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Financial Statement

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**Total** $7,904,828 100%  $7,582,132 100%

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This past year has been an exciting and challenging one. There have been a number of changes in the way health care is delivered in Ontario as well as in our relatively small, but very important, part of it at Atikokan General Hospital. As has always been the case in the past, the quality of our staff and volunteers has allowed us to face these challenges positively and proactively and we often find new opportunities in it.

As Chief of Staff, my primary responsibility is for the medical staff. I am very pleased that our community hospital has grown to five and a half physicians over the past year. In September, Dr. Kimberly Varty joined the medical staff. Despite this boost, our hospital is still in need of additional physicians to help ensure that we maintain an optimal patient care environment.

The Atikokan Medical Associates (AMA) recently elected to offer a full associate status which we are very happy she has accepted. September also saw the return of Dr. Joanne Spencer from a year long sabbatical. It is good to have her back with us after her time off. Because these doctors are both starting off with a very small roster of patients, their wait times are often substantially less than those of us who have been around during times of physician shortage. I think it is important people are made aware that it is entirely reasonable to switch their care to these physicians simply because they prefer to be able to make appointments in a timelier manner.

A recent report by the Canadian Medical Association states that 43% of physicians in Ontario are earning just enough to meet their living costs, and are in no position to live and work in the minds of medical learners is perhaps the most effective recruitment tool available to us.

The past year saw the departure of longtime CEO Robert Wilson, and the start of the tenure of Doug Moynihan. While their management styles differ greatly, it has been a pleasure getting to know Doug past six months and I have already learned a lot from him. Given the particular challenges that are likely to face over the next few years I believe he brings an ideal set of skills to the job.

Over the past year the physicians as a group have reviewed the Medical Staff Rules and have made a number of changes. We now have a President of the Medical Staff who is elected annually and regularly attends board meetings to represent the interests of the physicians as a group. This year the position is held by Dr. Sara Van Der Loo.

I have been working with Bridget Davidson and the Regional eCreditering Working Group to help formu- late a region wide system of physician credentialing. This should not only eliminate some needless duplication of work but also make such things as ordering tests at other community hospitals much easier.

Kim Cross and I are working on a revamped ethics training program. This will be overseen by the Ethics Committee and will consist of a monthly ethics column in the Hospital staff newsletter, as well as a series of formal ethics training sessions. It is our hope that this will help educate staff on medical and professional ethics but to also ‘demystify’ this subject, as it is often presented in a way that makes it seem much more complicated than it really needs to be. Our goal is to present ethics in a practical way that forms an integral part of everything we do as health care providers and to show that such an approach provides a clear benefit to everyone.

The hospital recently purchased a bedside ultrasound machine. On behalf of the medical staff, we would like to thank the Atikokan General Hospital Foundation for this purchase. This unit will be shared by the ultrasound department, the physicians and the nurses who will use it as a scanner. For physicians, as they acquire the proper training, this will provide another tool with which to help diagnose patients at the patient bedside. Perhaps the most common usage by physicians is for FAST ultrasound in trauma. Its use has become increasingly common in the emergency room setting, and provides us with a valuable tool to improve patient care. It is important to note that when used by physicians it is only used to ‘rule in’ or ‘rule out the presence of an abnormality. It cannot be used to rule out an abnormality. It does not replace our need for trained diagnostic ultrasound technicians.

As I’m sure you are all aware, the coming year will likely be a difficult one financially. The government has frozen funding to hospitals. In addition, they have imposed a funding freeze on physicians. I have reviewed the physician pay freeze and I don’t believe that over the next year it will have much of an effect on us in terms of either retention or recruitment. I think that locally, perhaps, the most visible results are the rather tight restrictions of our ability to order diagnostic imaging for non-complicated back pain.

I think this situation makes it more important than ever for us to work together both within the hospital, within the community, and between communities, in order to make sure we are making the best possible use of the resources we have. One of the things that has always struck me about working in a hospital is that there are no ‘easy or unimportant’ jobs. Every job we have requires constant training, evaluation against standards and ongoing quality improvement, as well as the ability to adapt to frequent change. I think, now more than ever, our ability to work as a team and to recognize each other’s expertise and unique contributions will be what will allow us to move forward in financially difficult times.

Finally, I would like to give a special thanks to our many volunteers: board members, Foundation members, Tuck Shop volunteers, companions and all the other many volunteers: board members, Foundation members, Tuck Shop volunteers, companions and all the other many volunteers: board members, Foundation members, Tuck Shop volunteers, companions and all the other many volunteers: board members, Foundation members, Tuck Shop volunteers, companions and all the other many volunteers: board members, Foundation members, Tuck Shop volunteers, companions and all the other many volunteers: board members, Foundation members, Tuck Shop volunteers, companions and all the other many volunteers: board members, Foundation members, Tuck Shop volunteers, companions and all the other many volunteers: board members, Foundation members, Tuck Shop volunteers, companions and all the other many volunteers: board members, Foundation members, Tuck Shop volunteers, companions and all the other...
From the Atikokan General Hospital Foundation...

2011/2012 was another exciting and rewarding year for the Hospital Foundation. Our year started off with our fourth annual Today I'm Working for My Hospital campaign which took place April 29, 2011. Approximately 16 businesses participated. Also this year, AGH employees contributed by holding six different fundraising events, showing their personal support for Today I'm Working for my Hospital. The 2011 campaign raised $5,163.73, with the funds allocated for the purchase of a portable cardiac monitor for the emergency department. We had another well attended Celebration of Friends event on Tuesday, December 6, 2011. Between a silent auction and mass mailing campaign, $5,454 was raised. Highlights of the evening included guest speaker Lee Bonell from BMO Nesbitt Burns talking about Planned Giving. We had wonderful entertainment provided by Don Meilleur and Friends. Gifts of appreciation were presented to our Bronze, Silver and Gold Sponsors.

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The community has once again been very generous in the giving (over $46,000 in donations in 2011/2012). Some of the donations were used to purchase a Snoozelle cart, an IV fluid warming machine and a palliative care chair, making a positive difference for our residents and patients.

Due to the generous support of our community the foundation can continue with its mission “to support the Atikokan General Hospital in meeting the health care needs of the community by providing financial support for the hospital medical equipment or improvements to the facility”.

A Big Thank You goes out to all of the donors who supplied special funding for equipment purchases.

Cheryl Fairbairn
Foundation Board Chair

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20 Years
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Maryanne MacDonald

AGH Upgrade
On August 24, MPP Bill Mauro announced the province will fund the upgrade being planned by AGH over the next three years. We caught him here at the Pioneer Centre with Mayor Dennis Brown, AGH board chair Vic Prokopchuk and AGH CEO Bob Wilson.

A note about donations

All money received from donations is used to purchase vital medical equipment. All donations are tax deductible. Charitable registration 885495 5705 RR 0001.

The Atikokan General Hospital Foundation periodically publishes names in the newspaper. We will respect your wishes if you do not want to have your name publicized. Please contact us at (807) 597-4215 ext.350 or via email at foundation@aghospital.on.ca, and we will respond to your request.

On-line donations can now be accepted at www.aghospital.on.ca/foundation

AGH celebrates 60 years of care

Atikokan Progress: July 11, 2011

Atikokan General Hospital marked its 60th year in a celebration following the annual general meeting June 22.

“If that inaugural board could be here today, I’m sure they would be very proud of what we have become,” said Robert Wilson, executive director of the hospital.

AGH executive secretary Linda Morelli redecorated the board room with archival material telling the hospital history, to the appreciation of the 50 or so in attendance.

Atikokan was served by a Red Cross hospital until 1951, when a new facility located where the Shelter of Hope now stands was turned over to a community association, the first hospital board.

Vic Prokopchuk, then an electrician at Steep Rock Iron Mine, was one of many company employees who spent their off-duty hours working on erecting the first dedicated Atikokan hospital. (Although the Red Cross built it, it was with the understanding that the community would take over its operation.) Prokopchuk, now the chair of the AGH board, remembers that period of Atikokan’s history well.

“It was almost an obsession with Pop Fotheringham [president of SRIM, and grandfather of AGH’s current chief of staff] that Atikokan would not become a company town. He wanted the community to take over,” he said. That pressure paid off, and is a major reason the volunteer ethic is so strong in Atikokan today.

In 1975, a new hospital was built at the current site. Sally Burns, on hand to represent MPP Bill Mauro, recalled that her father, John Pringle, was on the hospital board that made the original decision to apply for provincial support for a new hospital. (Burns, too, served on the board - 2000-01.) The extended care wing was added to the facility in 1986.

There was no shortage of connections to the 60 years worth of boards that have governed AGH. Owen Boland, who served on the hospital board over two terms (1958-61 and 1966-69) and was its president in 1961, performed the ceremonial duties associated with the special occasion, unveiling a plaque that will accompany a tree to mark the occasion.

(The hospital planned to hold a planting ceremony, but the weather did not cooperate.)

The displays included a complete list of all the board members over the decades, and it proved to be a real memory treat for many.

There were at least 18 former board members on hand. In addition to Boland and Burns, they included Bob Moffat, Ron Bazinet, Bob Tukulak, Don Hill, Dave McAllister, Dennis Brown, Debi Rasinaho, Mary Makarenko, Joyce Foy, Dr. Joanne Spencer, Evelyn Ashford, Evelyn Human, Alex Brooks, Earl Rodger, and Mayor Brown noted that one of the highlights of his long tenure there was finally getting the province to recognize that Atikokan was better served by directing its tax money to long-term care services here, rather than to Rainycrest Home for the Aged. That change was achieved in 2005, after over 30 years of effort. AGH has banked over one million dollars in transfers from the Town since then, and will use that funding to expand the ICU.

Mary Kozysol, consti-
tuency assistant to MP John Rafferty, presented a biography of Tommy Douglas, the father of Canadian medicare, for the AGH library.

Wayne Smith, RN, head of patient care services, and like so many of the hospital staff a veteran at the institution, served as master of ceremonies. He noted: “We have nineteen employees with 25 or more years of service, an RN with 45 years of service, and an RPN with 41 years. I think that is a testament to the dedication of staff.”

His most pleasant duty was introducing the guest speaker, Evelyn Ashford. She served the hospital for over 30 years as an RN starting in the 1950s, eventually becoming head of nursing and patient care services. (She served on the AGH board too, for five years 1986-92.) She also hired Smith, and along with Evelyn Human (the other half of ‘the two Evs’) was largely responsible for his training.

Ashford provided a delightful walk down memory lane with her talk, and then with Prokopchuk cut the anniversary cake.

WARM GIFT
Ontario Power Generation provided $5,000 to the Atikokan General Hospital Foundation this fall for the purchase of an IV warmer. Here, Atikokan Thermal Generating Station manager Brent Boyko and AGH Foundation board members Cheryl Fairbairn (centre) and Kim Cross check out the new equipment.