



**Chair of the Board's Report**  
**Report to the Royal Victoria Hospital of Barrie Incorporated**  
**June 8, 2010**

Good Evening.

It has been my profound privilege to have taken on the role of Chair of the Board during this historic time in Royal Victoria Hospital's history. In those two short years we have gone from readying the site for construction, to a project that is now 40 per cent complete. You drive by our site these days and you see a building that actually looks like the artist rendering that all we've dreamed about for so many years.

And while we celebrate the remarkable construction progress, we remain challenged by the constraints of the resources available to us and the growing needs of our community. There is no question the growth in Barrie justifies a greater proportion of the High Growth Funding. And we are working with our LHIN and the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to ensure the distribution of that funding is equitable, and recognizes the unparalleled growth of our primary service area. However, we also recognize the financial reality the province faces right now.

We are developing a two-year plan to eliminate our deficit. But while we are committed to being as cost-effective as possible - to uncovering every stone, our guiding principle remains safe, quality patient care. And that will not be compromised.

As governors, you have worked hard to steward the hospital's resources wisely. Yes, you have made tough decisions. But every decision has been made with conviction and integrity and without ever losing sight of your priority - our patients.

It has been such an honour to work alongside you as your Chair during this historic point in RVH's proud history. I am continually impressed by your perseverance and your commitment.

It takes a skilled and dedicated team to run a hospital of this size and complexity.

Beginning with President and CEO, Janice Skot - a strategic and visionary leader who inspires a Senior Leadership Team that, I believe, is among the most skilled and hard-working in the province.

Our hospital employees and medical staff - those special individuals who are on the front lines of healthcare - who are the faces of care and compassion to our community, and whose commitment to safe, quality care never wavers.

The RVH Foundation Board, led by chair Don Pratt, continues to show us that this region "believes" in Royal Victoria Hospital as it closes in on its \$35 million campaign goal.

And what would we do without our incredible 'Blue Brigade' of volunteers who provided a staggering 120-thousand hours of assistance last year?

And then there's the RVH Auxiliary, which not only pledged and then fulfilled a remarkable \$5 million commitment to the campaign, but continues to give an impressive amount of money, all in the name of improving patient care.

Every one of those groups of people I just mentioned plays a different, yet integral role on the RVH Team, yet they all share something in common.

A passion for excellence, and a commitment to putting our patients first.

I thank you for the opportunity to Chair this board. It is has been both inspiring and humbling -- and I look forward to continuing to work with all of you as a board member.

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You will find enclosed with my report, the financial statements, the auditors reports and other items of business of the hospital board.

I move “that the report of the Board and Board Committee be accepted as presented, and the audited financial statements and auditors report for 2009/2010 as circulated, be approved”

- May I have a second?
- All in favour?

Thank you.

I'd ask Janice Skot now, to provide her CEO report, and year in review.