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The Board of Directors (Board) is responsible to engage with the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), Ontario Health (North), other health service providers and the communities served when developing plans and setting priorities. It is essential that Health Sciences North (HSN) communicate regularly to the broader public about the operations of the hospital and future directions.

Article 16(6) of the Local Health System Integration Act, 2006 requires all health service providers to engage the communities served in planning and setting priorities. The process and scope for community engagement will vary depending on the issue and will be recommended to the Board by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) as required.

Recognizing the breadth of the communities served by HSN, the Chair and the CEO will ensure that information with respect to the activities of the Hospital is widely communicated to the public via social media and traditional media throughout the catchment area. Mechanisms for regular communication to the public on the activities of the hospital may include but are not limited to:

- Posting on the Hospital website minutes of meetings of the Board;
- An annual report to the members of the corporation and the community on the activities of the Hospital;
- Periodic posts on social media and articles in the local media on matters of interest to the communities served by the Hospital;
- Focus group sessions which will be held periodically across the northeast region. The purpose of these focus groups will be to receive advice and consultation on services being provided and on those services that may require expansion or to be established. Reports from all of these sessions will be used to inform the Board's decision-making, and strategic planning processes.