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## **PRHC Board Announces Hospital's New President and CEO**

Peterborough, ON: The Board of Directors of the Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC) is pleased to announce that Ken Tremblay will be the hospital's next President and CEO. Tremblay's first day on the job will be February 1, 2010.

"We are very pleased to welcome Ken Tremblay to PRHC and to our community," said Barb Cameron, PRHC's Board Chair. "His experience and successes over his distinguished hospital career impressed the Board's search committee. We are confident he will provide the hospital with the strong leadership it will need in the years to come."

Ken Tremblay comes to PRHC from the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance (CKHA) where he has been President and CEO since 2003. Previously, he headed an executive search practice for physicians and healthcare executives and was also President and CEO of: St Joseph's Hospital, Brantford; York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill; and, St. Boniface General Hospital, a teaching hospital in Winnipeg.

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Ken Tremblay's full biography follows this release.

"I look forward to joining Peterborough Regional Health Centre at an important time in its evolution and maturation," said Tremblay. "While health care's challenges are both complex and numerous, all the people I have met during the search process are genuinely excited about harnessing the full potential of the organization's redevelopment within the community and beyond. I appreciate the selection committee's confidence in my leadership and experience to assist in that goal."

Ken Tremblay takes over from outgoing President and CEO Paul Darby who is retiring at the end of this year.

"We are grateful for the leadership Paul has provided as PRHC built and moved into its new facilities," said Cameron. "Preparations are being made to say 'thank you' and wish Paul well on his retirement. The transition will be a smooth one," she added.

A national search process by Ray & Berndtson, lead to Ken Tremblay's appointment.

“Consultation meetings were held with hospital leaders, staff, and physicians to assist in PRHC’s search,” said Kenneth Powell, Past Chair and Chair of the Selection Committee. “In addition, other stakeholders in the community were engaged including business, community and political leaders plus those involved in community health care. Members of the general public were also asked for input via an online survey.”

**Spokesperson Availability For Media / Photography:**

**Ken Tremblay is available** for media interview from 11am via telephone at: 519-437-6000. Tremblay’s headshot photograph is available for media.

**Kenneth Powell, Past Chair and Chair of the Selection Committee, is available** to speak on behalf of PRHC’s Board of Directors from 11am – 5pm at 705-745-7481.

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**Ken Tremblay: Biographical Sketch**



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Ken Tremblay received a Bachelor of Science in Physiology and Pharmacology from the University of Western Ontario in 1978 and a Master of Science in Health Administration from the University of Toronto in 1980. Ken, a Certified Health Executive with the Canadian College of Health Services Executives and a Fellow in the American Colleges of Healthcare Executives, has many publications to his credit and is a member of the adjunct faculty of the University of Toronto’s Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation in the Faculty of Medicine.

In addition to hospital leadership, he has been an active participant in many other areas of the health care system, including provincial and national associations, advisory and professional bodies, community agencies and consultant to the private sector. He is the editor of Longwood’s Case Study Library and a member of two editorial boards.

As a volunteer, Ken has been an active with organizations like the Chamber of Commerce, the United Way, Rotary Club and the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum. He enjoys a wide array of interests – from canoeing and photography to woodworking and wine collecting – and resides in Chatham, Ontario, with his wife Siobhan.