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COUNTY SIGNS ITS TENTH CANDIDATE TO ITS FAMILY DOCTOR RECRUITMENT PROGRAM

Hastings County: In a press release issued today Warden Rick Phillips announced that the County has signed Dr. Laura Lawson as the newest participant to its *Family Physician Recruitment Program*. Dr. Lawson will practice in North Hastings where there is a continued need for family doctors. Dr. Lawson will also be providing shifts in the emergency department at the hospital in Bancroft.

"I am extremely pleased that Dr. Lawson has joined our Family Doctor Recruitment Program," said Warden Phillips. "Dr. Lawson is completing her final year of Residency at the University of Toronto and will be starting her practice this fall."

"Dr. Lawson will be a welcome addition as the tenth member of our dedicated team of physicians who have been recruited through our program. Tackling the shortage of family physicians in North Hastings and through Hastings County will continue to be a key priority for our County Council," stated Phillips.

"I am excited and grateful that I will be taking part in the Hastings County Recruitment Program and joining the Bancroft Family Health Team," stated Lawson. "The program played an important role in encouraging me to join the Bancroft community," added Lawson.

"I was born and raised in Peterborough and spent my summers growing up in Bancroft and I am looking forward to coming back to the community," added Dr. Lawson.

The *Family Physician Recruitment Program* provides a \$25,000 grant per year for six years to medical students while they complete their studies. In return, they agree to set up their practice in Hastings County for a minimum of five years.

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For Family Physician Recruitment per Warden Rick Phillips

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Family Physician Recruitment Program

Backgrounder – Laura Lawson

Dr. Laura Lawson is the tenth participant in the *Hastings County Family Physician Recruitment Program*.

- Dr. Laura Lawson is in her second year of family medicine residency at the University of Toronto, and will be eligible to practice in the Fall of 2015.
- Laura completed medical school at McMaster University in 2013.
- Prior to attending medical school, Laura completed a Bachelor of Fine Arts with Honours in Theatre at Ryerson University in Toronto.
- Laura trained in the Professional Division of Canada's National Ballet School, the Quinte Ballet School, and the Aspirants Summer Program with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet.
- Laura was a professional ballet dancer and actor including roles in the films *Hairspray* and *Save the Last Dance II*, as well as performing with the Canadian Opera Company and the National Ballet of Canada.
- Laura was born and raised in Peterborough, Ontario and spent summers in Bancroft, Ontario.