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A Grateful NGH Get Good News with Norfolk County Budget Decision

After budget deliberations needed to go into overtime, Norfolk County Council has approved the 2016 budget which includes the County's contribution of \$5 million to the Norfolk General Hospital \$13 million renovation project. The money will be dispersed to the hospital over the next 10 years and will be held in reserve until the hospital sets a construction date.

"Norfolk General Hospital appreciates Norfolk Council's commitment to support the Building a Better Hospital Campaign. This project will mean improved services for Norfolk's residents will remain close to home" stated Kelly Isfan, NGH CEO. The renovation includes improvement to three areas: Obstetrics, Day Surgery and OR. It should be noted that NGH will not receive any provincial or federal funding for this project. The remaining money will come through local fundraising.

"We were confident that Council would approve this levy in helping us move forward with our campaign said Waterford's Jill Thompson, NGH Foundation Capital Campaign co-chair. This difficult decision by the Mayor and Council recognizes the importance of NGH to the well-being of our community and the value of quality health care to future generations." Thompson is co-chair with Simcoe resident Brad Allender. Both appeared before Council on day one of budget talks to drive home the importance of this project to Norfolk.

Julie Powell, Norfolk General Hospital Foundation Director of Development indicated "Council has given us a real shot in the arm as our fundraising continues to move forward. The campaign team is proud to have the County's support."



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