



Mayor Jeff Lehman
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Dear Mayor Lehman:

The BCHC is requesting City of Barrie representation on its Location Committee that will begin to meet on August 17th, 2011. The Location Committee will be tasked with reviewing various contingencies concerning its current location with the goal of expediting relocation to another premise in the Barrie area.

In September 2009, BCHC entered a new three year lease with its landlord of 10 years at 56 Bayfield Street. Given the marked increase in lease rates over the 10 year period and no subsequent reconciliation from the funder of an operating deficit associated with the increased occupancy envelope, the Centre was required to reduce its staffing complement to produce a balanced budget fiscal year end 2010 and 2011.

Prior to signing of the new lease and the lack of security regarding continued tenancy at the existing site, BCHC worked in concert with MOH approved broker, Colliers International. A rigorous feasibility study was conducted after which the Centre's Board supported relocation of the Centre.

In late 2010, the MOHLTC and LHINs developed a new process for capital involving a pre-capital phase. BCHC is currently in the process of pre-capital approvals for the relocation of the BCHC and its on-site partners to a more optimal space in the City of Barrie. NSM LHIN endorsement has also been received for relocation.

BCHC has once again struck a Location Committee that will be tasked with reviewing the options for relocation with the purchase of a minimum of a 26,000 square foot facility in the City of Barrie. A City of Barrie representative, perhaps from the Realty Division, would be a valuable addition to the committee.

Should you require more information or wish to discuss the relocation with me personally, I can be reached at (705) 734-9690 ext 250.

Sincerely,

Christine Colcy
Executive Director