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CEO of CPDMH Announces Retirement

After nine years as CEO of the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH), Mike Gagné has announced his decision to retire at the end of June 2008.

“I have enjoyed working at CPDMH tremendously and I am very proud of what the Board of Trustees, physicians, hospital staff and I were able to accomplish as a team during my time as CEO”, stated Mike Gagné. “I would like to offer my sincere appreciation to everyone who has supported me over the last nine years however I’ve decided that its time for me to retire so I can spend more time with my wife, Marlene, our children and grandchildren.

Mr. Gagné started his career as a private in the Canadian Armed Forces in 1964 where he spent 28 years and earned two university degrees (a Bachelors in Accounting and a Masters in Health Administration). When he left the military he had earned the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and was Vice President with the National Defense Medical Centre. As a new civilian, Gagné began working for the Sarnia General Hospital and spent two years as AED of Administration and four years as CEO.

In October 1998, Mr. Gagné began a six month contract with CPDMH that later turned into a full time position. At that time the hospital was the least efficient hospital in Ontario. Under Gagné’s guidance, and with a lot of hard work, the hospital began to turn around. The services available to the community increased and CPDMH’s performance in accreditation, inspections, patient satisfaction surveys and annual hospital reports improved. One of Gagné’s most significant accomplishments has been the recognition of CPDMH as the most efficient hospital in the province three times in the last six years - including the past two.

“During his tenure with our Hospital, Mike has provided strong and effective leadership that resulted in many very significant accomplishments. Mike’s management has resulted in very positive changes to the hospital and the overall health care available to our community,” stated David Somppi, Chair of the CPDMH Board of Trustees. “As a result of his work, the hospital is providing excellent care and is in a solid financial position. His positive, “can do” attitude continues to drive progress as the hospital is moving through the approvals process towards redevelopment.”

“Mike has always been very supportive of the Auxiliary and our efforts to help the hospital,” stated Flora Neave, President of the MHAuxiliary. “On behalf of the Auxiliary I would like to wish him all the best in his retirement and remind him that the Auxiliary is always looking for extra volunteers!”

“On behalf of the CPDMH Foundation I would like to thank Mike for his dedication to the Hospital over the last nine years,” said Sylvie Powell, CPDMH Foundation President. “He has always been very helpful with any of the Foundation’s fundraising efforts and has always been willing to do whatever was needed to help the Foundation succeed. He will be missed.”

“Mike has made a very positive impact on our hospital. He is very well respected by the hospital staff, physicians, the board and most importantly the community. On behalf of the Board I wish him well in the next stage of his life and once again offer our sincere thanks for everything he has done to make our hospital perform as it does today.” continued Mr. Somppi. “As we move forward, we know that Mike has helped us establish the groundwork for continued success in both hospital operations and redevelopment.”

The Board has formed a selection committee to recruit a new CEO for CPDMH. Once a candidate has been selected, CPDMH’s Board of Trustees will introduce the individual to the community.

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