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ENTITÉ 4 ANNOUNCES DEPARTURE OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

AURORA, ON, December 2, 2020 – Following six years of visionary leadership, Entité 4 is announcing that Estelle Duchon will be stepping down as Executive Director at the end of this year. Lisa Gotell, Director of Planning, will take over as interim Executive Director.

“It is with mixed emotions that I share this news,” said Board Chair Yves Lévesque. “The Board of Directors is saddened by Ms. Duchon’s departure as she has been an outstanding collaborator. Her drive and ability to unite people have helped make Entité 4 a leader in the development of French language health services across the province.”

“It has been a pleasure to lead the dynamic and passionate team at Entité 4 over the last six years. I want to thank the Board of Directors for their support and in particular Yves for our journey together” added Estelle Duchon, outgoing Executive Director. “I have worked with Ms. Gotell for many years. I know Entité 4 is in very good hands and that she will continue building on our successes in building access to French language health services.”

Lisa Gotell has more than 20 years of experience working within the health sector. Prior to joining the team at Entité 4 in July of 2019, Ms. Gotell was the Planner for French Language Services and Health Equity at the Central East LHIN.

“Since joining the team at Entité 4, Ms. Gotell has played an important role in our work in prioritizing new long-term care beds for Francophone seniors and supporting health service providers seeking identification and designation for French language health services,” continued Mr. Lévesque. “As the health care system transformation continues, and amid an ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we are confident that Ms. Gotell will ensure Entité 4 remains a key contributor to the strategic integration of French language health services.”

“I would like to thank Ms. Gotell for her willingness to take on this new role and I know that she is up for the challenge. Our Board of Directors will be at her side to support her as she continues to build on Entité 4’s achievements. The entire team wishes Ms. Duchon much success in her new endeavours. Knowing that Ms. Duchon will continue to work to support the health and wellness of Francophone communities gives us some comfort, despite her departure. À bientôt Estelle!” concluded Mr. Lévesque during yesterday’s Board meeting.



Entité 4 is mandated by the Ministry of Health to improve access to French Language Health Services. Entité 4 facilitates community engagement and provides innovative advice on planning, organizing and integrating French Language Health Services. Entité 4 works with local, regional and provincial partners, throughout the Central, Central East and North Simcoe Muskoka regions, to build and sustain health care services for Ontario's official language minority population.

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