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Town of the Blue Mountains



Located along the ridged landscape of the Niagara Escarpment and on the sparkling shores of Georgian Bay, the Town of The Blue Mountains is composed of communities that are built on a foundation of agriculture, processing, manufacturing and recreation.

Internationally recognized as a four-season tourism destination, The Blue Mountains offers a high-quality lifestyle that caters to families looking to build a solid foundation, adventurers looking to go off the beaten path and for relaxation seekers to take in and experience the very best that The Blue Mountains has to offer.

The Blue Mountains community is also home to many unique towns, hamlets and villages that serve as home to over 9,300 people full time and 6,000 part time as well as welcoming over 2.5 million visitors annually. The Town remains steadfast in its mission to drive economic prosperity and promote community well-being. Residents and business owners throughout the community continue to support a strong sense of collaboration and community pride and it is the collective spirit of the people and communities that make the Town of The Blue Mountains a great place to live, work, conduct business, raise a family, and retire.

About Meaford Hospital (Brightshores Health System Meaford Site – formally GBHS)

The Meaford Hospital has been taking care of our local community for 70 years and continues to provide exemplary health care to the residents of the Town of the Blue Mountains, the Municipality of Meaford and the North-East portion of the District of Grey County as well as visitors to our area

Part of the Brightshores Health System (formally GBHS), Meaford Hospital is a leader in health care for select acute care and other community programs and services. As a community hospital, the main focus is to provide primary care to people in the surrounding area. It is a busy site with many services available such as:

- Cataract Suite
- Ear Nose Throat Surgery
- Urology / Urology-Oncology
- General Surgery
- Dermatology
- Physiotherapy
- Laboratory
- X-ray
- Mental Health
- Diabetic Clinic
- Ultrasound
- Grief Counselling
- OTN for Patients
- Spiritual Care
- Ambulatory Care



Brightshores Health System Meaford Site

- 5 days per week Operating Room
- 24-hour, 7 days a week Emergency Room
- 15 In-patient beds
- 1 Palliative care room
- 6 family physicians
- 2-3 locums (ER)
- 7 Operating Room Doctors
- 2 Anesthesiologists
- Dedicated Auxiliary
- Heli Pad



About the Meaford Hospital Foundation

Established in 1983, the Meaford Hospital Foundation exists to raise, receive and manage money for the purpose of purchasing capital equipment and building improvements at the Meaford Hospital and our regional hospital in Owen Sound.

Our **Vision** is *to inspire our community to be passionately invested in quality health care*

Our **Mission** *to provide resources to our healthcare professionals to meet the needs of the community.*

Community Support is critical to the hospital's viability as the government provides little or no funds for capital purchases. Funds are derived from a variety of sources including: individual gifts, service clubs/associations and businesses, legacy gifts, In Memoriam gifts, mail campaigns, events, fundraisers and local government like you.

A Representative Board

Board of Directors

Joelle Adelson – Chair

Rob Howe – Vice Chair

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Brian Harkness - Secretary

Jennifer Clumpus

Dr. Nathalie Sauriol

Dianne Hilliard

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GBHS – Special Guests

- Gary Sims, CEO, Brightshores Health System
- Graham Fry – Brightshores Health System Meaford Site Mgr.
- Willard VanderPloeg – Charitable Giving Advisor

Foundation Staff

- Amelda FitzPatrick, Executive Director

Thank You!

On behalf of the Meaford Hospital Foundation we thank you for your ongoing leadership.

As a result of your contribution of \$308,000 since 1996, Meaford Hospital Foundation has been able to provide support to the Hospital and the Community as a whole.




The Challenge

The Town of the Blue Mountains is the second fastest growing community in all of Canada. Growth is steadily upon us. As population grows, so do the needs of the hospital in order to accommodate increased numbers.


Contrary to popular belief, new medical equipment and other capital expenditures are NOT covered by provincial funding.


Hospitals are 100 per cent responsible for the purchase of equipment, as well as other capital purchases such as minor renovations and computer systems.

That means Hospitals must raise the money in the community in order to buy everything from blood pressure cuffs and patient beds to the hi-tech equipment in the Diagnostic Imaging Department.

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Brightshores Health System (formally GBHS) & Meaford Hospital Quick Facts

 Corporate Quick Facts	
Activity Measure	2022-2023 Fiscal Year
Patient Days	81,392
Number of Hospital Discharges	10,189
Number of Hospital Births	695
Emergency Department Visits	91,843
Day Surgery Visits	12,622
Unilateral Hip Replacements	350
Unilateral Knee Replacements	596
Cataract Day Surgery Cases	1,850
MRI Exams	10,312
CT Scans	16,186
Mammography Exams	8,956
Lab Procedures	5,260,148
Dialysis Visits	5,154
Oncology/Chemotherapy Visits	20,757



Meaford Hospital

Quick Facts

Activity Measure	2022-2023 Fiscal Year	
Number of Hospital Discharges	478	
Patient Days	5,311	
Average Length of Stay	11.1	
Percent Alternate Level of Care (ALC) Days	43.6%	
Number of Emergency Department Visits	11,963	
Number of Day Surgery Visits	1,920	
Number of Lab Procedures	572,102	
Number of DI Radiology Procedures	9,610	
Number of DI Ultrasound Procedures	2,091	
Average Age of Inpatient	75	
Average Age of ER Patient	49	
Percentage of Inpatients treated from :	Grey County	95.4%
	Bruce County	1.0%
	Elsewhere in Ontario	3.3%
	Outside of Ontario	0.2%
Percentage of ER and Day Surgery treated from :	Grey County	85.7%
	Bruce County	2.7%
	Elsewhere in Ontario	10.8%
	Outside of Ontario	0.8%

Town of Blue Mountain Residents Utilizing Meaford Hospital Services

Service / Unit	2021	2022	2023
Laboratory	2517	3041	3507
Emergency	1967	2427	2651
Radiology	437	522	555
Ultrasound	415	393	433
Surgical Day/Care	146	171	175
Urology	49	58	112
ECG	56	67	90
Dermatology	37	56	56
OVERALL TOTALS	6473	7505	8151



22%

Having the Right Equipment

Working together with Brightshores Health System (formally GBHS) and the Town of the Blue Mountains, the Foundation is committed to creating a healthy community.

Over the years, donors and volunteers from the Meaford Hospital Foundation have helped to fund many priority needs and equipment to improve healthcare, including most recently, the new MRI for our catchment area.

The benefit of our investment in equipment will serve to ease the continuing and increased demands of our collective communities served by the Meaford Hospital within the Brightshores Health System family.



Brightshores Health System (formally GBHS)

Capital Priorities

MRI Campaign ~ \$3.5 million needed

- Purchase and installation of a second MRI in Owen Sound
- Will relieve backlog and reduce wait times - more than 11,000 tests are performed each year
- Can allow for uninterrupted scans and accommodate emergency scans for stroke patients

Master Planning / Future Needs

- A Master Planning / Feasibility Study will get underway this Fall throughout Brightshores Health System to research spatial needs, equipment and layouts within all sites. Meaford Hospital is asking for special consideration for a larger Emergency Department and the addition of a CT

Addictions and Mental Health Wellness and Recovery Center- \$15M

- Bayview School in Owen Sound being renovated to include detox and recovery programming with in-patient unit and longer term accommodations.

Office of Research & Innovation - Research Institute

- Brightshores Health System is establishing an office of research and innovation to support physician research, attract more such work and explore opportunities to partner with academia, government and the private sector and local doctors running clinical trials
- With a rural and remote health-care focus, it will identify opportunities, attract and retain staff with specialties and establish a hospital research culture

Meaford Hospital Priorities

Current capital list and budget items for 2023/2024 include:

- Optical coherence tomography machine - \$120,000
- Zeiss Visual Field Machine - \$55,000
- Operating Room Cautery machine - \$61,450
- Lab Centrifuge - \$10,000
- ENT Medronic Functional Endoscopic Sinus Station Set - \$48,700
- Automatic door opener for double doors from OR to Nursing Station - \$13,000

Continuing Our Partnership

We seek the Town of the Blue Mountains thoughtful consideration towards making a pledged commitment through the Meaford Hospital Foundation.

Let's ensure that the Hospital and Brightshores Health System have the medical equipment it needs and funds to use for the highest priorities of the hospital to continue to deliver excellent health care within our region.

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