

## North East LHIN Bids Farewell to Chair Danielle Bélanger-Corbin *Rick Cooper from Manitoulin now Interim Chair*

**September 29, 2016**—Danielle Bélanger-Corbin, Chair of the North East Local Health Integration Network (NE LHIN), spent her last day on the job making a funding announcement in Kirkland Lake yesterday, following Timiskaming Home Support’s annual general meeting where she was honoured by fellow governors.

Bélanger-Corbin served six years (two terms) with the NE LHIN Board of Directors, the maximum length possible. She held the role of Chair of the Board for two years, also serving in the positions of Vice Chair and Chair of the NE LHIN’s Audit and Governance Committees.

At her final NE LHIN Board meeting earlier in September, she told her fellow Board Directors that she will continue to “cheer on the work of the North East LHIN” from her horse farm in Haileybury and that she will remain involved in northern healthcare issues as a member of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine’s Board of Directors.



*Betty Stone (left), Chair of Timiskaming Home Support, presents Danielle Bélanger-Corbin, NE LHIN Board Chair, with a plaque that honours her commitment to improving health care for Northerners.*



*Rick Cooper,  
Interim LHIN Chair*

Rick Cooper, who is serving his second term, will act as Interim Chair until one is appointed to the NE LHIN Board by an Order-in-Council. He has worked in small and large community hospitals across the province as a vice president at the senior management level for more than 37 years. In addition, he has worked in British Columbia at a Community Health Council and gained experience in government as a Senior Director for the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care’s Northern Regional Office in Sudbury. Cooper is a Certified General Accountant and a graduate of the Health Care Administration Program. Now retired, he calls Manitoulin Island home.

### FACTS

- Bélanger-Corbin is a decorated Canadian Forces army logistics officer who retired in 2000 after a rewarding career where she played key leadership roles. She currently handles financial and managerial accounting for a medical corporation in New Liskeard, as well as, owns and operates an equestrian facility.
- LHIN Directors are appointed by Order-In-Council for a term of up to three years, subject to a two-term maximum. The Board of Directors is accountable, through the Chair, to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care for the LHIN’s use of public funds and for its results in terms of goals and performance of the local health system.
- The NE LHIN Board includes Interim Chair Rick Cooper, Santina Marasco, Dawn Madahbee, Denis Bérubé, Toni Nanne-Little, and John Febbraro.
- To find out more go to [www.nelhin.on.ca/boardandgovernance.aspx](http://www.nelhin.on.ca/boardandgovernance.aspx)

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