

Mission: Provide quality person-centered health care services to the community

WRH VALUES

We respectfully acknowledge that the Windsor Regional Hospital occupies the traditional, ancestral and contemporary lands of the Niswi Ishkodewan Anishinaabeg: The Three Fires Confederacy (Ojibwe, Odawa and Potawatomi). We acknowledge that the land and the surrounding waters for sustaining us and we are committed to protecting and restoring these lands and waters from environmental degradation.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS Thursday, April 4, 2024 Auditorium Side A, MET Campus

	TAB	TIME	ACTION
1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u> (France)		1700	
2. <u>DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST</u> (France)		1702	
3. PREVIOUS MINUTES: March 7, 2024 (France)	Tab A	1703	MOTION (approve)
4. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT & CEO (Musyj)		1705	FYI
5. <u>CNE</u> REPORT (Riddell)		1715	FYI
6. SCHULICH REPORT: (Jacobs)	Tab B	1720	FYI
7. FINANCIAL PRESENTATION (Paniccia) None		1725	
8. CONSENT AGENDA: Finance/Audit & Resources: March 25, 2024 (Paniccia)	Tab C	1730	MOTION (accept)
9. CORRESPONDENCE/PRINTED MATTER:Media Report – FYI (France)	Tab D	1735	FYI
• Office of the Solicitor General – March 19, 2024	Tab E		FYI

10. BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR NOTICES OF MOTION (France)	17	736	
11. <u>DATE OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING:</u> Thursday, May 2, 2024 – ZOOM			FYI
12. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u> (France)	17	737	MOTION



MINUTES of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS meeting held on Thursday, March 7, 2024, 17:00 hours, via ZOOM and live streamed on YouTube.

PRESENT:

Patricia France, Chair

David MalianChris LanoueDavid Musyj (ex-officio, non-voting)Paul LachanceDr. Laurie FreemanDr. Wassim Saad (ex-officio, non-voting)Genevieve IsshakCynthia BissonnetteKaren Riddell (ex-officio, non-voting)

Laura Copat Linda Staudt Dr. Danielle Soulliere (ex-officio, non-voting)

Mary Dawson Anthony Paniccia

Ian McLeod

STAFF:

Executive Committee

REGRETS:

Dr. Larry Jacobs (ex-officio, non-voting) Dr. Mayer Zayouna (ex-officio, non-voting) Jamie Skutovich Nila Das

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 1708 hours with Ms. France presiding as Chair and Ms. Sutherland recording the minutes.

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None declared.

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes of the February 1, 2024 Board meeting had been previously circulated.

MOVED by Mr. C. Lanoue, **SECONDED** by Ms. G. Isshak and **CARRIED THAT** the minutes of the February 1, 2024 Board of Directors meeting be approved.

The Chair provided the following highlights:

➤ The Hats on for Healthcare event will run for the entire month of March. This year it will support Inpatient Oncology, treatment and diagnosis at WRH. All details are available on the website.

4. REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO and CHIEF NURSING EXECUTIVE:

Mr. Musyj provided the following highlights from his presentation.

Update on Influenza

As stated previously, the influenza season started earlier however it peaked out before the average. Although we are still in the flu season, the peak is over and numbers and admissions are trending down.

Wastewater data shows a drop off on Influenza A and B cases in early March.

Update on COVID / RSV

Wastewater testing data shows that COVID numbers have decreased and/or plateaued. WRH is averaging 14 patients per day and this number was previously as high as 30.

Mr. Musyj confirmed that RSV also started earlier but things look very good now. We are hopeful that we are close to the end of all seasons especially with the warmer weather allowing people to get outside.

The masking policy that was put into place on December 8, 2023 remains in effect until the decrease in numbers is more consistent. All ESC hospitals are actively reviewing the policy and are hoping to reduce this requirement by mid to late March.

Paediatric Diversion Program

Mr. Musyj provided an update on the Paediatric ED Diversion Program. After a successful trial period, the program has expanded to 7 days a week as of March 1, 2024, thanks to a considerable amount of funding from the MoH of approximately 2.6 million dollars. Since its launch, more than 400 of our youngest patients have taken advantage of the program receiving more timely care. In addition wait times have dropped significantly.

LINAC Accelerator Expansion Project

Mr. Musyj advised that this project will be starting on March 11, 2024. This will add a 4th machine to the hospital and it will be up and running by the fall 2024. Once the 4th machine is up and running, over the next subsequent 36 months, we will replace each of the existing 3 radiation machines.

The project was given the green light to proceed to tender in 2023. The 4th machine will free up capacity, allowing the hospital to replace its 3 aging machines. Due to lack of space, the machine will be set up in a modular unit attached to the building. Mr. Musyj explained that we needed this a decade ago and we cannot wait for the new hospital.

Mr. Musyj thanked the Cancer Centre Foundation for all the fund-raising for this project. He also expressed thanks to the Ford Government for their support.

Code Grey Status Update

Ms. Riddell provided an update with respect to the ongoing restoration efforts following the criminal cyber-attack. The Code Grey was lifted on February 6, 2024. All major clinical systems are on-line and functioning properly. Work continues on smaller clinical and non-clinical systems, such as HR and Finance.

Mr. Musyj thanked the public for their patience over the last few months and acknowledged the WRH staff for their work and dedication to get the hospital systems up and running in a safe manner.

Mr. Musyj thanked the WRH Foundation for once again running the Hats On For Healthcare event. The event is celebrating 15 years and has raised over \$570,000 for WRH.

5. REPORT FROM SCHULICH:

Dr. Jacobs was unable to attend the meeting.

6. FINANCIAL PRESENTATION:

There was no financial presentation as no monthly operating results could be developed.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

MOVED by Mr. A. Paniccia, **SECONDED** by Dr. L. Freeman and **CARRIED THAT** the report from the February 20, 2024 Finance/Audit & Resources Committee meeting be accepted.

8. CORRESPONDENCE/PRINTED MATTER:

a) Media Report – FYI only.

9. BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR NOTICES OF MOTIONS:

None

10. NEW BUSINESS:

None

11. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Thursday, April 4, 2024, 1700, MET Auditorium, Side A.

•	DNDED by Mr. P. Lachance and CARRIED
THAT the March 7, 2024 Board of	Directors meeting be adjourned at 1725 hours.
Patricia France, Chair Board of Directors	Dawn Sutherland Recording Secretary/ds





Update to WRH Board of Directors (April 4, 2023)

Awards:

- The Windsor Campus Awards of Excellence honours the outstanding contributions of faculty and staff at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and provides an opportunity to recognize and encourage the ongoing development of outstanding talent. The celebration for Windsor Campus recipients April 17, 2024.
 - o Purchase tickets here: The Awards of Excellence

Windsor Update:

- The first iteration of the Canadian Resident Matching Service was completed on March 19, 2024. Wonderfully, 100% of this year's graduating Windsor class was successful in securing a residency position.
- Windsor based post-graduate programs include Family Medicine, Psychiatry, and Internal Medicine are excited to receive their new group of residents starting July 1. The remaining spots available in FM will hopefully be filled in Round 2 on April 25.
 - Psychiatry has expanded to 4 residents/year
 - o Internal Medicine welcomes their first two residents/year
 - Family Medicine has capacity for 10 residents/year. Final numbers will be updated post the second round.
- Facilities are being updated at the Windsor site. Recently, the Anatomy Lab underwent refurbishment, and this June, the main lecture theatres are receiving a tech refresh.
- Full-Time Academic faculty continue to increase at the Windsor site. With the latest expansion within the Departments of Medicine, Diagnostic Imaging, and Neurology, this number now sits at 30 faculty members.
- CPD events are being planned for the spring and fall blocks. A May session on Effective Feedback/ Learner in Difficulty is being planned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Jacobs, MD, FRCPC, FACP Associate Dean, Windsor Campus Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University.





MOTION/ACTION SHEET

From The

FINANCE/AUDIT & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING <u>General Session</u>

Monday, March 25, 2024

THERE ARE NO RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FINANCE/AUDIT & RESOURCES COMMITTEE.



MINUTES from the meeting of the **FINANCE/AUDIT & RESOURCES COMMITTEE** (*General Session*) held on Monday, March 25, 2024 (following the In-Camera Session).

PRESENT:

Anthony Paniccia (Chair & Treasurer)

Ian McLeod

Dr. Laurie Freeman

Paul Lachance

Jamie Skutovich

Chris Lanoue

STAFF:

David Musyj

Malissa Gauthier

Todd Bested

John Faber

Heidi Zimmer

Mary Macera

COMMUNITY MEMBERS:

Anna Kirby

Dwayne Dawson

Trevor Chapman

Robert Klein

Marc Jones

Katherine Pham

REGRETS:

Robert Klein

Angela D'Alessandro

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Anthony Paniccia, Chair & Treasurer, called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

The proceedings were recorded by Mary Macera.

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Marc Jones, SECONDED by Anna Kirby that the General Finance/Audit & Resources Committee Agenda of Monday, March 25, 2024, be approved

CARRIED.

3.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No "Conflict of Interest" was declared.

4.0 FOR APPROVAL / RECOMMENDATION(S)

4.1 Minutes of Previous Meeting – Tuesday, February 20, 2024

The Finance/Audit & Resources Committee Minutes of the **General** Meeting of **Tuesday**, **February 20**, **2024** were previously circulated to all members.

MOVED by Trevor Chapman, SECONDED by Dwayne Dawson that the General Meeting Minutes from the Finance/Audit & Resources Committee of Tuesday, February 20, 2024 be approved

CARRIED.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS / FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 Monthly Operating Results Report

Deferred. No operating results due to Code Grey.

Mrs. Gauthier provided the following information:

- payroll is fine for the entirety of the year
- hospital's statements are fine up to September 30th, 2023
- accounts payable done through TransForm continues to be a challenge basically from the beginning of October 2023
- TransForm provided staff and/or sites access to the lists and spreadsheets of invoices to allow the sites to take on the balance of the work in terms of getting approval to pay; providing the coding and subsequently, returning invoices to TransForm to complete actual cash transaction(s).
- Working with the auditors to be able to provide them with invoice detail in as much detail as possible to allow their audit work to be as similar to a normal year end as possible. Finance is doing journal entries invoice by invoice.
- Med fees relative to radiology and cardiology; studies are read in Cerner for the radiologists and cardiologists. It then triggers Cerner for automatic billing for the hospital; the hospital bills OHIP on behalf of the radiologists and cardiologists and subsequently, WRH pays the radiologist/cardiologist.

As Cerner was down, as well as some of the sub-systems, the studies could not be read and therefore resulted in further downtime/backlog. We are now in the process of back loading all those studies which trigger these billings. The hospital has until June 30th, 2024 to get all those studies submitted into the Ministry.

The hospital has paid the radiologists and cardiologists based on historical averages. We have some significant reconciliation work to do to determine whether the hospital owes the radiologists and cardiologists some money or the radiologists and cardiologists owe the hospital money based on actual activity. The hospital must meet the June 30th deadline with the Ministry to be able to recoup the OHIP billings.

6.0 FOR INFORMATION

6.1 <u>President's Report – March 2024</u>

The President's Report was appended as part of the meeting agenda/package for the community members.

6.1 <u>Project Management Office (PMO) Report – March 2024</u>

A link was provided to the committee members.

7.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Finance/Audit and Resources Committee will meet on Monday, April 22, 2024, noting that this meeting will be held VIA ZOOM.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paniccia indicated there was no further business.

MOVED by Paul Lachance, SECONDED by Anna Kirby that the General Meeting from the Finance/Audit & Resources Committee of Monday, March 25, 2024 be adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

CARRIED.

Mr. Anthony Paniccia, Chair & Treasurer FinAudit&Resources_Minutes 20240325

Mary Macera Recorder

WRH Media Report - March 1 to 28, 2024

CTV WINDSOR

Hats On For Healthcare campaign enters milestone 15th year

CTV Windsor, March 2, 2024

https://windsor.ctvnews.ca/hats-on-for-healthcare-campaign-enters-milestone-15th-year-1.6792347

Fairmount Properties suing City of Windsor over quashing of 'Global Village' project

CTV Windsor, March 5, 2024

https://windsor.ctvnews.ca/fairmount-properties-suing-city-of-windsor-over-quashing-of-global-village-project-1.6794773

CKHA President and CEO set to retire this summer

CTV Windsor, March 5, 2024

https://windsor.ctvnews.ca/ckha-president-and-ceo-set-to-retire-this-summer-1.6796454

Cursive confusion: The unforeseen side effect of a hospital cyberattack

CTV Windsor, March 8, 2024

https://windsor.ctvnews.ca/cursive-confusion-the-unforeseen-side-effect-of-a-hospital-cyberattack-1.6800941

'This is an emergency and the government should act': Residents rally for SafePoint interim funding CTV Windsor, March 8, 2024

https://windsor.ctvnews.ca/this-is-an-emergency-and-the-government-should-act-residents-rally-for-safepoint-interim-funding-1.6800716

Parking rate increase for visitors at Windsor Regional Hospital

CTV Windsor, March 9, 2024

https://windsor.ctvnews.ca/parking-rate-increase-for-visitors-at-windsor-regional-hospital-1.6801262

4 years later, lessons and lingering effects of COVID-19 pandemic in Windsor, Ont. Persist

CTV Windsor, March 12, 2024

https://windsor.ctvnews.ca/4-years-later-lessons-and-lingering-effects-of-covid-19-pandemic-in-windsor-ont-persist-1.6803288

Fentanyl involved in 13 Windsor-Essex overdoses last week

CTV Windsor, March 13, 2024

https://windsor.ctvnews.ca/fentanyl-involved-in-13-windsor-essex-overdoses-last-week-1.6805492

'No twisting and squeezing': An early start to tick season in late winter

CTV Windsor, March 14, 2024

https://windsor.ctvnews.ca/no-twisting-and-squeezing-an-early-start-to-tick-season-in-late-winter-1.6808120

https://windsor.ctvnews.ca/video/c2885728-insects-emerging-ahead-of-schedule

Code grey rescinded at HDGH

CTV Windsor, March 21, 2024

https://windsor.ctvnews.ca/code-grey-rescinded-at-hdgh-1.6816258

Naloxone soon to be on Tecumseh fire trucks

CTV Windsor, March 20, 2024

https://windsor.ctvnews.ca/naloxone-soon-to-be-on-tecumseh-fire-trucks-1.6816200

At 39 years old, this Windsor woman is battling breast cancer for a second time

CTV Windsor, March 23, 2024

https://windsor.ctvnews.ca/at-39-years-old-this-windsor-woman-is-battling-breast-cancer-for-a-second-time-1.6819832

Targets met for new Windsor hospital

CTV Windsor, March 26, 2024

https://windsor.ctvnews.ca/hospital-construction-set-to-begin-in-2026-1.6822378

Child and youth mental health lead agency aims to improve crisis support

CTV Windsor, March 26, 2024

https://windsor.ctvnews.ca/child-and-youth-mental-health-lead-agency-aims-to-improve-crisis-support-1.6823087

WINDSOR STAR

Developer suing Windsor over quashed \$142M 'Global Village' housing plan

Windsor Star, March 5, 2024

https://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/developer-suing-windsor-over-quashed-142m-global-village-housing-plan

Frozen out: Windsor West MPP wants more transparency from TransForm

Windsor Star, March 6, 2024

https://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/frozen-out-windsor-west-mpp-wants-more-transparency-from-transform

"The waiting game is over": advocates push MPP Dowie on SafePoint's future

Windsor Star, March 8, 2024

https://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/the-waiting-game-is-over-advocates-push-mpp-dowie-on-safepoints-future

Windsor Regional Hospital increases parking rates

Windsor Star, March 11, 2024

https://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/windsor-regional-hospital-increases-parking-rates

'Messed-up' mental health care forcing Windsor area parents to surrender kids

Windsor Star, March 12, 2024

https://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/messed-up-mental-health-care-forcing-windsor-area-parents-to-surrender-kids

Windsor Regional Hospital begins installing new radiation therapy unit

Windsor Star, March 13, 2024

https://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/windsor-regional-hospital-begins-installing-new-radiation-therapy-unit

Windsor health officials flag spike in opioid overdoses

Windsor Star, March 13, 2024

https://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/windsor-health-officials-flag-spike-in-opioid-overdoses

Failed plans: What could have been on former Windsor Grace Hospital lands

Windsor Star, March 14, 2024

https://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/failed-plans-what-could-have-been-on-former-windsor-grace-hospital-lands

HDGH's financial, security systems restored after cyberattack

Windsor Star, March 21, 2024

https://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/hdgh-restores-financial-security-systems-after-cyberattack

MPP Dowie says Windsor's SafePoint ineligible for interim funding to reopen

Windsor Star, March 26, 2024

https://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/mpp-dowie-says-safepoint-consumption-site-ineligible-for-interim-funding

Windsor lacks 'people-in-crisis' mental health supports, inquest told

Windsor Star, March 28, 2024

https://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/windsor-lacks-people-in-crisis-mental-health-supports-inquest-told

AM800

Gretzky calling for action on youth mental health services

AM800 News, March 1, 2024

https://www.iheartradio.ca/am800/news/gretzky-calling-for-action-on-youth-mental-health-services-1.21922165

Over 800 students being suspended due to incomplete immunization records

AM800 News, March 1, 2024

https://www.iheartradio.ca/am800/news/over-800-students-being-suspended-due-to-incomplete-immunization-records-1.21943071

Nearly 600 students remain suspended due to incomplete immunization records

AM800 News, March 4, 2024

https://www.iheartradio.ca/am800/news/nearly-600-students-remain-suspended-due-to-incomplete-immunization-records-1.21982846

First research study at ESHC aimed at improving psychiatric care wait times

AM800 News, March 4, 2024

https://www.iheartradio.ca/am800/news/first-research-study-at-eshc-aimed-at-improving-psychiatric-care-wait-times-1.21933924

Fairmount Properties suing the City of Windsor for axing development at former Grace hospital site AM800 News, March 5, 2024

https://www.iheartradio.ca/am800/news/fairmount-properties-suing-the-city-of-windsor-for-axing-development-at-former-grace-hospital-site-1.21992216

Fewer than 400 students remain suspended due to incomplete immunization records

AM800 News, March 5, 2024

https://www.iheartradio.ca/am800/news/fewer-than-400-students-remain-suspended-due-to-incomplete-immunization-records-1.22000658

Over 100 students back in class after providing updated immunization records

AM800 News, March 6, 2024

https://www.iheartradio.ca/am800/news/over-100-students-back-in-class-after-providing-updated-immunization-records-1.22021040

Windsor CTS Advocacy Coalition meeting with Andrew Dowie on Friday

AM800 News, March 6, 2024

https://www.iheartradio.ca/am800/news/windsor-cts-advocacy-coalition-meeting-with-andrew-dowie-on-friday-1.22021708

Dowie surprised by rally, but looking forward to engaging with CTS Advocacy Coalition

AM800 News, March 7, 2024

https://www.iheartradio.ca/am800/news/dowie-surprised-by-rally-but-looking-forward-to-engaging-with-cts-advocacy-coalition-1.22026220

AUDIO: New radiation machine for Windsor Regional Hospital

AM800 News, March 8, 2024

https://www.iheartradio.ca/am800/audio/new-radiation-machine-for-windsor-regional-hospital-1.22043165?mode=Article

Rally to urge province to provide funding for Windsor's SafePoint

AM800 News, March 8, 2024

https://www.iheartradio.ca/am800/news/rally-to-urge-province-to-provide-funding-for-windsor-s-safepoint-1.22043669

Windsor Regional Hospital increasing parking rates effective April 1

AM800 News, March 8, 2024

https://www.iheartradio.ca/am800/news/windsor-regional-hospital-increasing-parking-rates-effective-april-1-1.22043726

Essex-Windsor EMS working to reduce ambulance offload delays

AM800 News, March 8, 2024

https://www.iheartradio.ca/am800/news/essex-windsor-ems-working-to-reduce-ambulance-offload-delays-1.22042865

WRH beginning Linear Accelerator Expansion Project on Monday

AM800 News, March 8, 2024

https://www.iheartradio.ca/am800/news/wrh-beginning-linear-accelerator-expansion-project-on-monday-1.22042868

WRH President and CEO reflects on four year anniversary of COVID-19 being declared global pandemic AM800 News, March 11, 2024

https://www.iheartradio.ca/am800/news/wrh-president-and-ceo-reflects-on-four-year-anniversary-of-covid-19-being-declared-global-pandemic-1.22047477

Ontario Premier says 'it shouldn't be too much longer' for CTS review to be completed

AM800 News, March 12, 2024

https://www.iheartradio.ca/am800/news/ontario-premier-says-it-shouldn-t-be-too-much-longer-for-cts-review-to-be-completed-1.22057402

Opioid alert issued by WECHU after 16 overdoses reported

AM800 News, March 13, 2024

https://www.am800cklw.com/news/opioid-alert-issued-by-wechu-after-16-overdoses-reported.html

WECHU reports 102 students out of class due to incomplete immunization records

AM800, March 14, 2024

https://www.am800cklw.com/news/wechu-reports-102-students-out-of-class-due-to-incomplete-immunization-records.html

CAS trying to deal with kids in mental health crisis being handed over

AM800 News, March 18, 2024

https://www.am800cklw.com/news/cas-trying-to-deal-with-kids-in-mental-health-crisis-being-handed-over.html

WECHU warns public to be aware of measles symptoms

AM800 News, March 19, 2024

https://www.am800cklw.com/news/wechu-warns-public-to-be-aware-of-measles-

symptoms.html#:~:text=Symptoms%20may%20appear%207%20to,the%20disease%20is%20very%20con tagious

Windsor Regional Hospital seeing decrease in weapons being brought into emergency departments

AM800 News, March 21, 2024

https://www.am800cklw.com/news/windsor-regional-hospital-seeing-decrease-in-weapons-being-brought-into-emergency-

departments.html#:~:text=Windsor%20Regional%20Hospital%20is%20beginning,on%20Oct.%2019%2C %202023

Tecumseh joins Naloxone Program-Community Partnership

AM800 News, March 20, 2024

https://www.am800cklw.com/news/tecumseh-joins-ontario-naloxone-program-community-partnership.html

WRH CEO touts success in retaining and recruiting nurses to the hospital

AM800 News, March 26, 2024

https://www.am800cklw.com/news/wrh-ceo-touts-success-in-retaining-and-recruiting-nurses-to-the-hospital.html

WRH head believes provincial budget is positive for hospital healthcare

AM800 News, March 27, 2024

https://www.am800cklw.com/news/wrh-head-believes-provincial-budget-is-positive-for-hospital-healthcare.html

Approval for next stage of new Windsor-Essex Acute Care Hospital expected this spring

AM800 News, March 27, 2024

https://www.am800cklw.com/news/approval-for-next-stage-of-new-windsor-essex-acute-care-hospital-expected-this-spring.html

CBC WINDSOR

Windsor MPP demands answers on mental health support for high-needs youth

CBC Windsor, March 1, 2024

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/lisa-gretzky-qp-young-mental-health-1.7128452

U.S. developer behind nixed downtown Windsor student housing project sues city

CBC Windsor, March 5, 2024

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/developer-sues-windsor-old-grace-hospital-housing-development-1.7133889

More than 250 elementary students remain suspended with incomplete vaccine records

CBC Windsor, March 6, 2024

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/windsor-health-unit-vaccine-records-1.7135662

Windsor Regional Hospital getting new radiation machine

CBC Windsor, March 7, 2024

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/windsor-regional-hospital-radiation-machine-1.7137352

Essex Windsor EMS, hospitals reduce Code Blacks in 2023

CBC Windsor, March 11, 2024

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/ems-code-blacks-down-essex-windsor-1.7137048

Windsor mental health program sees jump in cannabis-induced psychosis — mainly with youth CBC Windsor, March 11, 2024

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/early-intervention-psychosis-ontario-1.7138098

Windsor saw its 1st COVID case 4 years ago today. Where do things stand now?

CBC Windsor, March 19, 2024

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/4-years-since-1st-covid-case-windsor-1.7148215

Health unit will push province to require that health care providers report immunizations

CBC Windsor, March 22, 2024

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/immunizations-health-unit-province-health-care-providers-1.7152634

Hospital says change to youth mental health crisis service will make care more 'seamless'

CBC Windsor, March 26, 2024

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/windsor-children-youth-mental-health-crisis-1.7156194

BLACKBURN RADIO

Hundreds of students suspended from school over vaccination records

Blackburn Windsor, March 1, 2024

https://windsornewstoday.ca/windsor/news/2024/03/01/hundreds-of-students-suspended-from-school-over-vaccination-records

599 students still suspended over vaccination records

Blackburn Windsor, March 4, 2024

https://windsornewstoday.ca/windsor/news/2024/03/04/599-students-still-suspended-over-vaccination-records

Former Grace Hospital site developer files legal action against City of Windsor

Blackburn Windsor, March 5, 2024

https://windsornewstoday.ca/windsor/news/2024/03/05/former-grace-hospital-site-developer-files-legal-action-against-city-of-windsor

Number of suspended Windsor-Essex students continues to drop

Blackburn Windsor, March 6, 2024

https://windsornewstoday.ca/windsor/news/2024/03/06/number-of-suspended-windsor-essex-students-continues-to-drop

UPDATE: Number of suspended Windsor-Essex students still dropping

Blackburn Windsor, March 6, 2024

https://windsornewstoday.ca/windsor/news/2024/03/06/number-of-suspended-windsor-essex-students-continues-to-drop

Healthcare camps looking to recruit to rural communities

Blackburn Windsor, March 6, 2024

https://windsornewstoday.ca/windsor/news/2024/03/06/healthcare-camps-looking-to-recruit-to-rural-communities

Residents rally for SafePoint funding

Blackburn Windsor, March 8, 2024

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WRH to increase parking rates starting April 1

Blackburn Windsor, March 11, 2024

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Alert issued after high number of overdoses

Blackburn Windsor, March 13, 2024

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Local Clinical Trials Navigator program expanding

Blackburn Windsor, March 19, 2024

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Brain Canada hoping everyone takes time to think during Brain Health Awareness Month

Blackburn Windsor, March 19, 2024

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Code Grey rescinded at Hotel Dieu Grace Healthcare

Blackburn Windsor, March 21, 2024

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Tecumseh to place naloxone kits at some facilities

Blackburn Windsor, March 20, 2024

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Number of suspended Windsor-Essex students now in double digits

Blackburn Windsor, March 20, 2024

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Colorectal cancer advocate reminds people to get annual scopes

Blackburn Radio, March 21, 2024

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New security measures at Windsor Regional Hospital turn up 2,239 weapons

Blackburn Windsor, March 21, 2024

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Maryvale taking over mental health services for teens in emergency department

Blackburn Windsor, March 26, 2024

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CHATHAM/SARNIA COVERAGE

Health alliance boss Lori Marshall retiring this summer

Chatham Daily News, March 6, 2024

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March 19, 2024

David Musyj
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Dear David Musyj:

It was a pleasure to meet you at the roundtable meeting in Windsor on January 17, 2024, to discuss border crime activities, including human trafficking, illicit drugs and auto theft.

These discussions are critically important. Thank you for participating and sharing your feedback at the roundtable meeting. Please know that I was inspired by the dedication of all those in attendance to create a province where everyone feels safe and protected.

Public safety is a top priority for our government. We are committed to working with the province's police services and community partners to provide them with the training, tools and resources they need to keep Ontario's communities safe and resilient.

The Ontario government recently <u>announced a \$51 million investment</u> in new measures to help police identify and dismantle organized crime networks and combat auto theft. The funding will also support first-of-its kind auto theft prosecution teams to investigate and prosecute criminal organizations that profit from stolen vehicles.

Further, our government is committed to implementing meaningful reform to the bail system. On April 27, 2023 our government <u>announced</u> an investment of \$112 million to immediately strengthen the province's bail system. This funding will be used to support new technology, establish violent crime bail teams, expand the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement Squad and provide prosecutors with the resources they need to conduct complex bail hearings.

This investment includes the creation of the new Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension (BCWA) Grant. Starting this year, \$24 million will be allocated over three years (2023-24 to 2025-26) to help the OPP, municipal, and First Nation police services establish dedicated bail compliance and warrant apprehension teams. These teams will assist Prosecutors during the bail hearing stage by providing evidentiary and public safety considerations and improve follow-ups to ensure high-risk individuals comply with bail conditions. Grant funding may also be used towards bail compliance technology or networks that support the Provincial Bail Compliance Dashboard which will allow police services across the province to share and inform bail compliance information.

Through a variety of avenues, the Government of Ontario is also advancing mental health initiatives, including supporting mobile crisis response teams by investing approximately \$4.5 million in 2023-24 through the Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) Enhancement Grant. The purpose of this grant is to support or increase crisis workers on existing response teams so that police services can better leverage local mental health expertise when addressing calls involving persons in crisis.

The Ontario government has also allocated approximately \$1.7 million over two years through the 2022/23 – 2023/24 Safer and Vital Communities (SVC) Grant to help communities combat crime. The funding will help 17 community-based, not-for-profit organizations and First Nations Chiefs and Band Councils, in collaboration with their police partners, implement local projects that tackle Cybercrime, with priority areas in Hate Crimes, Human Trafficking and Fraud.

In collaboration with community partners, Ontario is also taking strong action to build awareness about human trafficking as part of our five-year Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy. The Strategy is focused on four key pillars with actions across government to: raise awareness, intervene earlier, protect victims, support survivors and hold offenders accountable. Between 2020-2025, the Ontario government is investing up to approximately \$307 million in a comprehensive action plan to combat human trafficking.

Lastly, the Ontario government is making it easier for police services across the province to recruit more police officers by removing tuition fees for Basic Constable Training program at the Ontario Police College. We are also eliminating the proposed requirement for post-secondary education to become a police officer and expanding the number of recruits that can be trained.

Thank you once again for taking the time to attend this important meeting and for your commitment to community safety. I look forward to continuing our conversation in the future.

Sincerely,

Michael Kerzner Solicitor General

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