



Almaguin Highlands Health Centre

**A Community-Based Approach to Providing Quality
Healthcare in the Almaguin Region**

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Presentation Objectives

- Update Municipal representatives in Almaguin Region on potential to create a Community Health Centre for Almaguin
- Provide background on progress made thus far on Business Case
- Obtain buy-in on the basic approach and next steps

History and Background

- Burk's Falls & District Health Centre operated under various administrative structures from 1942 until 2009
- Centre was closed in 2009 by the Muskoka Algonquin Health Centre as part of budget cutbacks at MAHC (also supporting Huntsville and South Muskoka hospitals)
- Several exhaustive reports, task forces and studies performed between 1993 and 2006 all indicated the need for a Health Centre in Burk's Falls
- MAHC effectively divested any future interest in 2010 when the Burk's Falls / Almaguin Highlands region was moved under the control of the North East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) from the North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN
- Community leaders in the Almaguin Highlands region have been working since the Health Centre closure was announced to regain the services required to provide proper, quality healthcare to the region

Current Challenges: Regional Profile

- Almaguin Highlands region has lost access to quality healthcare at a time when need is increasing
- The region has an aging population, with more than 30% over the age of 60 (well above provincial average)
- There is a large influx of seasonal population between May and September, effectively doubling the population and adding to healthcare pressures
- A median income much lower than the provincial average, and an unemployment rate higher than the provincial average

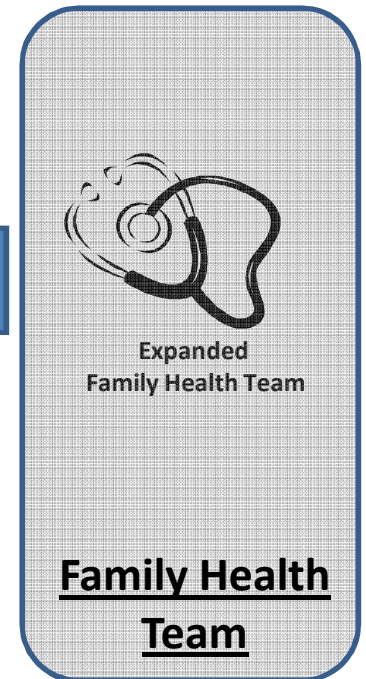
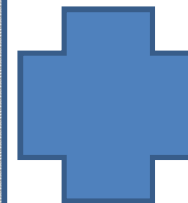
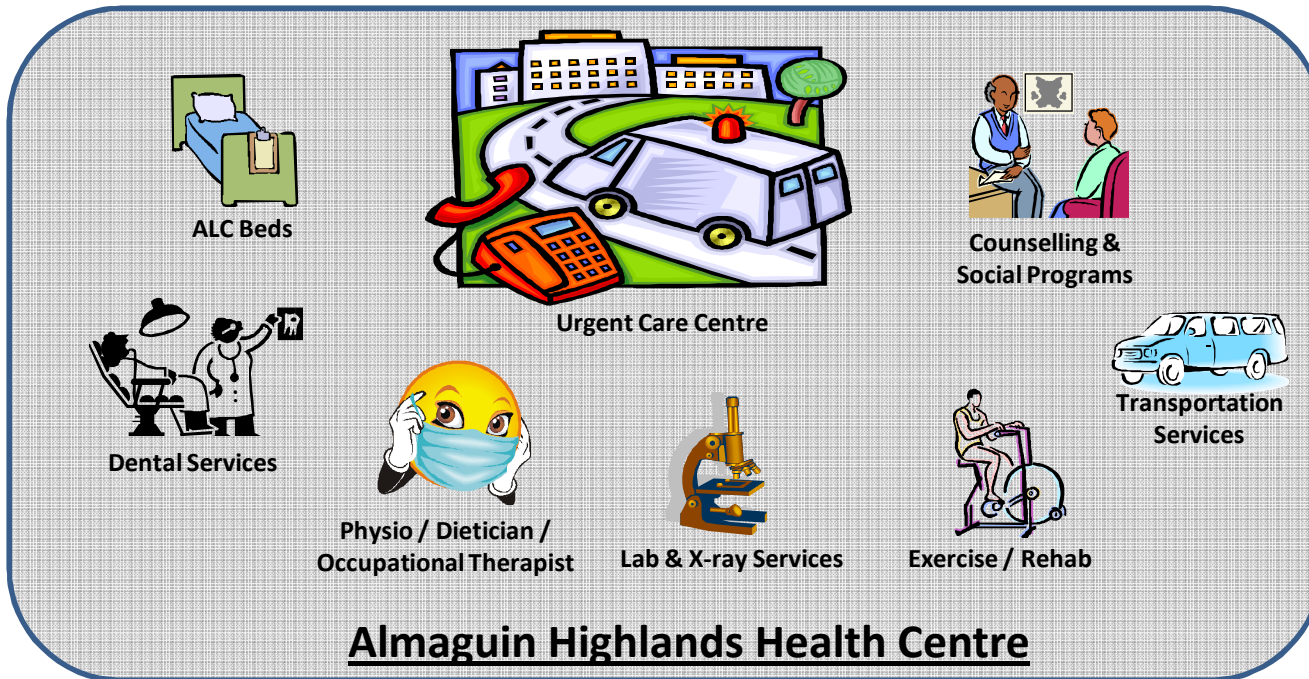
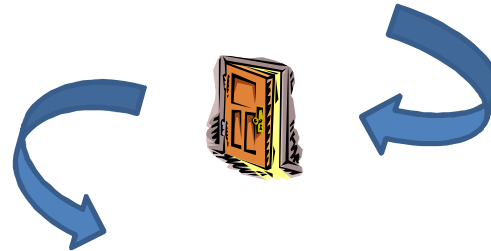
Current Challenges: Healthcare Access

- Population Health Profile statistics for the region which indicate an at-risk population in terms of lifestyle and health practices
- The proposed Family Health Team for the region has not developed or expanded
- Primary health care is not within 30 minutes travel time for most residents, as per recommendations in the Rural and Northern Health Care Report
- Emergency services (7/24/365) are not within 30 minutes travel time for most residents, as per recommendations in the Rural and Northern Health Care Report

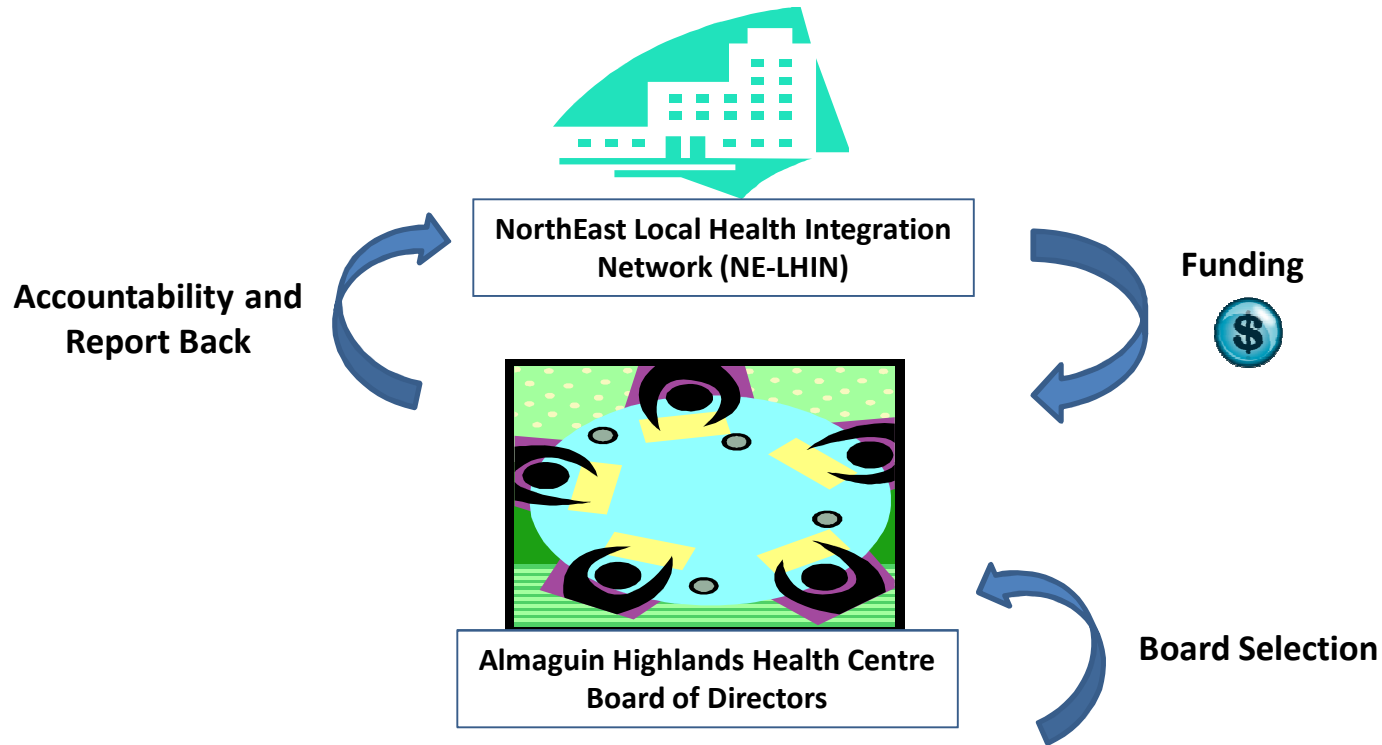
Almaguin Highlands Health Centre: Potential Services Provided



Citizens of Almaguin Highlands



Almaguin Highlands Health Centre: A Community-Based Approach



Armour	Burk's Falls	Joly	Kearney
Machar	Magnetawan	McMurrich / Monteith	Perry
Ryerson	South River	Sundridge	Strong

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Almaguin Highlands Health Centre: Assumptions & Critical Success Factors

- Our approach is sound and our business case supports both the need and the approach
- The municipal leaders buy in and support the approach
- Communications with municipal stakeholders, the community, and the various government areas (LHINs, etc) remains strong
- Our message across the Almaguin Highlands is clear and consistent

Almaguin Highlands Health Centre: Next Steps

- Complete the Needs Assessment / Business Case



- Community Stakeholder Communication Sessions
 - Citizens
 - Local physicians
 - Local caregivers
 - Establish web site for communications

- Determine Cost Estimates for Proposed Services

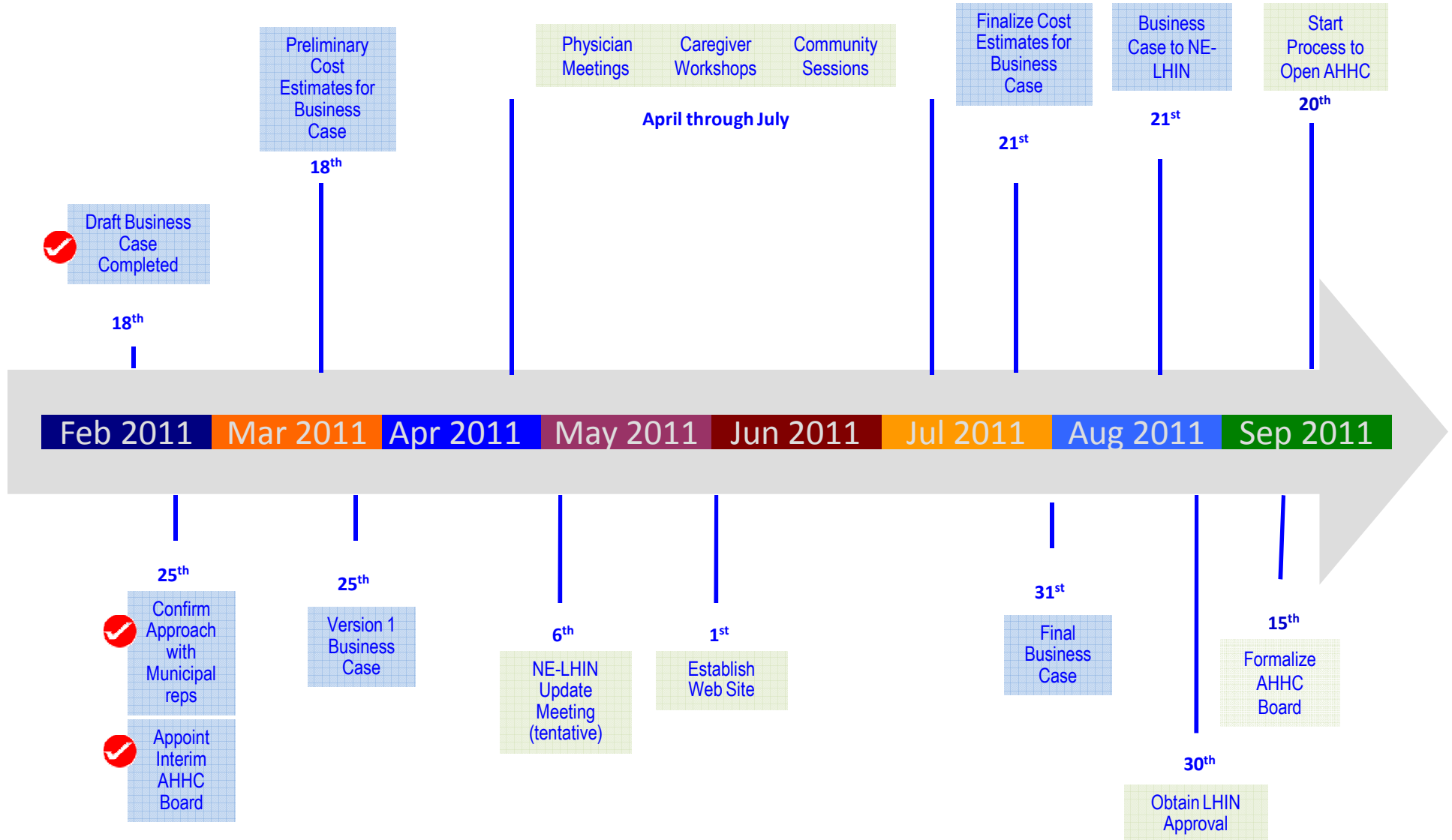


- Establish On-Going Governance & Oversight



- Present Business Case to NE-LHIN

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