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HEALTH UNIT RESTRUCTURES

The current restructuring at the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit is a result of a Functional Review conducted in 2009. This Review recommended the Health Unit change our organization to better deliver Health Unit programs and services to our communities.

The restructuring has resulted in a new organizational structure which does not include five former Director level positions.

“I wish to clarify the comments I made previously, as there may be some confusion regarding my statement. Any inefficiencies or ineffectiveness identified in the functional review were related to the structure of the organization and not the performance of those individuals named in the article. I have nothing but respect for the former Directors and their many years of exemplary service, knowledge and expertise,” said Mac Bain, Chair of the Board of Health.

The Functional Review was done by two independent consultants. They assessed the strengths and weaknesses of the Health Unit in serving clients. Through consultations with staff, managers, directors, the Medical Officer of Health, Board Members and external partners, the consultants recommended the Health Unit adopt a new structure aimed at streamlining the organization. The new structure consists of: Corporate, Clinical, Community, and Planning and Evaluation Services. Advertising for the new management positions has already begun.

All programs and services at the Health Unit continue as usual. The public can continue to contact the Health Unit at 474-1400 or 1-800-563-2808 for any of our classes, clinics, requests for information and resources.