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News Release

The Future of the Birchmount Hospital

For immediate release

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OTTAWA—The Scarborough Health Network (SHN) has recently reviewed its programs and services, both clinical and non-clinical at Scarborough's Birchmount Hospital. On Thursday, January 24, 2019, SHN held a board meeting and its board members have decided that both the obstetric and pediatric wards would be closed. Many constituents have expressed their concerns.

The Birchmount hospital is the only hospital that serves residents living in our community. We need to ensure that good comprehensive health care is provided locally for the people of Scarborough—Agincourt.

With anticipated growth due to residential development in the riding, keeping health care local and accessible is important.

SHN will be holding a Community Tele-Town Hall on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 7 p.m. and all of Scarborough—Agincourt has been invited to participate. I encourage everyone to take part, voice their concerns, and seek answers to their questions. In order to participate in the Town Hall, you must register prior to the meeting. Please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/shn-community-tele-town-hall-registration-54923564861>

Any decisions made by SHN must be communicated in an open and transparent process, taking strong consideration of the input received from the community.

I look forward to working with both SHN and the corresponding levels of government to ensure that Birchmount Hospital has the comprehensive health care that residents need and deserve.

Local quality care matters!

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