

Providence Care announces new Board Chair, Vice Chairs

Tuesday, June 24 - Providence Care is pleased to announce Jim Barton as the new Chair of the organization's Board of Directors. Mr. Barton, a former Chief Operating Officer at Dupont Canada Inc., stepped into the role this afternoon at the Providence Care Annual General Meeting, replacing outgoing Chair Larry Norman.

Providence Care, the Kingston-based \$108-million dollar health care provider, also announced Glen Wood and Peter McGeer as the Board's new Vice Chairs.

The Providence Care Board of Directors is comprised of 14 appointed members, representing the Frontenac, Lennox & Addington, Quinte and Leeds Grenville counties. Six additional members sit on the Board as part of their positional responsibilities (this includes the Providence Care President & CEO, Chief of Staff, the President of the Medical Staff, and representatives of the Catholic Health Corporation of Ontario and Queen's University).

Jim Barton, Chair

Jim Barton began working at Dupont Canada Inc. in 1970 as Research Engineer and held numerous positions until his retirement in 2004 as Chief Operating Officer. He holds a B.Sc., M.Sc. and a PhD. in Chemical Engineering from Queen's University including a R.S. McLaughlin Fellowship. Jim Barton has been a member of many organizations, including the Board of Wecast Industries Inc, the Royal Kingston Curling Club and the Providence Care Board of Directors since 2006.

Glen Wood, Vice Chair

Glen Wood is the Operations Director for E.I. du Pont Canada Company. His career with DuPont began in 1969 when he joined the Kingston technical group as an Engineer. Since then Mr. Wood has held various management positions at sites in Canada and the United States. He has been a member of the Providence Care Board of Directors since 2007.

Peter McGeer, Vice Chair

Peter McGeer began his career in the R&D arm of Alcan, where he rose to the positions of manager of technology transfer, director of research (primary processes) and director of the Kingston Research and Development Centre. Peter McGeer holds degrees from UBC, Princeton and an Honorary DSc. from Queen's University. He has been a member of many organizations, including the Providence Care Board of Directors for the past three years.

Providence Care is the leading provider of specialized care for some of the most vulnerable patients in southeastern Ontario – the frail elderly, people coping with chronic illness, stroke survivors and those living with serious mental illness. One of Kingston's university hospitals, Providence Care has three main sites in Kingston: Mental Health Services, St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital and Providence Manor, as well as over 15 community locations. Affiliated with Queen's University, Providence Care is a major centre for teaching and research.

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