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Warden Brian Milne and County Council
County of Grey
595 9th Ave. East
Owen Sound ON

Re: Judicial Review of South Bruce Grey Health Centre Decision to Transfer In Patient Beds out of the Durham Hospital

Dear Warden Milne and County Council,

I am writing in regard to a recent announcement made by the South Bruce Grey Health Centre (SBGHC) that they will be eliminating the inpatient beds from the Durham Hospital effective June 3, 2024.

The decision to eliminate inpatient beds from the Durham Hospital will have a significant impact on the local community. SBGHC failed to consult the West Grey, the Durham Hospital Foundation, members of the community, or other critical stakeholders like the County of Grey prior to making its decision. SBGHC came about its decision in a procedurally unfair manner, and its decision demonstrates a fundamental failure to consider the consequences that decision on the community of West Grey.

West Grey council has authorized the municipality to make an application to the court challenging this decision. I anticipate that the application will be commenced no later than Friday May 24, 2024. If the County of Grey intends to make a similar application, I would be pleased to discuss the possibility of a joint application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Eccles".

Kevin Eccles, Mayor
Municipality of West Grey