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York Central Hospital Announces New Board Leadership

York Central Hospital's Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the election of Tony Genco as the new Chair and Dina Palozzi as the Vice Chair of the Board of York Central Hospital. Both of the newly elected leaders bring extensive professional and volunteer expertise and experience that will help guide the organization to realizing its vision of being the finest community hospital in Canada.

"I am excited about our future and am proud to be helping York Central Hospital bring much needed health services to the Southwest York Region community, where the demand for services is the fastest growing in the GTA. With a goal of integration, innovation and excellence in mind, we will work towards the development of a two-site model of health care that expands the services at York Central Hospital and builds a new hospital site in Vaughan." says Tony Genco.

Their appointments are in keeping with the terms of the collaboration agreement between York Central Hospital and the Vaughan Health Campus of Care, which laid out a framework for the restructuring of the Board of Trustees to create greater representation within the board from across Southwestern York Region.

Tony Genco is the former President and CEO of Parc Downsview Park Inc. He has extensive experience in grassroots initiatives and has participated in a variety of communications, public relations and outreach initiatives. Tony has a Bachelor of Arts degree from York University. Among his many community activities, he currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Columbus Centre and the Vaughan Public Libraries Board. He is also an External Fellow at York University's McLaughlin College and a member of the Canadian Sustainability Indicators Network and the Development Committee of the North American Association of Environmental Educators. Tony was appointed to the Board of Trustees of York Central Hospital in 2008. During his tenure he served as Chair of the Quality and Performance Management Committee, a member of the Executive Committee and the Treasurer of the Board.

"This is a pivotal moment for health care in our community and I am looking forward to being part of our growth and development," says Dina Palozzi. "We cannot achieve our goal of bringing more services to Southwest York Region alone, but must work closely with our partners and stakeholders throughout our planning process."

Dina Palozzi is the President of Paladina Management Consulting Services, providing management consulting services on privacy, governance and dispute resolution issues. Dina has worked in a number of portfolios for the Government of Ontario including Deputy Minister, Revenue and Financial Institution; Deputy Minister, Correctional Services, Assistant Deputy Minister, Education and Chief Executive Officer of the Financial Services Commission of Ontario. After leaving the Ontario Public Service she held a variety of positions at BMO Financial Group, including Executive Vice-President, Client Relations and Chief Privacy Officer.

Dina holds a Master of Business Administration from York University and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Toronto. She has obtained her ICD.d designation as a member of the Institute of Corporate Directors. She serves as Vice-Chair of CAA South Central - Ontario Board, as a board member and Chair of Audit Committee for the Toronto Centre for Financial Sector Supervision and as a board member for the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario and the Vaughan Health Care Foundation Board.

"I have no doubt that there are considerable challenges ahead of us. But with great challenges also come great opportunities. We can never be certain about the future and therefore must continue to be flexible, adapting quickly to the needs of our patients and our growing community. With Tony Genco leading our Board and Dina Palozzi providing her expertise, I know the team at York Central is up to the challenge," says former Board Chair Warren Collier.

Individual portrait photos available upon request

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About York Central Hospital

Opened in 1963, York Central Hospital is a large community hospital (506 beds) located in Richmond Hill providing Emergency, Inpatient, Ambulatory, Continuing and Long-Term Care services to a community of over 500,000 residents in Southwest York Region. In addition to the services it provides locally, York Central Hospital is the District Stroke Centre for York Region and is home to a number of regional services including: the York Region Chronic Kidney Disease Program, York Region Domestic Assault and Sexual Assault Care Centre, and the York/Simcoe Behaviour Management and Autism Programs.

In October of 2009, York Central Hospital and the Vaughan Health Campus of Care signed a collaboration agreement to bring much needed additional hospital facilities and services to Southwest York Region. The agreement outlined a process by which a new hospital board would be created to provide ongoing stewardship for York Central Hospital and to plan new hospital facilities in Vaughan. Shortly afterwards the province, through the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, announced \$7,000,000 in funding to support the development of a planning submission to create a major regional health centre with hospital sites in both Richmond Hill and Vaughan. www.yorkcentral.on.ca