

April 2024

Ms. Christine MacDonald, CAO  
County of Bruce  
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Dear Ms. MacDonald, Warden Peabody & Councillors:

I am writing to inform you of the Wingham & District Hospital's intention to implement a CT Scanner before the end of 2025. This will be a net new service. The need for a CT scanner has become a high priority because CT scans are essential for emergency care and have quickly become the new standard of practice for healthcare.

When patients at the Wingham & District Hospital need a CT scan today they are transported to Listowel. Transportation is costly, can put patients at risk, and often pulls a valuable nurse away from the ER. Having a CT Scanner on site will be faster, safer and save money.

Additionally, CT scans support the regional Oncology program at the Wingham & District Hospital and will help make our facility more attractive to prospective physicians. Full details regarding the benefits and urgency of implementing a CT Scanner are attached.

While the benefits are both numerous and evident the cost of such a project is high. The Wingham & District Hospital Foundation has been tasked with raising at least \$2,500,000 to cover the capital cost of the CT Scanner. This includes the purchase of the device and associated renovations.

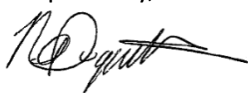
In the past, it has been common to turn to our local municipal governments for financial support of such projects. These requests have largely been met with positivity and generosity. Hospital care is a cornerstone of a thriving municipality and as such is worthy of investment.

This letter is to inform you that in recognition of the well-publicized fiscal challenges our local municipalities are experiencing we will *not* be submitting a request for financial assistance of this project. We anticipate successfully reaching the fundraising goal for the CT Scanner entirely through charitable gifts. These gifts are given by the families, service clubs and businesses – your constituents – in our incredibly generous community.

We value the partnership with your municipality for the betterment of local healthcare and this occasionally results in requests for financial support. At this time, we are pleased to inform you that this particular financial burden will not fall to local municipalities.

We look forward to continuing to modernize our hospital so we can better serve patients and play a part in making our region a viable place to live, work and raise a family.

Respectfully,



Nicole Duquette  
Executive Director, WDH Foundation



Karl Ellis  
CEO, Listowel Wingham Hospital Alliance