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#### SBGHC WELCOMES NEW BOARD CHAIR

June 24, 2010 – SBGHC is pleased to welcome John Haggarty as Chair of its Board of Directors for 2010-2011. Mr. Haggarty was elected into the position at SBGHC's Annual General Meeting held last evening in Durham. Other elected positions include Becky Fair – Vice Chair, and Jeff Vandervoort – Treasurer.

Changes to SBGHC's by-laws were also approved, as recommended by the Ontario Hospital Association. The Board size has been reduced from 21 Directors to 11, and will be selected based on skill sets. Consideration will be given to ensure Directors are representative of the fabric of SBGHC's catchment area, including gender, geography, etc. Ex officio Directors including the CEO, Chief of Staff, and President and Vice President of the Medical Staff no longer have voting rights.

"We are very confident in the make-up of our Board for the coming year," says Paul Davies, President and CEO. "They are a very skilled and dedicated group. Some of the initiatives we will be focusing on are quality improvement, patient and staff safety and satisfaction and community engagement."

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