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York Central Hospital Appoints Jo-anne Marr as Acting President & CEO

Richmond Hill – The Board of Trustees of York Central Hospital has confirmed it has appointed veteran senior administrator Jo-anne Marr as Acting President and CEO, effective immediately.

David Bannister, Chair of the Board of Trustees of York Central Hospital commented: “We are pleased to have Jo-anne Marr leading our organization as York Central Hospital moves forward on so many exciting fronts.”

“We have recently opened our new Town of Richmond Hill wing, the largest expansion project York Central Hospital has undertaken since its opening in 1963. Our re-development includes the creation of a new Breast Health Centre, a new Mental Health Inpatient Unit, and a state of the art Intensive Care facility. We are also making steady progress by improving our wait time targets in our new and expanded Emergency Department. York Central Hospital looks forward to continue to meet the needs of our growing community while supporting our mission” *We reach out - with expert and compassionate care.*”

Prior to her appointment as Acting President & CEO, Ms. Marr held the position of Vice President of Programs at York Central Hospital. She brings over 25 years experience working in the healthcare sector in a number of administrative and nursing leadership positions as well as healthcare consulting roles. Ms. Marr holds a Master of Science Degree in Nursing, a Master of Business Administration Degree, and is a Certified Health Executive. She is also a prolific co-author of numerous publications for nursing and healthcare management journals on a wide variety of healthcare issues as well as a book on healthcare management.

“We’re very thankful for the hard work and dedication of our staff, physicians, volunteers and the community for their ongoing support of our Hospital. We have realized very favourable improvements in patient and employee satisfaction, quality outcomes, and program growth. We are also well down the path for the

planning and concept stage for the 2nd Phase of the Hospital's expansion," Mr. Bannister said.

The Hospital also confirms Bruce Harber has resigned his position as President and CEO, effective immediately.

"We thank Bruce Harber for leading York Central Hospital through a period of rapid growth, marked by many achievements such as securing approvals and funding for the Hospital's new satellite Dialysis Unit in Vaughan and Phase One of our major expansion that we are just completing," Mr. Bannister said.

The York Central Hospital Board also announced that a formal search for a permanent President and CEO is now underway.

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