

## ATTESTATION FORM

Prepared in accordance with Section 15 of the  
**Broader Public Sector Accountability Act, 2010 (BPSAA)**

**TO:** The Board of Directors, St. Joseph's Care Group

**FROM:** Janine Black, President and CEO

**DATE:** June 17, 2026

**RE:** *Reporting Period April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026*

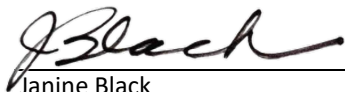
On behalf of St. Joseph's Care Group, I attest to:

- the completion and accuracy of reports required of the Hospital pursuant to Section 6 of the BPSAA on the use of consultants;
- the Hospital's compliance with the prohibition in Section 4 of the BPSAA on engaging lobbyist services using public funds;
- the Hospital's compliance with any applicable expense claims directives issued under section 10 of the BPSAA by the Management Board of Cabinet;
- the Hospital's compliance with any applicable perquisite directives issued Under Section 11.1 of the BPSAA by the Management Board of Cabinet; and
- the Hospital's compliance with any applicable procurement directives issued under Section 12 of the BPSAA by the Management Board of Cabinet, during the applicable period.

In making this attestation, I have exercised care and diligence that would reasonably be expected of a President and CEO in these circumstances, including making due inquiries of Care Group staff that have knowledge of these matters.

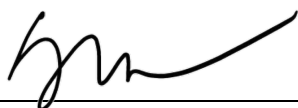
I further certify that any material exceptions to this attestation are documented in the attached Schedule A.

Dated at **Thunder Bay, Ontario** this **June 17, 2026**.



Janine Black  
President & CEO  
St. Joseph's Care Group

I certify that this attestation has been approved by the Board of St. Joseph's Care Group on **June 17, 2026**.



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Susan Fraser  
Chair, Board of Directors  
St. Joseph's Care Group

*Attachment(s)*

**Schedule A to Attestation**  
***Material Exceptions to Declare***

1. Exceptions to the completion and accuracy of reports required in Section 6 of the BPSAA on the use of consultants;

**No Known Exceptions.**

2. Exceptions to the Hospital's compliance with the prohibition in Section 4 of the BPSAA on engaging lobbyist services using public funds;

**No Known Exceptions.**

3. Exceptions to the Hospital's compliance with the expense claims directive issued under section 10 of the BPSAA by the Management Board of Cabinet;

**No Known Exceptions.**

4. Exceptions to the Hospital's compliance with the perquisites directive issued under Section 11.1 of the BPSAA by the Management Board of Cabinet, and

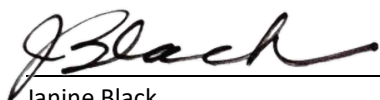
**No Known Exceptions.**

5. Exceptions to the Hospital's compliance with the BPS Procurement Directive issued under Section 12 of the BPSAA by the Management Board of Cabinet,

When required, the Hospital has engaged in limited tendering in circumstances where it is permissible to do so.

**Refer to Attached Schedule B.**

Dated at **Thunder Bay**, Ontario this **June 17, 2026**.



Janine Black  
President & CEO  
St. Joseph's Care Group

APPENDIX A- HOSPITAL REPORT ON CONSULTANTANT USE

Consultant: a person or entity that under an agreement, other than an employment agreement, provides expert or strategic advice and related services for consideration and decision-making

Name of Hospital:

OH Region :

Reporting Period:

St Joseph's Care Group

North West

April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026

| No. | Consultant Firm Name (s)           | Name and Title of Consulting Contract                                                                                                                                                                               | Contract Term                                          | Procurement Value                                                                                    | Consultant Selection Process                                                                                                                                         | Modifications to Agreement                                                                                   |
|-----|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|     |                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Original and amendment if term extended                | (A) Original value plus<br>(B) Value of amendments and<br>(C)Total procurement value (\$)/Total Paid | Open Competitive or<br>Invitational Competitive or<br>Non-competitive<br>And if non-competitive then explanation                                                     | Yes or No<br>If Yes, did procurement documents permit?<br>Modifications to term or value of the<br>agreement |
| 1   | The Capital Hill Group Ottawa Inc. | Government Relation and Public Affairs Service                                                                                                                                                                      | July 31,2025 - June 30, 2028 (Option to Extend 1 year) | (A) \$120,000<br>(B) \$0<br>(C) \$120,000 /\$5,650                                                   | Invitational Competitive                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                           |
| 2   | Selectpath                         | Employee Benefits Consulting Advisor (Contracted for through the Northern Supply Chain. Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre reported Total Paid this Reporting Period on behalf of St. Joseph's Care Group) | December 1,2024 - March 31,2028                        | (A) Percentage of Benefits Spend<br>(B)\$0<br>(C) Percentage of Benefits Spend \$27,923              | Open Competitive                                                                                                                                                     | Limited Tendering approach . Agreement was extended. Procurement documents permitted the extension.          |
| 3   | Trendline Consulting Services      | Human Resource Consulting Service                                                                                                                                                                                   | October 10,2025 - November 31,2025                     | (A) \$1,200<br>(B) \$0<br>(C) \$1,200 /\$ 1,200                                                      | Non-Competitive<br>For unforeseen and urgent circumstances, the required services could not be procured within the timelines of a competitive invitational process . | No                                                                                                           |
| 4   | Blackstone                         | Natural Gas and Electricity Procurement Advisor Services and Reporting                                                                                                                                              | November 1, 2022 - October 31, 2027                    | A) \$ dependent each year on total value of utility spend<br>B) \$0<br>C)\$2,500 / \$2,500           | Open Competitive                                                                                                                                                     | No                                                                                                           |

**Schedule B**  
**St. Joseph's Care Group**  
**BPSAA Exception 2025/2026**

| Procurement Initiative       | Relevant Procurement Directives         | Vendor                   | Rational                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Procurement of Audit Service | 7.2.3 Competitive Procurement Threshold | Doane Grant Thronton LLP | The Hospital engaged in a limited tendering process for external audit services due to limited supplier availability and the need for continuity of service. A focused competitive process was undertaken among pre-identified qualified firms . |