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Ontario Hospital Association Welcomes Mike Baker as Chair of the Board of Directors

TORONTO, ON, September 24, 2026 – The Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) is pleased to announce that Mike Baker, President and CEO of Timmins and District Hospital, has been elected Chair of the OHA Board of Directors.

Baker has served on the OHA Board of Directors since 2022 and has held several leadership roles, including Chair of the Labour Relations Committee, Treasurer, and Chair of the Finance and Audit Committees. He succeeds Melissa Farrell, who completed her term as Chair at the OHA's Annual Members' Meeting today.

The OHA thanks Farrell for her leadership and service during her tenure as Chair. She helped guide the work of the Board and advance the Association's strategic priorities on behalf of Ontario's hospitals.

"On behalf of the OHA, I want to thank Melissa Farrell for her leadership and contribution over the past two years," said Anthony Dale, President and CEO of the Ontario Hospital Association. "We are pleased to welcome Mike Baker as Chair of the Board. Mike brings extensive experience in hospital leadership and has made valuable contributions to the Board and its committees over the past several years."

Baker currently serves as President and CEO of Timmins and District Hospital. Prior to assuming that role in 2026, he served as President and CEO of Temiskaming Hospital. Throughout his career, he has held senior leadership positions in health care and post-secondary education and has been involved in a number of regional and provincial initiatives focused on health system collaboration.

"It is an honour to serve as Chair of the OHA Board of Directors," said Baker. "I look forward to working with my Board colleagues, the OHA team, and hospital leaders across the province in support of Ontario's hospitals and the patients and communities we serve."

The OHA Board of Directors is composed of elected representatives from member hospitals across Ontario and provides strategic oversight and direction for the Association.

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Established in 1924, the OHA serves as the voice of the province’s public hospitals, supporting them through advocacy, knowledge translation and member engagement, labour relations, and data and analytics with the goal of helping hospitals build a better health system. The OHA is also attuned to the broader strategic questions facing the future of the province’s health care system and we work to ensure Ontario’s hospitals have a voice in shaping this longer-term vision.

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