roll out primary care services in your community.

Health Hub Site Updates

Dorset Site:



THANK YOU!

The Dorset firefighters generously donated a defibrillator for the Dorset Health Hub.

The Dorset Health Hub is scheduled to open on Nov. 9th!

- The new Administrative Assistant Katie Olson started work on October 5th and full time Nurse Practitioner Candice Bray will start on Oct 26th.
- Katie and Donna Kearney have been busy ordering telecommunications, supplies and furniture to prepare for opening day.
- The building team has been working tirelessly to put the finishing touches on the building.



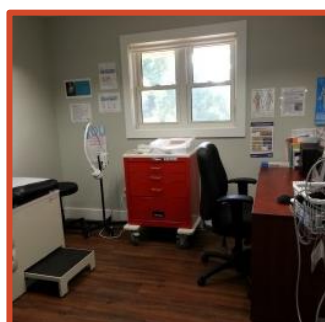
Port Carling Site:

PERMANENT PORT CARLING HEALTH HUB SITE IS GETTING CLOSER!



The permanent site, located in Port Carling has the roof on, and is starting to generate even more excitement in the community for the opening in 2016.

Staff for the permanent Port Carling Site are temporarily located at the Wahta Health Hub and currently seeing residents of Muskoka Lakes at that location.



NP Linda Kowitz is doing public education events throughout Muskoka Lakes to raise awareness of Health Hubs and the role of Nurse Practitioner.

Port Carling Nurse Practitioner

(Appointments at Wahta Site):

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

705-394-8535

Temporary Service Location:

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

Wahta Site:

**FALL/ WINTER
2015**

**HOURS OF
OPERATION:**

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

Closed for lunch 12:00 -
1:00 p.m. and 5:00 - 6:00
p.m. on Wednesdays

Location:

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

Telephone:

705-762-1274



The Wahta Hub is becoming a special space for health and wellness for its patients, as evidenced on their blackboard in the Boardroom.

Port Severn – Satellite Location



The Satellite Site began providing primary care delivery on October 5th, 2015. Dana Strenth, the Primary Care Nurse Practitioner from the Wahta Health Hub, works in Port Severn every Monday (except holidays) from 9 – 4.



**BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT IN PORT SEVERN BY
CALLING 705-762-1274**

Mobile Unit:

- Exciting news! The vehicle for Mobile Hub services has been purchased and is scheduled for pick up on Nov 2nd. The goal is to have the unit outfitted and should be ready for patient visits by the end of the November.
- We thank our partners The Hitch House and Rocky Island Tire for their very generous contributions to preparing and outfitting the unit for primary care delivery.
- Graphics for the vehicle to help advertise the services are in development.
- Potential host communities will be contacted shortly to discuss partnership agreements needed in order to bring the Mobile Unit to different communities across Muskoka. A draft route plan has been developed by the Health Hubs Implementation Committee based on needs assessment data.
- In addition to the routes, the Health Hub Implementation Committee is exploring the potential of hosting 2 sites in social housing units in Bracebridge and Gravenhurst.
- Jennifer Grando has been hired as the Nurse Practitioner and is awaiting the launch of the Mobile Unit services. More details about scheduling an appointment to follow in the coming weeks. Welcome Jennifer!



Hubapalooza!

Planning continues for an event across the District to officially celebrate all components of the project and recognize all the hard work and generosity of all of our community partners.

**Stay tuned for a
“save the date”
for a special
event next
spring!**

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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