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Ms. Mary Rose Walden, CAO
Township of Huron-Kinloss
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Dear Ms. Walden, Mayor Murray & Councillors:

I am writing to inform you of the Wingham & District Hospital's intention to implement a CT Scanner before the end of 2025. This will be a net new service. The need for a CT scanner has become a high priority because CT scans are essential for emergency care and have quickly become the new standard of practice for healthcare.

When patients at the Wingham & District Hospital need a CT scan today they are transported to Listowel. Transportation is costly, can put patients at risk, and often pulls a valuable nurse away from the ER. Having a CT Scanner on site will be faster, safer and save money.

Additionally, CT scans support the regional Oncology program at the Wingham & District Hospital and will help make our facility more attractive to prospective physicians. Full details regarding the benefits and urgency of implementing a CT Scanner are attached.

While the benefits are both numerous and evident the cost of such a project is high. The Wingham & District Hospital Foundation has been tasked with raising at least \$2,500,000 to cover the capital cost of the CT Scanner. This includes the purchase of the device and associated renovations.

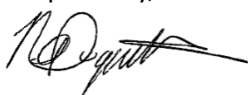
In the past, it has been common to turn to our local municipal governments for financial support of such projects. These requests have largely been met with positivity and generosity. Hospital care is a cornerstone of a thriving municipality and as such is worthy of investment.

This letter is to inform you that in recognition of the well-publicized fiscal challenges our local municipalities are experiencing we will *not* be submitting a request for financial assistance of this project. We anticipate successfully reaching the fundraising goal for the CT Scanner entirely through charitable gifts. These gifts are given by the families, service clubs and businesses – your constituents – in our incredibly generous community.

We value the partnership with your municipality for the betterment of local healthcare and this occasionally results in requests for financial support. At this time, we are pleased to inform you that this particular financial burden will not fall to local municipalities.

We look forward to continuing to modernize our hospital so we can better serve patients and play a part in making our region a viable place to live, work and raise a family.

Respectfully,



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Executive Director, WDH Foundation



Karl Ellis
CEO, Listowel Wingham Hospital Alliance

Let's Image Our Future Together – Bring a CT Scanner to Your Hospital



Wingham & District
Hospital Foundation



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Where We've Been

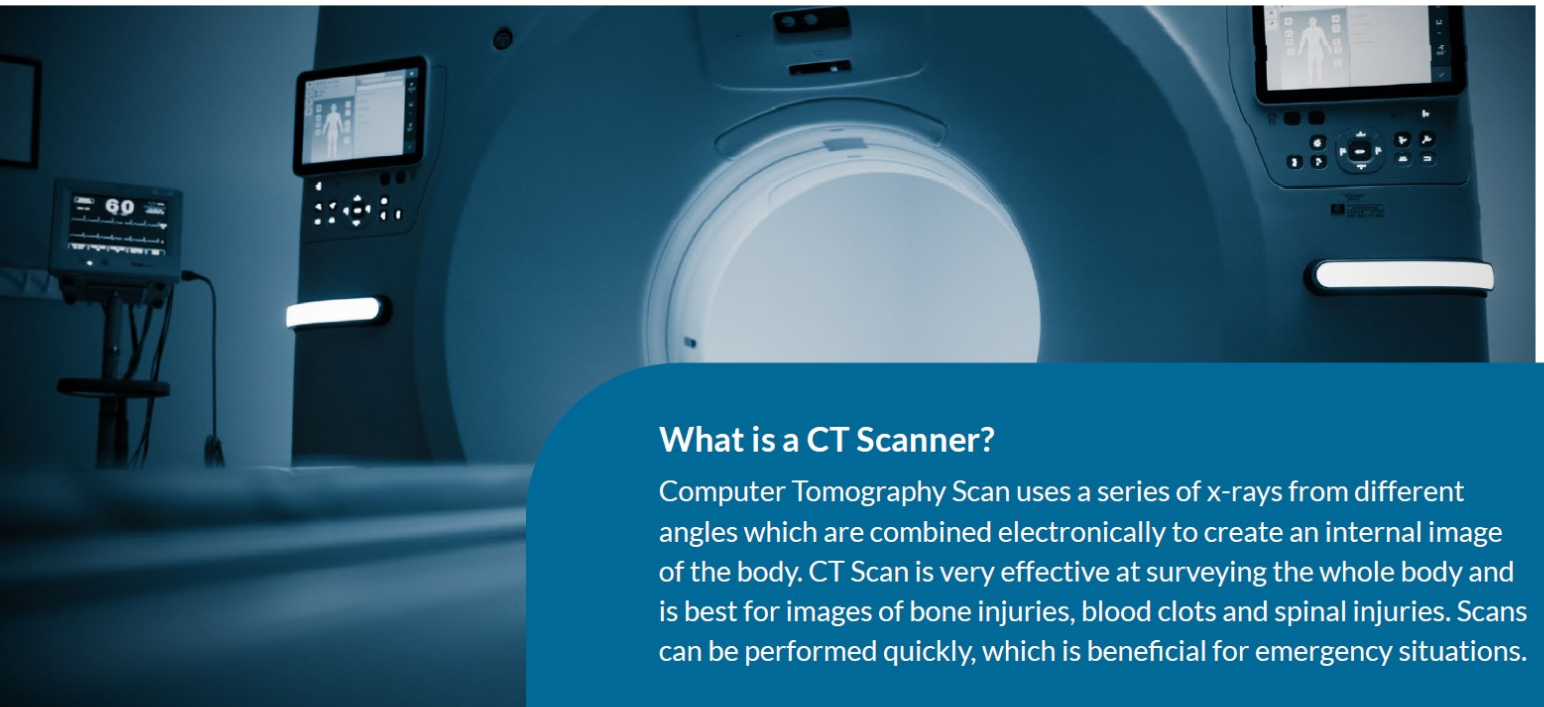
The Wingham & District Hospital has been a cornerstone of the community for over 100 years. It has always been our top priority to provide high quality, close-to-home healthcare for the residents of Wingham, Lucknow, Teeswater, Belgrave, ACW, Howick, and the surrounding areas.

In 2015, we made a commitment to modernize our hospital facility by completing a multimillion-dollar redevelopment that saw the expansion and enhancement of six hospital departments and the establishment of the Royal Oaks Health & Wellness Centre. This investment in local healthcare was our promise to continue to rise to the occasion of ever-advancing medical technology while keeping the health of loved ones and our community as the centre of our focus.

Where We're Going

Recently a pressing issue has risen to the surface. A CT Scanner is needed at the Wingham & District Hospital. CT is essential to emergency care and is a tool that has become a the new standard of care. It is critical we take the steps needed to advance our Digital Imaging department and offer patients care that meets the newest best practices.

To realize the full potential of our diagnostic imaging program and emergency services department, the Hospital Foundation has launched the *Caring Together* capital campaign. Our goal is to raise \$2.5 million through community-based fund-raising for the purchase of a CT Scanner and the associated renovations needed to implement this vital service.



What is a CT Scanner?

Computer Tomography Scan uses a series of x-rays from different angles which are combined electronically to create an internal image of the body. CT Scan is very effective at surveying the whole body and is best for images of bone injuries, blood clots and spinal injuries. Scans can be performed quickly, which is beneficial for emergency situations.

Why We Need CT in Wingham

Currently patients who need CT Scans are transported to Listowel at great expense to our hospital. Having CT available on site will be *faster and safer* and *save money*.

In addition to being costly, transporting patients to another site often requires a nurse es-cort who is pulled away from the hospital team. Having CT in our hospital will allow for better utilization of scarce nursing and financial resources. Reducing travel will also allow patients for whom transportation is too challenging to receive care they wouldn't other-wise be able to access.

Beyond emergency usage, local CT will complement our regional oncology program. Patients receiving cancer treatment often need a CT every 3 to 6 months. Our physician team is dedicated to ensuring the new CT device has the scan capabilities to support a wide va-riety of clinical needs.

An on-site CT Scanner will make our facility more attractive to prospective new physicians who are looking for access to the newest technology. Physicians today, need CT images to do their jobs to the best of their ability.



Caring Together

We recognize that immediate action is needed to bring a CT Scanner to the Wingham & District Hospital. Together we can rise to the occasion of ever-advancing medical standards to expand our digital imaging services. Adding a new CT Scanner at the Wingham & District Hospital will contribute to the overall health of our rural community by ensuring family, friends and neighbours have access to the high-quality medical technology and care we all deserve.

We have already seen extraordinary support for this project from local businesses and our physician team. These incredible gifts mean we are optimistic about the success of the CT project and the *Caring Together* campaign. Yet, we need your continued support and commitment to bring this vital equipment home to our hospital.

Help us seize this opportunity to further enhance our hospital. Together we can equip our top-tier rural healthcare facility with the technology needed for an even brighter future.



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