Mr. Mark Hurst
Retired Hospital President & CEO, North Bay Regional Health Centre

Mark began his post-secondary education at Glendon College, York University earning a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in History and a minor in French. Following his initial foray into the hospital environment, working as a Human Resources recruitment officer for St. Joseph's Hospital in Toronto, Mark decided to continue his education in this field at the University of Toronto, receiving a Post Graduate Diploma in Hospital Administration.

After continuing his exposure to health care management as Director of Human Resources at The Homewood Sanitarium in Guelph, Mark moved to North Bay in 1982 to accept a position as Assistant Executive Director at the North Bay Civic Hospital. In 1990 Mark was promoted to the position of President & CEO of North Bay Civic. In this role, Mark played a significant leadership role in the merger of North Bay Civic Hospital and St. Joseph's General Hospital in 1995, and became President & CEO of the newly consolidated North Bay General Hospital at that time.

Plans for a new hospital facility had long been in the works for North Bay, and Mark was a key proponent in the eventual fulfillment of that dream with the opening of the North Bay Regional Health Centre on January 30, 2011. Shortly thereafter on April 1, a second voluntary corporate merger was finalized with the Northeast Mental Health Centre, the former North Bay Psychiatric Hospital. This was a milestone achievement resulting in a fully amalgamated and integrated multidisciplinary health facility serving a large catchment area in northeastern Ontario. From the inception of NOSM, Mark developed a strong working relationship with the medical school, as North Bay became a very popular placement location for NOSM learners. Until his retirement in 2012, Mark was directly and actively involved in the onsite program.

Mark became involved initially with the Board of Directors at NOSM in 2015 when he joined the Governance Committee as a Non-Director member. After enjoying his experiences in and around NOSM, he submitted his application for the 2016 year, welcoming the opportunity to participate at the governance level in helping to ensure continued positive outcomes.