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GREATER ST. CATHARINES COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE ANNOUNCEMENT ~ NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ~

ST. CATHARINES – The Board of Directors of the Greater St. Catharines Community Health Centre is pleased to announce the appointment of **Coletta McGrath** as the organization’s first **Executive Director**.

Ms. McGrath grew up in St. Catharines. She has a Master of Social Work in Policy, Planning and Administration. Since her graduation Coletta has been employed in progressively responsible roles including Project Manager, Ministry of Community and Social Services Corporate Office; Director of Community Services, Lutherwood Child and Family Centre; and Area Director, Bayshore Home Health Niagara Branch. Coletta is also a founding partner of COMPASS Consulting Associates, a Management Consulting Firm that provided services to the public and non-profit sectors in Ontario.

Board Chairman, George Kurzawa says, “We are delighted to welcome Coletta McGrath as Executive Director. Her remarkable career, solid social service background and skills will be a valuable addition to the Greater St. Catharines CHC. I am confident that Coletta will play an integral role in the continued development of our CHC as we proceed through the start-up phase in providing primary health care and a range of health promotion and community development services in St. Catharines and Thorold.”

Community Health Centres are non-profit, community governed organizations that provide primary health care, health promotion and community development services, using multi-disciplinary teams of health providers. These teams often include physicians, nurse practitioners, dietitians, health promoters, counselors and others who are paid by salary, rather than through a fee-for-service system. Sponsored and managed by incorporated non-profit community boards made up of members of the community and others who provide health and social services.

MISSION: “GREATER ST. CATHARINES CHC ENABLES ALL OF OUR CITIZENS TO ACHIEVE HEALTH, COMMUNITY AND A SENSE OF VALUE.”

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