

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of Amherst Town Council
FROM: Mayor Kogon, MD
DATE: December 17, 2018
SUBJECT: Physician Recruitment Update

1. Family Medicine

NS Family Medicine Forum Digby - 70 contacts

National Family Medicine Forum Toronto - 24 contacts— one coming July 2020 when completes training, another arranging a site visit

Family Medicine residents currently training at the Moncton Hospital:

Brittany McDougall is starting here this July.

Another is 99% certain he will work here.

A third has spoken to me and has a serious interest in looking at Amherst

Recent site visits:

Richard Gale coming to work in Springhill in April.

Dalhousie Family Medicine Residency program in Amherst:

Begins with 2 residents this July and will be 2 each year

(Retention of residents who train at a site is 90%)

2. Specialities

2 anaesthesiologists moving here from elsewhere in NS

ER/Hospitalist starting in March

Financial Support:

Letter to Health Minister Delorey requesting financial support was sent. No response as yet.

Hospital Foundation is considering financial support for local recruitment efforts.

Medical Site Lead and Surgery Program Director met with the Premier for 3 hours.