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John Oliver, HHS President & CEO retiring in April 2014

Judy Wilson, Halton Healthcare Services Board Chair, today announced that John Oliver, Halton Healthcare Services (HHS) President & CEO, will be retiring on April 30, 2014.

“John has been with the hospitals of Halton Healthcare Services since 1990 and has provided exceptional leadership throughout his career with us,” said Ms Wilson at a special management meeting held today to make the announcement. “While this will be a tremendous loss for HHS we are thrilled for John as he embarks on the next chapter in his life.”

“It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the hospitals of HHS for the past 23 years,” said Mr. Oliver. “Much has been accomplished through this time and yet even greater opportunities for HHS lie on the horizon.”

Mr. Oliver’s distinguished career with the Halton Healthcare Services hospitals began in 1990 when he was Executive Director of Georgetown Hospital (GH). In 1995 he became President & CEO of Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (OTMH). In 1998 he was appointed President & CEO of what is now Halton Healthcare Services – the result of the amalgamation of Milton District Hospital (MDH) and OTMH - one of the most successful Ministry directed amalgamations in the province. In 2006 John was instrumental in the successful transfer of GH to HHS.

During this time period Mr. Oliver also oversaw the successful application for long term care beds in Halton Hills and Oakville that resulted in the development of two long term care centres during a time when long term care beds were scarce resources in our communities. HHS continues to own and operate one of those centres – Wyndham Manor Long Term Care Centre located beside OTMH. Mr. Oliver also oversaw major physical plant expansions and enhancements at OTMH, including the completion of a \$50 million facility upgrade in 1995, the completion of a \$12 million Emergency/ Ambulatory Care expansion in 2001, and many additional renovations and enhancements to accommodate new programs and service expansions.

“During his tenure at HHS John provided the organization with exceptional strategic leadership that ultimately translated to better healthcare services for each of the communities that we serve,” continued Ms. Wilson. “From long term care beds for the elderly in Oakville to the stabilization and growth of our obstetrical programs at our northern sites and the provision of regional services outside of our immediate catchment area - there are many, many people who have and will continue to benefit from the foresight, vision and drive of John Oliver.”

A true champion of community healthcare and providing services closer to home Mr. Oliver has been instrumental in the introduction and expansion of many clinical programs in all three communities including the introduction of MRI services, inpatient rehabilitation program and the HHS dialysis and diabetes programs – programs that now extend into Burlington as well.

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An effective communicator, Mr. Oliver worked tirelessly and successfully with key stakeholders to further the strategic intentions of the organization specifically those related to the capital projects that are now underway at all three HHS hospitals.

Each project, the New Oakville Hospital, one of the largest hospital capital projects in the province, the MDH expansion and the Emergency, DI and CT Scanner project in Georgetown have been supported financially by the province and the communities through the municipality and very successful capital campaigns.

“John has always lived the mission of our organization – caring today, growing for tomorrow,” continued Ms. Wilson. “I can say with absolute certainty that the drive and dedication that John demonstrated when pursuing the Ministry for approval of not one, not two, but three capital projects was the reason we achieved success. In the years to come, as we are celebrating the completion of our historic capital projects and reflect back on the path we travelled we will be sure to thank John for his efforts.”

In addition to his many accomplishments at HHS John represented HHS well beyond the communities of Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills. In 1999 John was seconded to the position of Assistant Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care. John also served as Chair of the Board of Directors of Shared Services West for five years and continues as a member of the SSW Board and recently completed a three year term as a member of the Ontario Health Technology Advisory Committee. John was the Chair of the Cardiac Care Network of Ontario, and Chair of the Halton-Peel District Health Council, Chair of the Reference Group on Hospital & Physician Issues and the Co-Chair of the MRP Funding Working Group.

In 2011 John was awarded a Fellowship in The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario. In 2012 John was presented with the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee medal in recognition of his leadership at all three Halton Healthcare Services hospitals and the important role he has played in the New Oakville Hospital project.

“Through the years I have had the opportunity to work with groups of amazing individuals who define the excellence of HHS. From staff and physicians, through management and executive personnel, their professionalism and commitment to excellence has been inspirational to me,” concluded Mr. Oliver. “This collective spirit of service and quality is highly motivational and continues to carry the organization forward with exceptional levels of optimism and dedication. I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to the Board and to all with whom I have worked at HHS for the opportunity of serving as CEO for such an incredibly dynamic organization”.

The Board of Directors has established a CEO Search Committee to oversee the recruitment process.

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