

Project Update



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North Simcoe Muskoka Local Health Integration Network



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Appointment of MAHST Executive:

Over the summer months, the North Simcoe Muskoka Local Health Integration Network (NSM LHIN) announced the appointment of **Don Mitchell as Chair** and **Dr. Adalsteinn Brown as Special Advisor and Co-Chair** (visit www.muskoka.on.ca/MAHST to view those announcements). Following an extensive Expression of Interest process, submissions for membership on the MAHST Council were received and reviewed. The following applicants have been selected by the NSM LHIN to join the Chair and Special Advisor as appointees to the Council's Executive: **Charlane Cluett, Gary Froude, Dr. David Mathies, Philip Matthews, Sven Miglin, Larry Saunders and John Sisson**. Appointments of General Council Members will follow in the coming weeks.

Charlane Cluett

Charlane has worked for Canadian Mental Health Association, Muskoka –Parry Sound (formerly known as Muskoka Parry-Sound Community Mental Health Services) for over 27 years where she started as a front line counsellor, advancing to the role of Manager of Operations (Muskoka) which she has held for the last 12 years. In her tenure, Charlane established the Assertive Community Treatment team for Muskoka and Parry Sound and served as interim Executive Director for 4 months. She has participated in the integration of mental health and addiction services, and served as Co-chair of the inaugural Muskoka Health Link Steering Committee.

Charlane is currently Vice Chair of the Muskoka Victim Services Board of Directors, Co-Chair of the Ontario Provincial Police Mental Health Advisory Committee, and a member of the Certified College of Health Leaders. She has a strong belief in community development and continuity of care, advocating that every door is the right door for service accessibility. She passionately believes that everyone belongs, is important and valuable, needs hope, can recover and needs a good cheerleader. Charlane graduated from Wilfred Laurier University with a Masters in Social Work. She was born and raised in Virginia where she experienced poverty first hand. She has survived an abusive and alcoholic family life growing up and an abusive marriage, rewarded now with a marriage of over 30 years and 2 children. She lives in Bracebridge where she enjoys flying, motorcycle riding, gardening, reading, cooking, and quilting.

Gary Froude

Gary moved to Muskoka 20 years ago where he met Gayle Dempsey, the love of his life who shares his passions and life's work. Gary became managing director of the Muskoka Lakes Music Festival which evolved into an international Chautauqua and chaired the national Arts Network for Children and Youth for several years. Gary was one of the first presidents of a newly formed Rotary Club in Muskoka Lakes and was Secretary of a leading-edge, affordable home ownership project. He has served as chair of the Board for both Muskoka Tourism and the Regional Tourism Organization (RTO 12) Explorers' Edge. In 2012 Gary was honoured to receive the Muskoka Citizen of the Year award.

Gary and his wife are very active members of their community, striving for positive change and valuing quality of life. They believe that arts and culture are what gives a community the glue to work together and gives tourists the depth of experience they are looking for. In 2013, Gary was paralyzed by an unknown virus and was introduced to the field of health care as he gained insight into the challenges of complex continuing care in the province and in Muskoka.

David Mathies, MD

Dr. David Mathies has lived in Huntsville for the past 35 years, arriving out of a residency in Family Medicine from the University of Western Ontario. His goal in coming to a rural setting was to practice comprehensively, and his scope of practice has included Obstetrics, Emergency Room, Hospital, Nursing Home, as well as a large office practice. He is also part owner of a multi-specialty building in Huntsville, and lead of the Huntsville Family Health Organization.

Early on, Dr. Mathies became involved in system management, accepting positions on the Medical Staff executive, and then expanding to become involved in provincial medical affairs. This culminated in a term as President of the Ontario College of Family Physicians. He continues to serve on the Finance Committee of the College of Family Physicians of Canada. He participated in OMA negotiations as a member of the Ministry of Health negotiating team that saw the initiation of Family Practice group funding through rostering and Family Health Teams. He was an instigator of the Family Health Team in Huntsville as part of the first provincial rollout of these teams.

Overlapping these roles, Dr. Mathies served for seventeen years as the Chief of Staff of Algonquin Health Services and then after hospital amalgamation, of Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare. He has an abiding interest in the integration of health services as the preferred model of health service organization. He promoted the investigation for Huntsville of Comprehensive Health Organizations in the 1980s, the amalgamation of South Muskoka and Huntsville Hospital in the 1990s and early 2000s, and now actively champions comprehensive integration of health services for all of Muskoka.

Philip Matthews

Philip Matthews is a Chartered Accountant with an M.A. Economics (Hons.) from Edinburgh University. Mr. Matthews was a Partner with Clarkson Gordon/Ernst & Young from 1980 until he retired in 2004.

Mr. Matthews is a Director with a number of organizations currently. He is Chair of the Audit Committee and member of the Governance Committee with Exco Technologies Limited. As well, he is Chair of the Board, Lakeland Holding Ltd., Bracebridge Generation Ltd., Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd., and Lakeland Energy/Networks.

Since his election to the Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare Board of Directors in 2011, Mr. Matthews has served as Chair of the Resources, Audit and Strategic Planning Committees as well as Co-Chair of the Master Program/Master Plan Ad Hoc Steering Committee. Currently, Mr. Matthews holds the position of Vice-Chair of the Board and Chair of the Quality & Patient Safety Committee.

Sven Miglin

Sven has been an independent business operator since 1976. Sven has an engineering degree from the University of Toronto and an MBA from the York University School of Business. Sven and his wife Donna, along with his brother Eric Miglin created Alquon Ventures. Together they have operated the Portage Store in Algonquin Park for more than 40 years under contract from the Ontario government. During that time, Alquon Ventures has also operated other concessions and campgrounds in Algonquin Park, as well as retail stores in Huntsville, including Flotron's on Main Street. Today, Sven's daughter Liana and her spouse Vince have joined Alquon Ventures as the business transitions to the next generation.

A resident of Huntsville since 1985, Sven has been actively involved in his community. He served as a Town and District Councillor for two terms, President of the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce, and more recently as Chair of the Board of Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare. Sven enjoys an active lifestyle, skiing, golfing and canoeing in Algonquin Park and was previously a member of the Huntsville Goodtymers Hockey team. He and Donna have two children and four grandchildren.

Larry Saunders

A career banker by background, Larry was employed by the Bank of Montreal and Chase Manhattan Bank of Canada, working in branch, area, regional, and head office roles. These positions provided extensive experience in human resources, personal and commercial account management, marketing, credit, training, national mortgage operations and Ontario operations backroom processing centre. Operations positions provided exposure to end to end processing analysis resulting in efficiency improvements and change management implementation.

Previous volunteer leadership positions were held with the Richmond Hill Hockey Association, Appeals Committee of Ontario Hockey Federation, York Central Hospital Foundation, Beta Theta Pi Foundation of Canada, Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare Chair and most recently North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN Board Member. Larry graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a degree in Social Sciences – Economics.

John Sisson

John has been the Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Bracebridge since June 2007, responsible for leadership and general management of the Corporation. Prior to starting with the Town, John had over 19 years of progressively responsible senior municipal experience with the City of Barrie. John graduated from Queen’s University with a Masters Degree in Public Administration. He received an Honours Bachelor of Arts Degree from Wilfrid Laurier University with a major in Political Science and courses in Urban Studies.

John holds the Certified Human Resource Leader (CHRL) designation from the Human Resources Professionals Association and the Certified Municipal Officer (CMO) designation from the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario. John is an active member of the Ontario Municipal Administrator’s Association. In addition to his busy role with the Town, John serves as a member of the Board of Directors of Hospice Muskoka.

For further information on the role of the Council Executive please refer to the MAHST [Terms of Reference](#) available at www.muskoka.on.ca/MAHST.

Next Steps:

Council Appointments - General Members:

The NSM LHIN will appoint the General Members of the Council following a review of candidate submissions by the Executive Committee. Stay tuned for an announcement in the coming weeks.

Interested in Joining a Working Group?

Recruitment for Working Group members continues through September. View [Council Terms of Reference](#) for more information and use the [Expression of Interest](#) form to submit an application.

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