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A strong and positive relationship between Health Sciences North and the Ministry of Health, Ontario Health (North), and other government ministries (as required) is essential. The timely exchange of information and consultation is a critical element of these relationships.

Reflecting the Board’s accountability for community engagement and needs assessment (see Policy V-A-1), the Hospital will communicate with Ontario Health (North) and the Minister and/or Ministry of Health about the needs of the Hospital’s community and the resources required to meet those needs. To this end, the Board will ensure that it receives a report, at least annually, regarding an assessment of this accountability.

As required, the Board will provide written reports or presentations to Ontario Health (North) on the Hospital’s Strategic Plan and the priorities and pressures facing the Hospital.

At least annually, Health Sciences North will provide a report to municipalities and First Nations in the North East on priorities and progress at Health Sciences North.