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Section 6.0	Fostering Relationships		
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Purpose

As part of its responsibility for fostering relationships and ensuring program quality and effectiveness, the Board of Bluewater Health recognizes the importance of community engagement so that members of the community can be informed of and appropriately involved in the Hospital's planning and decision-making processes. This policy sets out principles and processes to support the Board in fulfilling this responsibility and to support the achievement of Bluewater Health's vision, mission and strategic priorities and meeting the community engagement requirements of s.16(6) of the *Local Health System Integration Act (LHSIA)*.

Policy

The Board will ensure that Bluewater Health establishes a community engagement strategy which includes:

- 1) guiding principles and a framework;
- 2) priorities which are aligned with the hospital's strategic plan;
- 3) processes and mechanisms for community engagement;
- 4) a monitoring and evaluation process.

The Board delegates responsibility and authority to the CEO to develop, implement, monitor and evaluate the community engagement operational plan consistent with this policy. The Governance & Nominating Committee will provide oversight for the community engagement strategy by monitoring its implementation and effectiveness and reporting to the Board on a regular basis.

Monitoring:

Method and Frequency:

1. Review of policy (every three years)
2. CAP and RHAP evaluations (annually)
3. Community Engagement Status/Progress Report review (annually)
4. Community Engagement Strategy review (every three years)
4. Board Evaluation (as per Policy 5.86)