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Community Health Centre Now Independent

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The Vaughan Community Health Centre (VCHC) has become a self-governing, community health organization. All ties with the Vaughan Health Campus of Care group have now been severed.

As a first priority the Centre will be building a new community based board structure reflecting the diversity of the City of Vaughan and the Centre's nearly 15,000 clients. The new structure will be consistent with the structure of CHC boards across Ontario.

The VCHC is a non-profit primary care organization funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, via the Central Local Health Integration Network. Since its founding in 2009 the VCHC has provided clinical, health promotion, illness prevention and community capacity-building services to the most vulnerable and hard to reach residents of Vaughan and South West York Region.

"We are very proud of our history of providing quality health care to our community," stated Tony Carella, the Chair of the Board of Directors since its founding. "It is our expectation with these important governance changes the VCHC will be empowered to lead in the development of a healthy and vibrant community in Vaughan."

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