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DR. JIM MACLEAN: Markham Stouffville Hospital CEO resigns to take post with province.

# Hospital president takes provincial post

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James MacLean, Markham Stouffville Hospital's founding chief of staff and president and CEO since 1997, has resigned to pursue full-time duties as leader of the government's family health team initiative.

A member of the hospital's building team prior to its opening 15 years ago, Dr. MacLean has opted to focus his energies as a lead within the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care health results team, since being seconded in September.

"The resignation was discussed at a board meeting Feb. 3 and it's what one could call a soft resignation," said senior vice-president Lorne Zon, who will assume day-to-day hospital operational responsibilities until a successor is named.

"The resignation is not effective immediately," Mr. Zon said, adding it will be three or four months.

"Jim has been an integral part of this hospital long before it was built and he has been a major contributor to its growth," he said.

"It's sad to see. Everyone knows Jim very well and is close to him. It's important now to give him our ongoing support as lead with the health results team.

"We have always supported primary

care reform and it's great to see it moving ahead with Jim as the lead, particularly since he's coming from Markham Stouffville Hospital. What he's doing is very important and we're very proud."

"Dr. MacLean has had a profound impact on Markham Stouffville Hospital since its opening," board chairperson Don Twiner said.

"(His) legacy is to make Markham Stouffville Hospital a community hospital that we can all be proud of and he has succeeded.

"Although the board is saddened by Dr. MacLean's departure, we are proud of his commitment to this important transformation in Ontario's health care system."

Dr. MacLean was appointed to the seven-member health results team by Health Minister George Smitherman Sept. 9.

He is lead of primary care with the team responsible for key health initiatives including the development of local health networks, strategies to reduce wait times, enhanced long-term care, home care and primary care through the creation of 150 family health units.

The team has a mandate to develop and report provincial health care system solutions by March 31, 2007.

Dr. MacLean was unavailable for comment.

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