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New chair appointed for Yukon Hospital Corporation Board

Longtime Yukon resident Brian Gillen has been named a member and the new chair of the Yukon Hospital Corporation board of directors, replacing Craig Tuton who has served on the board since 2006. Gillen's appointment takes effect today.

The Yukon Hospital Corporation oversees the operation of Whitehorse General Hospital as well as the two community hospitals in Dawson City and Watson Lake.

Quote

"We offer our thanks to Craig Tuton for his years of service as chair of the Yukon Hospital Corporation board, and recognize that he brought the board through some tumultuous times.

"During his tenure, the corporation built and opened two community hospitals, brought the first MRI north of 60 to Whitehorse, and more recently, undertook the expansion of the emergency department at Whitehorse General Hospital. We appreciate the contributions he has made to improving health services to all Yukoners.

"We believe that Brian Gillen will bring a fresh perspective that will encourage the hospitals, care providers and the Yukon Hospital Corporation to work together to meet the increasing and changing needs of our citizens."

-Minister of Health and Social Services Pauline Frost

Quick facts

- Gillen's appointment is for a one-year term.
- He is retired after a 36-year career with the Government of Canada and currently serves as the chair of Teegatha'Oh Zheh.
- In his previous roles, he served as chair of the Grey Mountain School Council, chair of the Child Development Centre, president of the Yukon Soccer Association, president of the Whitehorse Soccer Association, and on the board of directors of the Canadian Soccer Association.

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