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Dear Ms. Paparella:

Re: Proposed Urgent Care Facility on the South Hamilton Mountain

I'm writing in follow up to your August 31, 2016 letter regarding Hamilton City Council's approval of Item 20 on the General Issues Committee Report 16-020 concerning a proposed Urgent Care Facility on the South Hamilton Mountain.

At no time has the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant (HNHB) Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) made a commitment to build an urgent care facility on the south Hamilton mountain. Any questions, concerns or issues related to property at Chedoke need to be addressed by Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS).

It is important to emphasize no decisions have been made regarding the current proposed movement of hospital services at Hamilton Health Sciences outlined in their 20-year "Our Healthy Future" plan. The capital planning process entails four distinct stages of review and approval, with the first two requiring the LHIN's review and Board endorsement. The HHS proposal is currently in the first stage of development. The LHIN is beginning its review and will carefully consider its decision in the context of accessibility, quality, patient experience and integration in addition to health system priorities.

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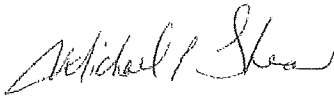
Ms. Stephanie Paparella

An important part of planning for any capital strategy is the opportunity for communities and key stakeholders to review, question and provide feedback on a hospital's proposed plan including any changes to programs and services affecting access to care. We encourage you to contact HHS directly to review your concerns.

The LHIN will continue to assess and understand the needs of the population we serve as we work together with citizens, health service providers and stakeholders to dramatically improve the experience of patients today and in the future.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Shea".

Michael Shea
Board Chair

c: Rob MacIsaac, President and CEO, HHS
Donna Cripps, Chief Executive Office, HNHB LHIN