

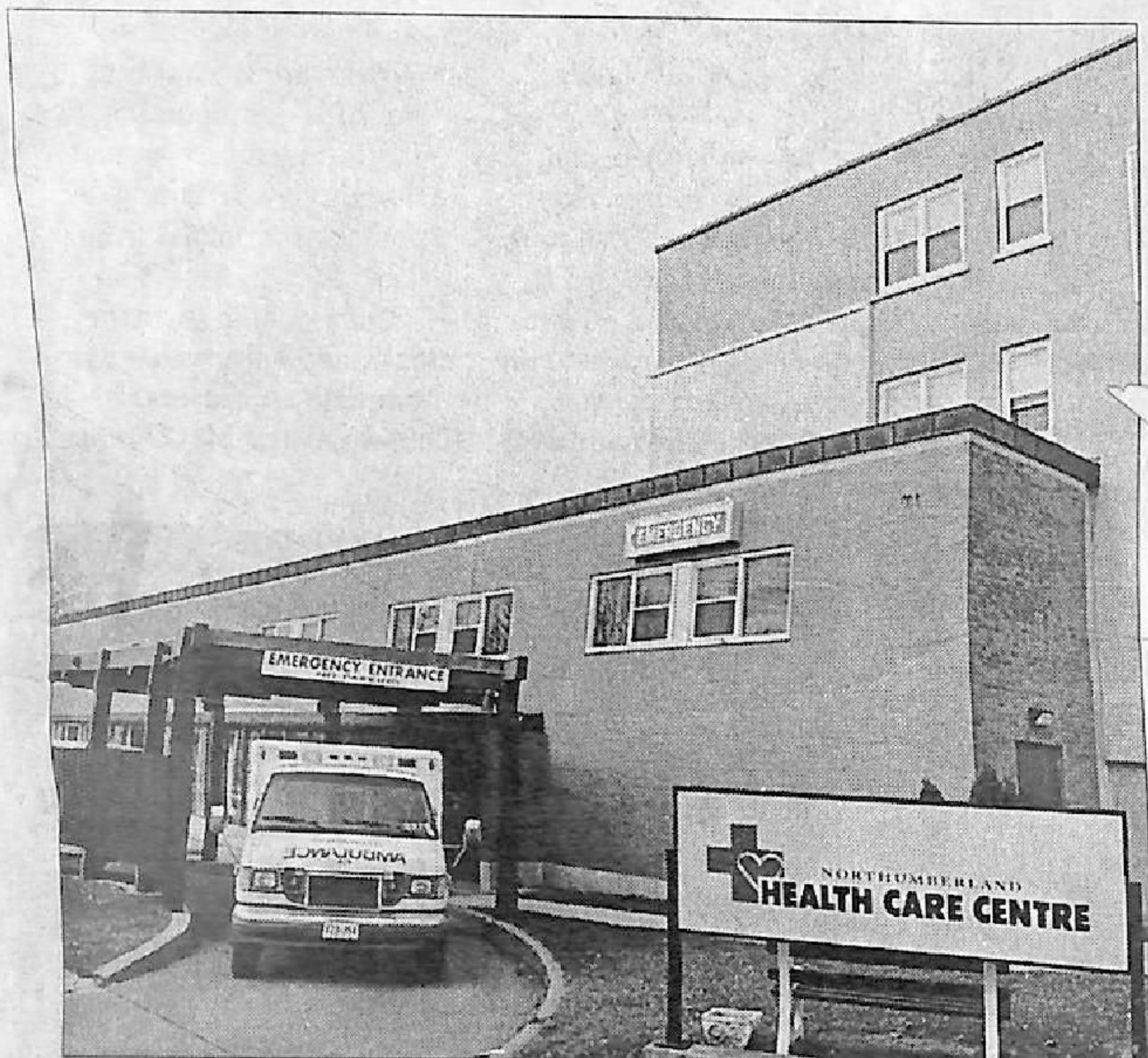
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NHCC remains silent about

bringing in improvements to make the hospital more sensitive to the needs of patients," the release states.

It further details a redesign of the hospital's organizational structure in April, 1997 around a "team approach" to patient care; the receipt of a three-year accreditation status in

December, 1997; and a survey of patients after they are discharged to continue to focus on any patient needs.



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Peter Hanna died en route to another medical facility after treatment at the Cobourg hospital in 1997.

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NORTHUMBERLAND — The Northumberland Health Care Corporation is continuing to decline to comment about details of the inquest into the death of Peter Hanna.

The young Castleton-area man died en route to another medical facility in 1997 after receiving treatment at the Cobourg hospital.

"Out of respect to Mr. Hanna's family and in light of pending legal action, NHCC cannot comment specifically about the inquest at this time," states a press release issued at last week's board meeting.

No verbal comment was given to those in the audience or the media in attendance.

A study of the inquest recommendations made by the coroner's jury has been undertaken by a task force of the NHCC's Medical Advisory Committee.

"Although the analysis will take time, (acting executive director Joan) Ross says the hospital is constantly monitoring the quality of its care and

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