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Campbellford Memorial Hospital launches recruitment for new President/CEO Varouj Eskedjian to retire in June

For Immediate Release – February 16, 2021 – Campbellford Memorial Hospital (CMH) has officially begun recruitment for a new President/CEO to replace Varouj Eskedjian. Varouj announced his intention to retire in December 2020, his last day at CMH will be June 25, 2021.

A CEO recruitment committee comprised of CMH Hospital Board Members, CMH's Chief of Staff and the Manager of Human Resources was formed in December of 2020, to review what leadership model, qualities and competencies CMH would be seeking in their next President and CEO.

"We are appreciative of the work Varouj has done over the past four years to stabilize CMH, to build a culture of teamwork with our staff and our health care partners, and to put forward a redevelopment vision of an integrated campus of care," said Paul Nichols, CMH Board Chair. "Our CEO recruitment committee and the Board is confident we will recruit a skilled leader who understands the importance of strong relationships with our community and the broader health care system. In the meantime, the priorities for Varouj and our leadership team are to keep up the fight against COVID, and to continue the hospital's pursuit of a planning grant for redevelopment." The redevelopment vision for CMH includes a new hospital, a long-term care home, an affordable seniors housing complex with assisted living services and a facility to include primary care, community partners and the community mental health services.

Varouj's retirement marks the end of a 35-year career in health services leadership in Ontario. A graduate of the Master of Health Sciences (Health Administration) program (1986 class) at the University of Toronto, Varouj has held leadership positions in specialty hospitals, including The Riverdale Hospital (now Bridgepoint Health), mental health facilities, London Psychiatric Hospital (now part of St. Joseph's Health Care in London), at the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, and various medium-sized community hospitals, including Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital and Ross Memorial Hospital, and at rural health care organizations Haliburton Highlands Health Services and Campbellford Memorial Hospital.

In the role of a small hospital CEO in Haliburton and Campbellford, Varouj contributed to the Small, Rural and Northern Hospital Council's advocacy to developing integrated rural health hubs in Ontario. Varouj was also a founding member of the Northumberland Ontario Health Team, which received approval as part of the first OHTs approved in the Province.

For more information, or to view the President and CEO job description please visit our website at [CAMPBELLFORD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL \(cmh.ca\)](http://CAMPBELLFORD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (cmh.ca))

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