

Farewell Lorie Dunford

By Peter Hughes

In July, the Apsley Voice received a press release from the Peterborough Family Health Team (PFHT) which confirmed what folks around town had already known for a couple of weeks. PFHT said that the Nurse Practitioner, Lorie Dunford has decided to go to the new Morton Centre Urgent Care Clinic in Lakefield. They were unable to confirm that Lorie left because she felt that the demands of the job in Apsley were too great for her so she left to continue per practice elsewhere in a Nurse Practitioner-only hub.

The press release went on to say that Lorie's departure leaves a void in Apsley, where Dr. Hasson has now transitioned from part-time to full-time at the NK Health Centre. If any of Lorie's patients want to change their primary care over to Dr. Hasson, there is a simple one-page form which they can sign at the NK Health Care Centre.

Also, Rick Woodcock, who continues to have good relations with the PFHT, was quoted as saying that it was unfortunate that Lorie, a well-respected NP, was leaving and that he would continue to work with the PFHT to fill that vacancy to provide an integrated approach (i.e. NP working hand-in-glove with the MD) in the North Kawartha Health Centre.

Despite a couple of attempts, the PFHT was unable to comment on the following questions:

1. When will Lorie Dunford be leaving Apsley? (Perhaps she's already gone.)
2. The press release said that if patients require Urgent Care, they should go to the Morton Clinic in Lakefield.

Does this mean that Dr. Hasson will only see patients who are signed-up on his roster?

Also, Instead of driving to Lakefield, people without a family doctor (or summer residents in need of urgent care) may find it's more convenient to drive up to Bancroft.

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Hannah Green, Apsley, Ont.

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Letter to the Editor:

After reading An Open Letter to Rick Woodcock by Mark Wright of North Kawartha in the July 2018 Edition of the Apsley Voice I felt the need to submit this letter.

First, I would like to say that I do not live on Chandos Lake and I am certainly not a member of the CLPOA. I am a private resident who lives on a gravel road within the township.

The residents on our road are not as fortunate as Mr. Wright and his neighbours on Jeff Road. They now live on an excellent, recently paved, township road.

About a month ago, we were having issues with excessive dust on the gravel township road that I reside on. As a result, I contacted Mayor Woodcock (who, as it turned out, was out of the area at the time). He was both responsive and accommodating in assisting to have Township Roads Department Staff quickly correct the problem, within two hours.

It would seem to me that the issues Mr. Wright mentions regarding his concerns with his road being improved have nothing to do with Mayor Woodcock at all. They seem to be issues caused by the contractors retained to complete the project.

I'd like to personally take a minute to thank Mayor Woodcock and Mr. Matheson (road superintendent) with whom I also spoke, for their prompt actions in dealing with our problem.

Gary Deighan, North Kawartha



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