



July 15, 2026

BY EMAIL

The Municipality of the Village of Burke's Falls
127 Ontario Street, Box 160
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Email: senioradmin@burksfalls.ca

Re: Retention of the Cancer/Oncology Clinic at Huntsville District Memorial Hospital Site

At its Regular Council Meeting held on July 6, 2026, Council supported the enclosed correspondence dated June 16, 2026 from the Village of Burk's Falls regarding Retention of the Cancer/Oncology Clinic at Huntsville District Memorial Hospital Site.

Council accordingly passed the following resolution:

R26-07-321

Moved By Councillor Verbeek
Seconded By Councillor Matyi

That the correspondence from the Village of Burk's Falls regarding Retention of the Cancer/Oncology Clinic at Huntsville District Memorial Hospital Site, be received and supported.

Carried

I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

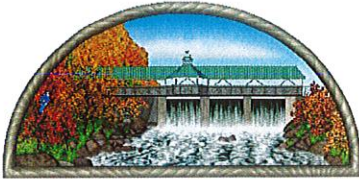
Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jill", written over a decorative background of overlapping green, yellow, and blue wavy shapes.



Joseph Malandruccolo
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Enclosure



The Municipality of the
VILLAGE OF BURK'S FALLS

Moved By: A-B Date: June 16, 2026

Seconded By: N.K Resolution # 2026- 168

Be it resolved;

THAT the Council of The Village of Burk's Falls receives the presentation from Austin Toth;

AND FURTHER THAT Council supports the retention of the Cancer/Oncology Clinic at the Huntsville Memorial Hospital site;

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to allow the collection of signatures via a copy of the available petition to the public at the municipal office.

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to distribute this resolution to all municipalities.

Recorded Vote requested by: _____

Ryan Baptiste	for / opposed
Ashley Brandt	for / opposed
Sean Cotton	for / opposed
Chris Hope	for / opposed
Nancy Kyte	for / opposed

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Carried	Defeated	Deferred

Pecuniary Interest declared by:

Ally
Mayor

Cancer Clinic Petition Huntsville

Petition Mission Statement - We the undersigned would like to ensure the Cancer Clinic remains in the Huntsville District Memorial Site. We affirm the strategic and equitable treatment option of the Huntsville cancer clinic and its continuing operation".

A person diagnosed with cancer is assessed at a major cancer treatment centre located in Barrie or Sudbury, and provided certain criteria are met can be referred for ongoing treatment at home or if required, to an oncology treatment centre staffed by registered nurses such as is in Huntsville Memorial Hospital Site. For the Almaguin Area, most patients attend Royal Victoria Hospital – Hutson Regional Cancer Centre in Barrie, Ontario, which has an association with Huntsville Memorial Hospital. The type of cancer, treatment required, available resources and individual patient needs as it relates to the need for treatment closer to home to maximize results are the criteria for admission into the satellite programs.

The East Parry Sound Area (including Almaguin Highlands) is in a unique position depending on your address. People diagnosed with cancer are typically referred to Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie, located 146 to 187 km away, for assessment and initial treatment. If the patient is fortunate they can receive treatment at an Oncology treatment centre like the one located in Huntsville. These centres require specialized staff and resources to meet the treatment needs of Cancer patients. Huntsville Memorial Site has that kind of specialized, dedicated medical staff and services which Cancer Patients consider as excellent.

For those residing in the Almaguin Area, attending the Huntsville Oncology Clinic can be from 26 km to 80 km from their residence.

We have heard with concern of the possibility of the Cancer Clinic being moved to Bracebridge. For those residing in the Almaguin Area this would be a significant increase driving for treatment. The extra distance would have more impact during winter months.

It should be noted that the Cancer Clinic was originally located in the Bracebridge Hospital location many years ago. At that time, it was decided to move it Huntsville due to location being one of the rationales.

A further obstacle for many Cancer patients is that they should not drive right after treatment, and someone needs to attend with them.

Cancer Patients in Bracebridge have access to both the Orillia Cancer Clinic (56 km) and the Huntsville Clinic (37km).

While there is apparent discussion of providing "public transportation" from Huntsville to Bracebridge, there are concerns which include but are not limited to:

- 1) Having compromised immunity system (Cancer patients) being on public transportation is risky
- 2) The side effects of treatment include nausea and Gastrointestinal issues, which would put patients at further risk on public transportation, not to mention the embarrassment for the patients involved.
- 3) Having to wait around for public transport would be difficult for the same reasons listed above.

In Summary, the current situation is working well and equitably for cancer patients. It would be unfortunate to change that.