



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Elexicon Energy donates \$50K to help local hospitals in the fight against COVID-19**

AJAX, ON -- May 14, 2020 – Elexicon Energy announced a donation of \$50,000 to support the fight against COVID-19 at hospitals within the Lakeridge Health network, including Ajax Pickering Hospital, Bowmanville Hospital, Port Perry Hospital and Whitby Hospital as well as South Muskoka Hospital, Orillia Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital and Belleville Hospital.

“We are committed to helping our communities during these difficult times,” said Lesley Gallinger, President and CEO of Elexicon Energy. “We are working diligently to address the emerging issues arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic. This donation will ensure that front-line workers in our communities are equipped with the best tools to provide critical care to those affected by the virus.”

#### **Durham Region Fights COVID-19**

The [Durham Region Fights COVID-19](#) campaign will be supported through donations of \$20,000 to the Lakeridge Health Foundation, \$16,500 to the Ajax Pickering Hospital Foundation, \$5,000 to the Bowmanville Hospital Foundation and \$3,000 to the Port Perry Hospital Foundation. This campaign will fund three critical priorities: resources to improve patient experience, equipment and capital needs for patient care, and staff wellness.

"We are very grateful for this generous gift from Elexicon Energy," said Yves Gadler, CEO of the Lakeridge Health Foundation. "The heroic efforts of our hospital sites, as they fight COVID-19 and keep our families safe, is possible because of donors like Elexicon Energy. On behalf of Lakeridge Health staff and our patients, thank you for being here for our community."

In April, the foundations supporting Lakeridge Health granted urgent funding that allowed its hospital sites to purchase iPads and ensure family members can remain connected with patients through video. To date, over 400 connections have been made between patients and their loved ones.

#### **Addressing emergency needs**

The Belleville General Hospital Foundation receives \$3,000 to fund its areas of greatest need through the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the recommendation of Elexicon Energy’s Gravenhurst Advisory Committee, a donation of \$2,500 will also support the COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund at the South Muskoka Hospital Foundation and the Orillia Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital Foundation.

## **Keeping our community connected**

Elexicon Energy has taken several measures to ensure that everyone can have reliable power through COVID-19. All electricity disconnections have been suspended, extended bill payment options and financial assistance programs remain available, and a scheduled rate increase has been voluntarily postponed until November 1, 2020.

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### **About Elexicon Energy**

Elexicon Energy provides more than 169,000 residential and business customers in parts of Durham Region and beyond with reliable and affordable energy services. The company is the fourth largest municipally owned electricity distributor in Ontario. Elexicon Energy is owned by five municipalities: the Town of Whitby, the City of Pickering, the Town of Ajax, the City of Belleville and the Municipality of Clarington.

### **About Elexicon Corporation**

Elexicon Corporation is the single shareholder and holding company of two subsidiary corporations – Elexicon Energy and Elexicon Group. Elexicon Energy is the fourth largest municipally owned electricity distributor in Ontario. Elexicon Group is an entrepreneurial endeavor focused on providing a wide range of energy solutions to customers. The company is dedicated to expanding its energy service businesses, and exploring new opportunities and ventures with strategic partners.

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