



**Kincardine**  
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November 15, 2023

Mayor Murray and Members of Council  
Township of Huron-Kinloss  
21 Queen Street, P.O. Box 130  
Ripley ON, N0G 2R0

Dear Mayor Murray, and Members of Council,

For over 115 years, the Kincardine Hospital and its staff has provided life giving, and life saving care to the residents and visitors of Kincardine, Township of Huron-Kinloss, and the surrounding municipalities. The hospital has been part of the community from its beginning, and will continue to support and care for our citizens for many generations to come.

And we appreciate the support we have received from our township council over the many years.

These are exciting times for our hospital, staff, and community! Our new CT scanner went live on March 20 of this year and is already on pace to do up to 5,000 scans in its first year of operation. The even bigger news is that our hospital will soon undergo a major redevelopment and expansion which will more than double the size of the Emergency, Medical Imaging and Laboratory Departments.

It has been 35 years since our hospital's last major upgrade, and the current facility is challenged to handle today's patient volumes, a situation which is further exacerbated by the rapid growth of our population. The redevelopment will mean that our community will at last have a modern, well-equipped hospital to serve the diverse needs of our patients now, and for generations to come.

As you are aware, in 2021 the Foundation launched a capital campaign with the goal of raising \$12 million to pay for the CT scanner and the local share of the redevelopment. However, earlier this year our fundraising goal had to adapt with the recent announcement by the Ministry of Health that our hospital would receive operational funding for a new MRI machine.

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The province has already identified that our area is critically in need of MRI services, The closest MRIs are in Owen Sound and Stratford, and there are none west of highway 400. Patients in our county must travel considerable distances to get MRIs and wait times are excruciatingly long. An MRI located right in our own area will be a godsend for all the communities in Bruce County.

However, the MRI comes with a considerable price tag - \$6 million – which moves the Foundation’s fundraising goal effectively from \$12 million to **\$18 million**. Because of the benefits of the MRI, the Foundation is requesting that the Township of Huron-Kinloss consider revising its financial commitment to the campaign by contributing \$900,000 (\$150,000 per year for 6 years) to help fund this essential medical service. Similar scaled requests are currently being made to the County of Bruce, and Municipality of Kincardine to reflect the immense benefit all will receive from having this valuable medical resource in our community.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to answering any questions you might have, and look forward to updating council in the new year.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

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Co-Chair,  
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Member  
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